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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a sexual offender or violent sexual offender that has requested and received the appropriate approval, to appear at a house of worship for the purpose of attending religious services or receiving educational or support services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015022): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to specify that a leader is a person or entity with final decision-making authority for a house of worship.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation adds a house of worship to the exceptions from sexual offender or violent sexual offender prohibited locations if outlined requirements are met, including requiring a sexual offender or violent sexual offender to provide written notice of his or her offender status to the leader of the house of worship and to receive written permission from such leader to authorize attendance at the approved events.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-39-211(f), violations of the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registry- residence restrictions are Class E felony offenses.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been an average of 9.4 admissions each year over the last five years for violations the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registry - residence restrictions.
- Any impact to state incarceration resulting from authorizing a sexual or violent offender to, with appropriate approval, attend a house of worship for a religious service or receive education or social support services is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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