

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 8004

August 9, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to conduct an investigation and initiate a criminal prosecution in outlined circumstances if the district attorney general with jurisdiction over outlined violations has indicated an intention not to investigate or prosecute the violation. Authorizes the AG, after providing notice to the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), to request the appointment as district attorney general pro tem by an appropriate court. Authorizes the AG to request the assistance of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to assist in the AG's duties. Effective October 1, 2020.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Should an appropriate court appoint the Attorney General and Reporter as district attorney general pro tem, expenses related to investigation or criminal prosecution may be incurred. The timing and extent of such expenses cannot reasonably be determined.

Assumptions:

- The DAGC will not incur a significant increase in expenditures resulting from the proposed legislation.
- Any impact to the TBI to assist in investigations will not result in a significant increase in expenditures and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any appointment by an appropriate court of the AG as a district attorney pro tem may result in additional state expenditures. Due to a number of unknown factors including, but not limited to, the amount of resources necessary to prosecute each offense, the number of appointments that will occur within a year, and the timing and duration of any prosecution, an exact fiscal impact to state government cannot be reasonably determined.

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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