

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2058 - HB 2694

February 14, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Tennessee State Sovereignty Act of 2024*. Creates the State Sovereign Committee (Committee) of 10 appointed General Assembly (GA) members in which members are required to monitor and review federal acts, laws, orders, and regulations that may impact the jurisdiction, governance, sovereignty, or civil liberties of the residents of this state.

Requires the Committee to meet biannually, at the call of the chairs, by a signed petition of the people with 100 signatures from residents of 20 counties, by the signed request of the GA of which 15 Representatives and 3 Senators have signed, under executive order, and by a request from the Attorney General and Reporter. Authorizes the Committee to receive travel and other appropriate travel reimbursements.

Requires the Committee to determine if a federal act, law, order, or regulation violates Article 1, Section 2, of the Constitution of Tennessee, or is of the nature of an arbitrary power or oppression. During this evaluation, the Committee must consider whether such a violation puts at risk the life, liberty, or property of the residents of this state.

Requires the Committee to issue a resolution of noncompliance or a resolution for ratification upon determination of the Committee's required reviews and to circulate resolutions of positive determination to other states of the union.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$4,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation prohibits Committee members from receiving compensation, but entitles members to reimbursement for travel and other appropriate expenses incurred as part of their work on the Committee.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 3-1-106(a) states that each member of the General Assembly shall be paid for the member's expenses in attending legislative committee meetings concerning state business and duties of a legislator.
- Legislative members do not receive additional reimbursement for meetings held when the General Assembly is in session, but do receive reimbursement for mileage, lodging, and per diem for meetings held outside of session.

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- The frequency of how often the Committee will meet and the timing of those meetings is unknown and dependent upon multiple factors.
- For purposes of this analysis, the Committee will meet at least one time outside of the regular legislative session.

Legislative Member Reimbursement				
	Members	Per Mtg Cost/Member	Reimbursed Meeting(s)/Yr	
Mileage	10	\$160	1	\$1,600
Lodging	10	\$234	1	\$2,340
Per Diem	10	\$79	1	\$790
			Total:	\$4,730

- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$4,730 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- Any future proposed resolution seeking noncompliance or a declaration of resistance to federal action, laws, orders, and regulations could have significant impacts on state and local revenue and expenditures as well as federal funding received by state and local governments. However, any such impact is directly attributable to future legislation deeming a federal action unconstitutional and is not a direct result of this legislation.
- Any future proposed resolution for ratification by vote sent to the GA and sent for circulating to other states of the union will not result in a significant impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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