TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 50 - SB 189

February 22, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Adds grave sexual abuse to the defense of duress. Adds grave sexual abuse as a justification for excluding the use of deadly force from criminal responsibility for certain individuals. Requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission and any instructor who provides handgun safety courses for handgun carry permits to update training materials to reflect such defenses.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003721): Deletes and replaces language in the original bill such that the only substantive changes are to clarify: (1) the act is referred to as the *2020 Defense Doctrine;* and (2) the requirements for course materials apply to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation defines grave sexual abuse as:
 - Aggravated rape;
 - Rape;
 - Rape of a child; or
 - Aggravated rape of a child.
- The proposed legislation justifies excluding criminal responsibility for the use of deadly force for following individuals:
 - A person that has a reasonable belief that there is a real imminent danger of grave sexual abuse;
 - A nuclear security officer that reasonably believes there is an imminent danger of grave sexual abuse; and
 - A law enforcement officer that has probable cause to believe that the individual to be arrested has committed a felony involving the infliction or threatened

infliction of grave sexual abuse or poses a threat of grave sexual abuse to either the officer or others unless immediately apprehended.

- Any impact to local incarceration, the court system, or state incarceration resulting from adding such justification as a defense for the outlined individuals is estimated to be not significant.
- This analysis assumes that the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) updates training materials as relevant laws change for applicable training courses.
- Any impact to the DCI to include the changes outlined in the proposed legislation in those updates 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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