



February 27, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014198): Creates the *Parental Accountability Act*, which authorizes the court to enter an order of restitution for the expenses incurred by any law enforcement agency in responding to and investigating the delinquent act, of at least \$250 and up to \$1,000, or community service work in lieu of the fine if the individual is indigent, against the parent, legal custodian, or guardian of a child who is found to be delinquent for a second or subsequent delinquent act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase Local Revenue –

Up to \$122,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There were 1,288 juveniles who were adjudicated delinquent in FY22-23. For the purpose of this analysis it is assumed that number will remain constant.
- According to the Department of Children's Services' (DCS) *Report to Governor Bill Lee and the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives Pursuant to Public Chapter 1005* from January 31, 2021, juveniles that were adjudicated delinquent had a reentry rate of 11.8 percent within one year.
- It is assumed that 152 (1,288 x 11.8%) juveniles will offend a subsequent time.
- According to the proposed legislation, an individual will do community service work in lieu of the \$1,000 fine if they are indigent.
- It is estimated that 20 percent, or 30 (152 x 20%) of parents, legal custodians, or guardians will be considered indigent.
- Therefore, the number of parents, legal custodians, or guardians who may be ordered to pay restitution under the proposed legislation is estimated to be 122 (152 - 30) annually.
- The proposed legislation will result in a permissive recurring increase in local revenue of up to \$122,000 (122 x \$1,000) in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

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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