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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the local governments of certain counties to regulate the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied. Establishes, for a person in full compliance with any local regulation enacted under the authorities established in this legislation, immunity from civil liability related to any claim based on the theft of such person's firearm while the person is not in the motor vehicle.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation would confer new authority to regulate the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied to local governments within the 15 following counties: Shelby, Davidson, Knox, Hamilton, Rutherford, Williamson, Montgomery, Sumner, Sullivan, Wilson, Blount, Washington, Bradley, Maury, and Madison, as these counties have a population greater than 98,800 according to the 2020 federal census. As the population in Tennessee continues to grow, it is assumed that the legislation would apply to at least one additional county following the 2030 census, including Sevier, which, according to the 2020 census, has a population of 98,380.
- Authorizing these local governments to regulate the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied will not, in and of itself, significantly impact any operations of state or local governments, as it does not place any new requirements on those governments.
- It is not known how many or which of the relevant local governments may choose to regulate this issue.
- To the extent that those governments choose to do so, such regulation could result in various local fiscal impacts, depending on the specifics of the regulation, enforcement, and compliance. However, due to numerous unknown variables, those impacts cannot be anticipated with any specificity, and are otherwise attributable to the local regulation enacted.
- Establishing certain immunity for civil liability for persons in full compliance with any potential regulation will not significantly impact the caseload of state or local courts.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is therefore estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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