

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2539 - SB 2452**

March 11, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes restitution from a condition of probation or a component of a plea agreement in a criminal action to a final civil judgment. Makes various changes to restitution for victims of crime.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 40-35-304, a sentencing court is authorized to direct a defendant to make restitution to the victim of the offense as a condition of probation. If a sentence is agreed upon, restitution will be included as part of a plea agreement.
- The proposed legislation states that an order for restitution entered by the sentencing court is a final civil judgment at the time of entry and remains in effect from the date of entry until it is paid in full or is otherwise discharged and outlines the process for determining restitution amounts and payment.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from the proposed legislation will be accomplished utilizing existing judicial resources. Any fiscal impact 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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