

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2495 - SB 2777

February 14, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies, for the purposes of juvenile courts and proceedings, that abuse does not exist solely on the basis of a positive test result for cannabinoids on a prenatal or newborn drug screening, and that a child under eight years of age who tests positive on a drug screen due to exposure to cannabinoids that occurred in utero does not constitute severe child abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Adding these exclusions in the definitions of abuse and severe child abuse will not result in a significant decrease in the number of cases of that are investigated.
- The proposed legislation will not result in any significant fiscal impact to the Department of Children's Services or juvenile court system.
- The proposed legislation does not alter criminal offenses under Tenn. Code Ann. Title 39, Chapter 15, *Offenses Against the Family*; therefore, any impact on the criminal court system 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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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