

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 467 - HB 482

February 8, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the punishment, from a minimum of a Class E felony to a minimum of a Class C felony, for a person who commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism and the actual damages caused by the offense is at least \$1,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-14-411(a) establishes that a person commits the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism who knowingly:
 - Interrupts or interferes with critical infrastructure or its operation; or
 - Destroys or injures critical infrastructure or a farm.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-411(d), critical infrastructure vandalism is punished as theft, and graded as such, with a minimum required sentence of a Class E felony.
- The proposed legislation enhances the penalty for critical infrastructure vandalism, from a minimum of a Class E felony to a minimum of a Class C felony, if the actual damages caused by the violation are at least \$1,000.
- Based upon information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been an average of zero admissions per year over the last five years for the Class E felony offense of critical infrastructure vandalism.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures; therefore, any fiscal impact 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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