

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2212 - SB 2143

February 22, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the adoption Contact Veto Registry (Registry) and revises provisions dealing with notification and retention of certain adoption records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children's Services, 89 contact veto applications were received in FY18-19, of those 29 were required to pay the \$25 registration fee. For purposes of this analysis, this number is assumed to remain constant.
- Deleting the Registry will result in a recurring decrease in state revenue estimated to be \$725 (29 applications x \$25) beginning in FY20-21.
- Any decrease in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-132(f)-(g), a person who, after obtaining information from the Registry, uses such information to cause injury to the person whose name was obtained, commits a Class A misdemeanor. A person who contacts or causes to be contacted a person with respect to whom the contacting person or person causing the contact knows a contact veto has been filed commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in the number of Class A or B misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

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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