

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1426 – SB 1404

February 9, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the right to unimpeded telephone conversations entitled to a parent not in possession of a child, in regards to a court order pertaining to custody, to include the right to video chat with the child, if the technology is available to both the parent and the child. States that a parent is not required to purchase any device in order to allow the other parent to video chat with the child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-6-101(a)(3)(A), except when a court finds it is not in the best interests of the child, a court order pertaining to the custody or possession of a child arising from an action of divorce or annulment, grants each parent rights during periods when the child is not in that parent's possession.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-6-101(a)(3)(B)(i), a parent not in possession of a child has the right to unimpeded telephone conversations with the child.
- The proposed legislation expands that right to include conversations over video chat when the technology is available.
- Any fiscal impact will be borne by private parties; therefore, no fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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