

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 963 - HB 1318

February 24, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a complainant seeking a no-knock search or arrest warrant to have the facts supporting such be reviewed by the District Attorney General prior to presenting to a magistrate.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the 2019 St. John's Law Review article, To Knock or Not to Knock? No Knock Warrants and Confrontational Policing, there are at least 20,000 no knock warrants issued annually nation-wide.
- The United States Census Bureau estimates, as of 2019, a national population of 328,239,523 and a Tennessee population of 6,829,174. Therefore, Tennessee represents 2.08 percent ($6,829,174 / 328,239,523$) of the U.S. population.
- It can be reasonably assumed that Tennessee courts issue at least 416 ($20,000 \times 2.08\%$) no-knock warrants each year.
- According to information provided by the District Attorneys General Conference and given that relatively low figure of no-knock search and arrest warrants issued, this legislation will not substantially impact the total arrests, convictions, or seizures and can be accommodated with existing resources and personnel. This legislation will not significantly impact state or local expenditures or revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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