

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1869 - SB 1926

March 24, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a task force to study and develop reparation proposals for African Americans, with a special consideration for African Americans who are descendants of persons enslaved in the United States. Attaches the task force to the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) for administrative purposes.

Establishes that the task force consists of nine members, with no more than four members being members of the General Assembly. Requires the Governor to call the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2023. Establishes that the members of the task force will receive no compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses.

Authorizes the task force to hold hearings throughout the state and request the attendance and testimony of witnesses. Requires the task force to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2025 and terminates the task force upon the submission of the report.

Effective upon becoming a law for the purpose of appointing member to the task force. For all other purposes, effective July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,600/FY24-25

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the legislation, the first meeting must be called no later than August 1, 2023. For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that the first meeting will be called on August 1, 2024.
- It is assumed that the task force will be composed of four legislative members and five non-legislative members, for a total of nine members.
- The legislative members of the task force will receive travel reimbursement and per diem, while the non-legislative members will only receive travel reimbursement.
- The task force is authorized to meet as it deems necessary. It is assumed the task force will meet quarterly, and the General Assembly will be in session at the time of one quarterly task force meeting.
- The proposed legislation will result in the following increase in state expenditures:

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Legislative Member Reimbursement FY24-25				
	Members	Per Mtg Cost/Member	Reimbursed Meetings/Year	
Mileage	4	\$160	3	\$1,920
Lodging	4	\$234	3	\$2,808
Per Diem	4	\$79	3	\$948
			Total:	\$5,676

Non-Legislative Member Reimbursement FY24-25				
	Members	Per Mtg Cost/Member	Reimbursed Meetings/Year	
Mileage	5	\$160	4	\$3,200
Lodging	5	\$234	4	\$4,680
Per Diem	5	\$79	0	\$0
			Total:	\$7,880

- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$13,556 (\$5,676 + \$7,880) in FY24-25.
- F&A can provide administrative support to the task force utilizing existing resources, without a significant increase in expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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