

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 645 - SB 564**

February 12, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Reduces the penalty for the offense of carrying a handgun without a permit with the intent to go armed to a Class C misdemeanor with a \$250 fine for first offenses. Outlines the circumstances in which a law enforcement officer is authorized to confiscate ammunition upon a first violation of carrying a handgun without a permit.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(a), the first offense of carrying a firearm or club without a permit with the intent to go armed is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by not more than 30 days in jail and may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500. It is reasonably assumed that an average fine of \$250 is being assessed and collected under current law as local revenue for violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(a).
- As such, any local fiscal impact resulting from setting the fine for such offenses at \$250 is estimated to be not significant.
- This analysis assumes current Class C misdemeanor convictions are being punished by fine only; therefore, any impact to the local jail system is estimated to be not significant.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads as these offenses are being charged under current law. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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