

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 615 - HB 1153

March 12, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the offense of intimidating others from exercising civil rights to include intimidating a business, educational institution, religious institution or government entity. Clarifies the attire included in the offense of wearing a mask with the intent to violate others from exercising civil rights and outlines the attire excepted from the offense. Punishes such offense by a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$10,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, there have been zero admissions for intimidating others from exercising civil rights over the last 10 years.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor or felony prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly increase state or local revenue.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads; therefore, any impact to the court system 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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