

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1035 - SB 954

February 28, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the statute of limitations for civil actions based on sexual abuse to five years from the discovery of the abuse.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 28-3-116, a civil action for an injury or illness based on child sexual abuse that occurred when the injured person was a minor, but was not discovered at the time of the abuse, is required to be brought within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person.
- The proposed legislation extends the statute of limitations for such actions to five years.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from extending the statute of limitation for civil child sexual abuse actions is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation does not create new offenses, and, therefore, will not increase the caseloads of the courts, public defenders, or district attorneys. The courts, public defenders, and district attorneys can accommodate any impact within their existing resources.

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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