TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 163 - HB 441

March 5, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013858): Requires the identity of the person who reported conduct that is prohibited under the *Tennessee Adult Protection Act* to be provided to the district attorney general upon the commencement of a criminal prosecution, provided that the identity remains confidential. Requires the district attorney general to enter a protective order preventing further release of the reporter's identity.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 71-6-101, or the *Tennessee Adult Protect Act*, protects adults from abuse, neglect or exploitation by requiring reporting of suspected cases by any person believing such cases exist, which are then investigated by the Department of Human Services.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 71-6-118(c)(2)(C) currently requires the district attorney general to enter a protective order preventing the release of the identity of the reporter upon the return of a criminal indictment or presentment arising from the report.
- The proposed legislation can be accomplished within the current resources of the district attorney general, and without any significant increase in expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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