

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 859

February 7, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article I, Section 15, of the Constitution of Tennessee by: 1) removing the right to bail when the proof is evident or the presumption great for the following offenses: an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, and any other offense which, as of November 3, 2026, an offender could not be released prior to the expiration of at least 85 percent of the entire sentence imposed; and 2) requiring a judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail for these offenses be recorded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed amendment will be published on the official websites of the Secretary of State and of the General Assembly, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.
- Any increase in state expenditures associated with publications is considered not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare a copy of this resolution is 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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