



April 16, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (018450):** Authorizes a person who suffers loss or injury as a result of a person intentionally obstructing a highway, street, or other place used for the passage of vehicles or conveyances to bring a cause of action against the offender to recover compensatory damages from the loss or injury.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-307(a)(1), it is a Class A misdemeanor for a person who, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly or recklessly obstructs a highway, street, sidewalk, railway, waterway, elevator, aisle, or hallway to which the public, or a substantial portion of the public, has access; or any other place used for the passage of persons, vehicles or conveyances, whether the obstruction arises from the person's acts alone or from the person's acts and the acts of others.
- Any impact resulting from a cause of action being brought will be borne by private parties.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact courts' caseloads.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly change state or local revenue.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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