

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 394 - SB 453

March 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that a person sentenced to life imprisonment for first degree murder, between November 1, 1989 and July 1, 1995, is eligible for parole after serving a minimum of 25 years. Removes the provision that allows a defendant receiving a sentence of life imprisonment for first degree murder to be entitled to earn and retain sentence credits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-501(i), a person who commits first degree murder on or after July 1, 1995 is required to serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court less up to fifteen percent of sentence credits.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-501(h)(1), a person who receives a sentence of life of imprisonment for first degree murder is required to serve 60 percent of 60 years less sentence credits but no less than 25 full calendar years of the sentence.
- The proposed legislation clarifies that Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-501(h)(1) pertains to sentences between November 1, 1989 and July 1, 1995; therefore, any fiscal impact to the Department of Correction 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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