TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 291

February 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires Fiscal Review Committee (FRC) staff to furnish the fiscal note upon a standing committee of the General Assembly placing the applicable bill or resolution on the committee's calendar for action.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-107 (a)(1), FRC staff is to prepare a fiscal note within 10 days following the receipt of a request, which is the date of a bill being filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk in either house of the General Assembly.
- Based on a finding within the most recent Performance Audit report of the Fiscal Review Committee, released in January 2017 by the Comptroller of the Treasury, fiscal notes were not completed within the statutorily-required 10-day period pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-107 (a)(1).
- The cause for non-compliance was reported (on page 10 of the Performance Audit report) as FRC staff being unable to comply with the statute due to the large volume of proposed legislation submitted each session. Further, it was reported that staff instead completes fiscal notes as soon as possible, but reprioritize their work if proposed legislation is scheduled for an upcoming committee hearing.
- The proposed legislation will ensure statute and current practice are consistent.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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