

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 917 - SB 1359

March 3, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense of withdrawing, transferring, or altering a child's enrollment in school with intent to hinder an active child abuse or neglect investigation. Creates a Class E felony offense if such child is taken out of state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$3,400 Incarceration *

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will result in one admission every 10 years.
- The average time served for a Class E felony is 1.28 years.
- Population growth and recidivism will not impact these admissions.
- According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per offender per day for calendar year 2019 is \$73.18.
- The maximum cost in the tenth year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-210, is based on one offender admitted every 10 years serving an additional 1.28 years (467.52 days) for an annualized increase in state incarceration expenditures of \$3,421 [(\$73.18 x 467.52) / 10].
- 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. The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads. 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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