

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2303 - SB 2884

February 13, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the offense of arson to include a person who knowingly damages fire equipment by means of a fire or explosion.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation defines fire equipment as vehicles, tools, or devices used by a fire department to extinguish fires.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-301(b)(1), arson is a Class C felony offense.
- This analysis assumes that an individual knowingly damaging fire equipment by means of a fire or explosion would be charged with a Class A misdemeanor offense of reckless burning under current law.
- Based on information provided by local sources, there have been zero claims for fire equipment damage due to arson over the last five years.
- Any impact to state or local incarceration resulting from the proposed enhancement 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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