

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1929 – HB 1966

March 14, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a board, commission, or similar multi-member governmental entity from promulgating rules, issuing statements, or intra-agency memoranda which infringe upon an entity member's freedom of speech. Requires a joint evaluation committee to review accusations against any entity to determine if just cause exists. Authorizes the joint evaluation committee to make recommendations for legislation concerning such entities.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014559): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that there are no substantive changes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any duties of a joint evaluation committee, created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-103, will be handled by a current standing subcommittee of the Joint Government Operations Committee (JGOC).
- The proposed legislation would require the JGOC to determine if just cause exists within an accusation against such governmental entity; and in the event just cause is determined to exist, the JGOC shall review the governmental entity during the next legislative session and may make recommendations for legislation concerning the entity's sunset status, rulemaking authority, or a termination of state funding.
- Any meeting required of a JGOC to comply with the provisions of this legislation will be accomplished at a regularly-scheduled meeting; therefore any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

SB 1929 – HB 1966

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

/jrh