

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 302 - SB 286**

February 17, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each registered lobbyist to wear a visible badge, which will identify them as a lobbyist and for whom they work, while lobbying at the Tennessee General Assembly (TGA). Requires the Tennessee Ethics Commission (Commission) to produce the required badges. Authorizes the Commission to charge a fee in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of producing or procuring the badge.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue –**

**\$5,700/FY23-24/Ethics Commission**

**\$700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Ethics Commission**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$5,700/FY23-24/Ethics Commission**

**\$700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Ethics Commission**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-301(17), a lobbyist is any person who engages in lobbying for compensation.
- There are currently 556 registered lobbyists in the state of Tennessee.
- It is assumed that every registered lobbyist would lobby a member of the TGA at some point in a year.
- In order to create the required badges, the Commission would need to purchase an identification card printing system, which would result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,026 in FY23-24.
- Since the badges would need to be reprinted every session, the Commission would need to purchase blank badges, which are approximately \$13 for a pack of 100 badges, card overlamine, which is \$83 for 250 badges, and ink, which is \$191 for 500 badges.
- Assuming the number of registered lobbyists remains constant, the Commission would need to buy 6 packs of badges, 3 packs of overlamine, and 2 packs of ink per year. This would result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$709 [(\$13 x 6) + (\$83 x 3) + (\$191 x 2)].
- Therefore, the total increase in state expenditures to the Commission in FY23-24 would be \$5,735 (\$5,026 + \$709) and \$709 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

- The Commission will charge fees appropriate to cover all costs associated with producing the identification cards; therefore, the increase in state revenue to the Commission will be \$5,733 in FY23-24 and \$709 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

**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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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