

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2252 - HB 2714**

March 30, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prevents a court, magistrate, or clerk (court) from requiring additional deposits of security with the court by corporate sureties and from disqualifying or restricting the posting of a bail bond by a corporate surety due solely to the fact that the surety is a corporate surety. Authorizes, if a court disqualifies a corporate surety or professional bail bondsmen, the defendant to request a hearing in which the district attorney general must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the corporate surety or bail bond should be disqualified. Places certain additional procedural requirements on the court when the court disables or restricts the posting of bonds by a corporate surety including hearing from the corporate surety in open court at the request of the surety.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is not estimated to significantly impact the ability of defendants to post a bail bond. As such, the legislation is not estimated to significantly impact the number of days defendants spend in pretrial incarceration. Any fiscal impacts to local governments related to incarceration are estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact on hearings related to the acceptance of corporate or professional bonds and sureties can be accommodated by the courts within existing resources.
- District attorney generals can respond to requirements related to the acceptance or denial of such bonds and sureties within the normal course of business.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is therefore estimated to be not significant.

**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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