

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: Fiscal Review Committee Staff

DATE: February 3, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 0007**

This bill, if enacted, will create the "Tennessee Anti-SLAPP Act of 1995".

The bill provides that a person who in good faith communicates a complaint or information to any government agency regarding a matter of concern to the agency shall be immune from civil liability on claims based on such communication. The bill also provides that an agency or the Attorney General may intervene and defend any suit precipitated by the communication to the agency. Further, the prevailing party in such a suit will be entitled to cost and reasonable attorneys' fees.

The fiscal impact on local governments from enactment of this bill in and of itself is estimated to be minimal since the provisions of the bill are permissive.

However, if an agency or the Attorney General intervenes and does not prevail, it is estimated to result in an increase in state and local government expenditures; however, such increased cost cannot be reasonably determined but is estimated not to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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