

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 281 – SB 436

February 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates regulations for the retail sale and purchase of dogs in the species of *Canis Familiaris*. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable by fine only, for any violation of such regulations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- There will not be a significant increase in state or local expenditures associated with ensuring compliance with the proposed regulations, as no state or local agencies are explicitly tasked with regulating or ensuring compliance.
- The proposed legislation does not require any additional permits or licenses pertaining to the retail sale and purchase of dogs.
- Currently, regulations for the retail sale and purchase of dogs are covered under the Consumer Protection Act of 1977.
- There will not be a significant change in the number of related offenses under this legislation as compared to the number of offenses occurring under current law relative to the Consumer Protection Act of 1977. As a result, there will be no significant change in fine or penalty revenue.
- Any increase in caseloads to the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will be absorbed utilizing existing resources. 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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