

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 54 – HB 122**

January 28, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Clarifies that “reasonable visitation” ordered by a court in a petition for grandparent visitation must include at least two visits per month with the grandparent. Authorizes the court to order less frequent visitation if agreed to by the grandparent.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-6-306(c), in a petition for grandparent visitation, a grandparent is permitted reasonable visitation when a court finds the presence of a danger of substantial harm to a child and determines grandparent visitation would be in the best interests of the child.
- This legislation clarifies current law to establish that “reasonable visitation” must include at least two visits per month with the grandparent, unless the grandparent agrees to less frequent visitation.
- Passage of this legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Children’s Services (DCS); therefore, any fiscal impact to DCS is considered not significant.
- The proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

**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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