

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

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A RESOLUTION to direct a study on bail bonds.

WHEREAS, the right to bail is an important right provided for in the Tennessee and United States constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the profession of bail bondsman is regulated in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 11; and

WHEREAS, insufficient information concerning the fees for unsecured bonds is available to the judicial and law enforcement communities; and

WHEREAS, the judicial and law enforcement communities would benefit from a study of the issues presented by unsecured bail bonds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Administrative Office of the Courts is directed to study the issues presented by the use of unsecured bail bonds and their related fees and to report to the judiciary committee of the senate and the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives on or before January 15, 2014, on the use of unsecured bonds and on any problems raised by their fees and to make appropriate recommendations for any beneficial legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.