

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2007 - SB 2676**

February 10, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds to the certification requirements for bounty hunters in Tennessee and requires bounty hunters to complete eight hours of annual continuing education. Expands the conditions that disqualify a person from retaining their certification as a bounty hunter and requires bounty hunters from another state to meet an equivalent of certification and training in order to engage in the practice of bounty hunting in Tennessee.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$4,700/One-Time  
\$57,700/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-11-318 sets forth guidelines for bounty hunting.
- The proposed legislation changes the requirements of bounty hunters in this state and requires them to annually participate in eight hours of continuing education.
- The proposed legislation requires bounty hunters not certified in Tennessee to complete training that would sufficiently meet the training requirements imposed on bounty hunters certified in Tennessee.
- The proposed legislation requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to approve a curriculum for bounty hunter training courses with regard to a bounty hunter carrying a weapon as defined in the proposed legislation as well as a bounty hunter using a canine for bounty hunting purposes.
- The proposed legislation will require one administrative assistant position to manage these duties within the DCI.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$4,700 (\$1,200 for computer setup for new position + \$2,000 for office space landscaping for new position + \$1,500 for certification program development).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$57,687 (\$40,400 salary + \$2,541 benefits + \$3,091 FICA + \$7,255 insurance + \$4,400 miscellaneous).
- The proposed legislation requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to conduct a review of bounty hunting certification and qualification in all other states in order to determine which state requirements satisfy the minimum requirements set forth in the proposed legislation.

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- The proposed legislation will not significantly alter the current policies or operations of the AOC and any impact can be accommodated within their existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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