

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 729 - SB 667**

March 2, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Sets the minimum full-day licensed court reporter compensation at \$350 and the minimum half-day licensed court reporter compensation at \$175.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$406,900**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-14-311, court reports are compensated in accordance with schedules set by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).
- The current compensation rate for a full-day appearance of a court reporter is \$250 and \$100 for a half-day appearance.
- This legislation will increase the licensed court reporter compensation for a full-day appearance by \$100 (\$350 - \$250) and for a half-day appearance by \$75 (\$175 - \$100).
- AOC maintains data of court reporter usage.
- Based on information provided by AOC, over the last three years, the average number of full-day court reporter appearances is 5,100 and the average number of half-day court reports is 1,420.
- Based on information provided by AOC, 66 percent of court reporters compensated each year over the last three years were licensed court reporters.
- This analysis assumes these averages will remain constant into perpetuity.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$406,890  $\{[(\$100 \times 5,100) + (\$75 \times 1,420)] \times 66\%$  }.

**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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