

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1161 - HB 1236

March 31, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Nursing Home Resident Safety Monitoring Act*. Requires every nursing home in this state to equip a resident's room with a functioning monitoring device if requested to do so, in writing, by the resident or the resident's legal representative. Requires the resident be responsible for the cost of installation and maintenance of the device. Requires each nursing home to post a sign at the main entrance to the facility and the entrance to each resident's room when monitoring devices are being used. Creates a Class B misdemeanor for any person who intentionally hampers, obstructs, tampers with, or destroys a monitoring device installed in a resident's room in accordance with this part, or a tape or recording made by the monitoring device.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires the resident of the nursing home to pay the costs of the monitoring devices and installation. It is assumed any cost for data storage or server access will be billed to the resident; therefore, any state or local fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a significant number of Class B misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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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