

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2227 - SB 2135**

February 25, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Department of Children's Services (DCS) Oversight Committee consisting of 18 legislative members for the purpose of reviewing laws, policies, rules regulations and budgetary priorities on children and youth. Requires the Committee meet at least eight times a year and at the call of the chair. Authorizes members to receive reimbursement for expenses at the same rates and in the same manner as when attending the General Assembly.

Authorizes the Committee to employ staff and enter into contracts for technical or professional services. Requires the Committee to timely publish a report following the conclusion of any regular annual session occurring in an even-numbered year that summarizes the Committee's activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals. A copy of such report shall be distributed to each member of the General Assembly.

Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to report at least twice a year to the Committee concerning the performance of duties and responsibilities relative to the Tennessee Model Dropout Prevention Program and funding recommendations. Requires the Commissioner of the DCS to report at least three times a year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$10,000/One-Time  
\$179,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

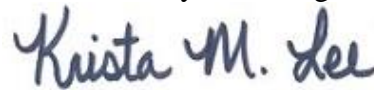
- The Speaker of the Senate will appoint nine senators and the Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint nine representatives to serve on the committee.
- Such members will be entitled to compensation for their services and reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred while attending any meetings.
- The Committee will meet eight times per year. It is assumed at least two of the required meetings will be held during session.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with mileage reimbursement expenses for the 18 legislative members is estimated to be \$13,299 (\$0.47 per mile x 262 miles roundtrip x 6 meetings x 18 members).

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- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with per diem for the 18 legislative members is estimated to be \$24,732 (\$229 per diem expenses x 6 meetings x 18 members).
- The Committee will hire an executive director and an administrative assistant to provide support.
- The recurring cost associated with the executive director position is estimated to be \$91,200 (\$72,000 salary + \$19,200 benefits).
- The recurring cost associated with the administrative assistant position is estimated to be \$49,810 (\$36,500 salary + \$13,310 benefits).
- The total one-time cost associated with these positions is estimated to be \$10,000 (\$5,000 per position) for computers, equipment and related items.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$179,041 (\$13,299 + \$24,732 + \$91,200 + \$49,810).
- Any costs incurred by the Commissioners of the DOE and the DCS to meet the reporting requirements will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any increase in expenditures to the Committee to compile and submit the annual report will 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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