

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2239 - HB 2316

March 7, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a select oversight committee on corrections (Committee) to improve the operations of the Department of Correction. Authorizes the Committee to enter into contracts for technical or professional services, subject to the availability of funds. Requires the Committee to transmit a report of its activities to each member of the Tennessee General Assembly by January 15th of each year. Establishes that the Committee will continue only until the operations of the Department have improved to the point that oversight is no longer needed, and that the Committee is subject to termination every four years from June 30, 2020, unless the Committee is continued by the General Assembly. Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to conduct a performance evaluation of the Committee every four years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$267,500/FY20-21
Exceeds \$257,500/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- The Committee will be composed of 17 members of the General Assembly: the Governor will appoint three members, the Speaker of the Senate will appoint seven senators, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint seven representatives.
- 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 four times per year. It is assumed at least one of the required meetings will be held during the regular legislative session.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 and subsequent fiscal years associated with mileage reimbursement expenses for the 17 legislative members is estimated to be \$5,609 (\$0.47 per mile x 234 miles roundtrip x 3 meetings x 17 members).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 and subsequent fiscal years associated with per diem for the 17 legislative members is estimated to be \$12,240 (\$240 per diem expenses x 3 meetings x 17 members).
- The Committee will hire an executive director and an administrative assistant to provide support.

- The recurring cost in FY20-21 and subsequent fiscal years associated with the executive director position is estimated to be \$90,525 (\$72,000 salary + \$18,525 benefits).
- The recurring cost in FY20-21 and subsequent fiscal years associated with the administrative assistant position are estimated to be \$49,129 (\$36,500 salary + \$12,629 benefits).
- The total one-time cost in FY20-21 associated with these positions is estimated to be \$10,000 (\$5,000 per position) for computers, equipment and related items.
- Based on information provided by the Office of Legislative Administration, the contract for the previous Corrections Oversight Committee in the mid-1990s was approximately \$100,000; therefore, recurring contracting costs for the proposed Committee are reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 in FY20-21 and subsequent fiscal years.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 is estimated to exceed \$267,503 (\$5,609 + \$12,240 + \$90,525 + \$49,129 + \$10,000 + \$100,000).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY 21-22 and subsequent fiscal years as long as the Committee is continued by the General Assembly is estimated to exceed \$257,503 (\$5,690 + \$12,240 + \$90,525 + \$49,129 + \$100,000).
- Any impact to the COT to perform the required performance evaluation will be accomplished utilizing existing resources. Any fiscal impact to COT is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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