

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1629

January 17, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense of wearing a mask, hood, or device by which a portion of the person's face is hidden, concealed, or covered so as to conceal identity. Specifies exceptions to this offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Per the language of this legislation, exemptions to this offense include:
 - Wear a traditional holiday costume on the occasion of the holiday;
 - Lawfully engage in a trade, profession, occupation, or sporting activity where a mask, hood, or device is worn for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the wearer or others, or because of the nature of the trade, profession, occupation, or sporting activity;
 - Wear a mask, hood, or device while engaged in a theatrical production, parade, or masquerade ball; or
 - Wear a gas mask prescribed in emergency management drills or emergencies.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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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