

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2619 - SB 2861

March 15, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015954): Prohibits the Department of Correction (DOC) from using state funds: (1) to administer hormone replacement therapy to state inmates incarcerated in a state penitentiary or a county jail or workhouse, except to those inmates receiving such therapy prior to the effective date of this legislation; or (2) for sex reassignment surgery for state inmates incarcerated in a state penitentiary or a county jail or workhouse.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-1-408, the DOC shall provide adequate medical care, including 24-hour emergency care, at all prison facilities. The DOC may contract with the county health department or other appropriate entities to secure trained medical personnel.
- The prohibition of using state funds on transgender hormone therapy or for gender-affirming surgery procedures for incarcerated persons is not anticipated to significantly impact DOC expenditures.
- Any impact on state or local government operations will 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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