

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2332 - SB 2452

March 9, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Reparations for Descendants of Enslaved People Act* (Act). Creates a task force to study the effects of slavery, discrimination, racism, and institutionalized oppression from the state government on African Americans in this state and requires the task force to develop reparation proposals for African Americans, with special consideration for African Americans who are descendants of persons enslaved in the United States.

The task force will be administratively attached to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and will consist of eight members. Authorizes the General Assembly members to receive reimbursement as members of the General Assembly are paid for meetings, meals, and travel. Non-legislative members of the task force will receive no compensation for their services but must be reimbursed for travel and other expenses related to the official duties.

Requires the executive director of the HRC to call the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2024. Authorizes the task force to acquire information it considers useful directly from the head of any state agency in discharging its duties. Requires all appropriate agencies of state government to assist the task force upon request of the task force. Requires the task force to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2025, upon which the Act is repealed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$110,800/FY24-25

Assumptions:

- There will be eight members on the Task Force, four of which may be General Assembly members.
- This task force will meet in Nashville.
- The legislation does not set the number of annual meetings of the Task Force; however, it is reasonably assumed that the Task Force will meet four times and one meeting will be during the legislative session.
- Legislative members of the task force will be reimbursed as members of the General Assembly and paid for attending meetings; the other non-legislative members will not receive compensation for service, but will be reimbursed for any travel expenses incurred for attending meetings.

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- Legislative members will not receive additional reimbursement for meetings held when the General Assembly is in session but will receive reimbursement for mileage, lodging, and per diem for meetings held outside of session.

Legislative Member Reimbursement FY24-25				
	Members	Per Mtg Cost/Member	Reimbursed Meetings/Yr	
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/Yr	
Mileage	4	\$160	4	\$2,560
Lodging	4	\$234	4	\$3,744
Per Diem	4	\$79	0	\$0
			Total:	\$6,304

- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$11,980 (\$5,676 + \$6,304) in FY24-25.
- According to the HRC, the commission does not have expertise to properly carry out requirements of this legislation. It is assumed that the commission will employ services of one historian, resulting in the following increase in state expenditures as follows:

Title	Salary	Benefits	supplies	Positions	Total
Historian	\$76,500	\$20,299	\$2,000	1	\$98,799

- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$110,779 (\$11,980 + \$98,799) in FY24-25.
- Any increase in expenditures for the taskforce for other administrative expenses will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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