

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 686 - HB 883

March 31, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a person to petition the court, in which the person was convicted of certain criminal offenses, to seal the person's criminal history records. Requires an eligible petitioner to pay \$500 to be used by the clerk to offset the cost of sealing records. Outlines the procedure to be followed by the court if a person who has had their records sealed is charged with certain new offenses.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$125,000**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$125,000\***

Assumptions:

- This analysis estimates at least 250 eligible petitioners will petition the court and pay \$500 to seal the petitioner's criminal history records each year. The recurring increase in local revenue is estimated to exceed \$125,000 (250 x \$500).
- Some court clerks will require additional part-time personnel or require current personnel to work additional hours to comply with the provisions of this legislation.
- The mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures for personnel statewide is estimated to exceed \$125,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**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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