

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 207 - HB 288

February 8, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that an adoptive or prospective adoptive parent, a biological parent and a child 14 years of age or older, who voluntarily enter into a written contract for post-adoption contact that permits continued contact between legal relatives and the child is enforceable by the court when signed by all parties. Prohibits a biological parent from petitioning the court for modification of a contract. Requires the party who petitions the court for enforcement or modification of a contract to deliver a letter to all other parties stating the enforcement or modification sought and the reason for the request. Requires an opinion from a licensed psychological professional, on the child's best interest and mediation, if the issues addressed in the letter to initiate enforcement or modification of the contract are not resolved.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would 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.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Any fiscal impact will be borne by private parties; therefore, no fiscal impact to state or local government.

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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