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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004645): Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to strive to perform forensic analysis on evidence collected in association with sexual offenses within 60 days of receipt from a law enforcement agency. Requires, until January 1, 2025, the TBI to provide quarterly updates on the TBI's effort to hire and train employees within the Forensic Services Division and the average amount of time taken to perform such analysis to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee of the House of Representatives. Requires, by January 1, 2025, the TBI to submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the Senate, the Criminal Justice Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee of the House of Representatives detailing the resources and personnel needed in order to meet or continue to meet the 60-day turnaround time.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,528,100/FY23-24
\$4,180,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

The Governor's FY23-24 proposed budget includes \$4,180,100 in recurring funds and \$348,000 in one-time funds for 25 forensic services positions.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- In order to perform the analysis within 60 days, the TBI will need at least 25 additional positions including 20 forensic scientists, 4 forensic technicians and one administrative assistant.
- Based on information provided by the TBI, the total recurring increase in state expenditures for these positions is estimated to be \$4,180,100 (\$1,573,200 salary + \$569,400 benefits + \$120,000 overtime + \$1,917,500 travel, communication, training, and other necessities) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- The total one-time increase in expenses related to these positions is \$348,000 (professional services and equipment) in FY23-24.
- Based on information provided by the TBI, the additional personnel allocated for the bureau in the Governor's proposed budget for FY23-24 will facilitate the bureau's efforts to strive for the required 60-day turnaround time for analysis on all such evidence.

- Any fiscal impact related to providing quarterly updates and submitting the required report can be absorbed within existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to state government 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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