

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1363 – SB 1373

March 29, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the use of state funds, as of May 1, 2017, from being expended on registration fees to, or travel to or from, any conference, symposium, or workshop that would be attended by members of the General Assembly.

Requires each member of the General Assembly, beginning on May 1, 2017, to disclose travel expenses received from an established and recognized organization of elected or appointed state government officials, staff of state government officials or both officials and staff, or any other established and recognized organization that is an umbrella organization for such individuals, within 10 business days of returning from a trip in which travel expenses were received.

Defines the term “travel expenses” for the purpose of this legislation. Requires the Office of Legislative Administration (OLA) to develop a disclosure form for the purpose of such forms being completed and returned to OLA by members of the General Assembly for the purpose of disclosing such travel expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures –

\$17,800/Office of Legislative Administration/16-17

\$106,700/Office of Legislative Administration/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (007017, 016270): Amendment 007017 deletes and rewrites the bill to remove the provision prohibiting the use of state funds, as of May 1, 2017, from being expended on registration fees to, or travel to or from, any conference, symposium, or workshop that would be attended by members of the General Assembly.

In addition, amendment 007017 changes from May 1, 2017, to July 1, 2017, the date for when members of the General Assembly shall begin to disclose travel expenses received from an established and recognized organization of elected or appointed state government officials, staff of state government officials or both officials and staff, or any other established and recognized organization that is an umbrella organization for such individuals, within 10 business days of returning from a trip in which travel expenses were received.

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Amendment 016270 changes the date proposed in amendment 007017, from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018, for when members of the General Assembly shall begin to disclose travel expenses received from an established and recognized organization of elected or appointed state government officials, staff of state government officials or both officials and staff, or any other established and recognized organization that is an umbrella organization for such individuals, within 10 business days of returning from a trip in which travel expenses were received.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The bill as amended requires members of the General Assembly, beginning July 1, 2018, to report certain travel expenses, as defined within the legislation, to the OLA, on a form developed by the OLA.
- Any increase in state expenditures to develop the required disclosure form will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from members disclosing certain travel expenses to the OLA is estimated to be not significant.
- The fiscal impact for the bill as amended is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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