

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1588 - SB 2953

February 28, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a person from storing a firearm or firearm ammunition in a motor vehicle unless the firearm or ammunition being stored in the motor vehicle is kept from ordinary observation if the person is in the vehicle or is kept from ordinary observation and locked within the trunk, glove box, or interior of the person's motor vehicle or a container securely affixed to the motor vehicle in the person is not in the vehicle. Establishes that a violation of this prohibition is punishable only by a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each violation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to data from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the number of reported incidents of firearms stolen from motor vehicles across the state from 2019-2022 were as follows:
 - 2019: 3,788
 - 2020: 4,399
 - 2021: 4,868
 - 2022: 5,347
- Requiring storage of firearms as prescribed by this legislation may result in a decrease in the number of firearms stolen from motor vehicles in this state. Any such decrease may impact the number and extent of criminal violations in the future as well as specifics surrounding the prosecution of any such violations. However, the overall impact on state and local incarceration expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly change state or local revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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