TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1301 - SB 1484

March 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a sexual offender, violent sexual offender, or violent juvenile sexual offender from engaging in community service or volunteer work that the offender knows or should know will cause the offender to be in direct and unsupervised contact with a minor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-39-215(a)(1)(B), it is an offense for a sexual offender, violent sexual offender or a violent juvenile sexual offender to knowingly engage in employment, a profession, occupation or vocation, regardless of whether or not compensation is received, that the offender knows or should know will cause the offender to be in direct and unsupervised contact with a minor.
- The proposed legislation specifies that community service and volunteer work are among the prohibited activities listed in this provision.
- Because the current statute explicitly states that it does not matter whether or not such work is compensated, it is assumed that it is already unlawful for such an offender to engage in community service or volunteer work that that the offender knows or should know will cause the offender to be in direct and unsupervised contact with a minor.
- Therefore, the specific inclusion of these activities is not estimated to result in a sufficient additional number of convictions to significantly impact state or local revenue or expenditures related to fines or incarceration.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government 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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