

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2357 - SB 2629

February 13, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 72 hours to 2 weeks, the time period in which the mother of a newborn can surrender custody of the child to an approved medical facility without criminal liability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Increasing the amount of time the mother of a newborn can surrender custody of a child to an approved medical facility will not have a significant impact on the Department of Children Services' programs or policies; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-255, no criminal prosecution shall be based upon a mother's act of voluntarily delivering her unharmed infant at a facility if the mother acts in full compliance with this section; therefore, any fiscal impact on state or local court systems 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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