TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 554 - SB 654

March 6, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005044): Requires each District Attorneys General to designate at least one Assistant District Attorneys General (ADAG) currently employed within the judicial district as the lead prosecutor in cases involving crimes committed against children. Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), and other relevant parties at the request of the DAGC to work in conjunction to provide annual training to ADAGs or other appropriate staff members in the prosecution of crimes committed against children.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation requires the TBI, the DAGC, and other relevant parties at the request of the DAGC to work in conjunction to implement a course or courses of instruction composed of live instruction, telecommunication, video, or other medium, or any combination of methods, for the annual training of ADAGs or other appropriate staff who prosecute crimes committed against children.
- Based on information provided by the TBI, the bureau will work with the DAGC to implement and provide the annual required training to the ADAGs utilizing existing resources, without a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Designating at least one currently employed ADAG as the lead prosecutor in cases involving crimes committed against children will not impact state expenditures associated with such cases.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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