



June 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each district attorney general to make a one-time report on or before February 1, 2021, to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives as to the number of cases the district attorney general is handling in their jurisdiction regarding reports of threats to school employees and reports of threats of harm communicated in a school setting.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (018522): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Revises the offense of communicating a threat concerning a school employee to include the manners in which the threat may be communicated and to specify that the offense includes an act that would likely result in death or serious bodily injury. Effective August 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-114(c), communicating a death threat concerning a school employee is a Class B misdemeanor offense punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 days.
- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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