

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 397 - SB 447

March 2, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the “Victims of Human Trafficking Fund” to provide comprehensive treatment and support services to the victims of human trafficking offenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent state funds are deposited to and expended from the newly-created Victims of Human Trafficking Fund (VHTF), there will be a shift of use for such state funding from other general purposes of state government to the purposes specified in this legislation. In addition, there could be increases in federal expenditures, if the federal government elects to provide any such funding to the VHTF.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Treasury can establish and maintain the VHTF in the state pooled investment fund within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Funds deposited to the VHTF are to consist of proceeds from assets seized pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-11-703, grants, appropriations by the General Assembly, and any federal funds, to the extent permitted by federal law and regulation.
- Funds are to be used by the Department of Finance and Administration’s (F&A) Office of Criminal Justice Programs to distribute grants to the single point of entry agencies in this state recognized by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Children’s Services.
- It is assumed F&A can distribute any funds utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Due to unknown factors such as the extent of assets seized, available grants, appropriations by the General Assembly, and available federal funds; an exact fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. However, it is assumed that any such funding deposited to the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund will be spent for its intended purpose.

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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