

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2691 - SB 2705**

February 22, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for conduct that would constitute a homicide offense if the offense was committed by an adult, to be committed, at a minimum, to the Department of Children's Services (DCS) for one year or until the juvenile turns 19 years of age, whichever occurs first.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-131, a child found to be delinquent for a homicide offense may receive an order of disposition that includes probation, restitution or commitment to the DCS.
- Passage of this legislation would require the adjudicated delinquent to be committed to DCS for not less than one year or until the juvenile turns 19 years of age.
- Based on information provided by the DCS, juveniles who have committed a homicide are almost always committed to DCS custody until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, or they are transferred to the adult court system.
- Passage of this legislation would not prohibit the transfer of a juvenile to the adult court system for a homicide offense; therefore, no significant increase to the DCS commitment rate for juveniles who commit a homicide offense.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), this legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads to the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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