

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1372 - HB 1434

March 25, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a victims of traumatic crime study committee, composed of 10 members, to study the effects victims suffer as a result of crimes which do not involve physical harm. Outlines the parameters of study and hearings for the committee. Requires the committee to submit a report of its findings on or before March 1, 2022.

Expands the victims, from victims of violent crime involving serious bodily injury or death of a relative to all victims of crime, eligible, upon request, to be supplied information and a request form explaining how the victim may request and secure notification of the release from custody of an offender from jail or detention facility prior to trial.

Requires a defendant, or anyone acting on behalf of the defendant, who is being prosecuted for a criminal offense involving a victim, to present a written form to such victim detailing outlined information on the rights of the victim prior to any communication.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$7,500/FY21-22

Assumptions:

- The committee will consist of four legislative members and six non-legislative members, for a total of 10 members.
- It is assumed the committee will meet four times, and that all 10 members will attend all four meetings.
- Legislative members of the committee are to be reimbursed as members of the General Assembly and paid for attending legislative meetings; other members shall not receive compensation for service but will be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- It is assumed the General Assembly will be in session at the time of one committee meeting.
- Legislative members will receive per diem of \$295 per day for three committee meetings.
- The average mileage reimbursement for each meeting is estimated to be \$110 (\$0.47 x 234 miles).
- The cost per legislative member for each meeting is estimated to be \$405 (\$295 per diem + \$110 mileage).

- The one-time increase in state expenditures as a result of this legislation is estimated to be \$7,500 [(4 legislative members x \$405 x 3 meetings) + (6 non-legislative members \$110 x 4 meetings)] in FY21-22.
- Any increase in state expenditures to administer the committee is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the committee to compile and submit the final report will not be significant.
- Any impact to the Victim Notification Fund to provide notification to additional victims under the proposed legislation 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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