

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2501 - SB 2386**

February 16, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a political communication that was produced by or includes synthetic media to disclose the use of such synthetic media.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- As used in the proposed legislation, synthetic media means a form of media, including text, images, video, or sound, that is fully or partially created or modified through the use of artificial intelligence.
- Any cost of such disclosure will be borne by private entities.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-120, a violation of this requirement will be a Class C misdemeanor.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-111(e)(3), a Class C misdemeanor will result in imprisonment for up to 30 days or a fine up to \$50. It is assumed that an individual convicted of a Class C misdemeanor offense spends an average of 1 day in a local jail.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Any additional workload on the courts, as a result of this legislation, can be accommodated within existing resources and personnel.
- 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 minimal due to defendants often not being able to pay them; therefore, any increase in local revenue from fines is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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