

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 422 - SB 590

March 10, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the Governor's authority to renew an initial declaration of emergency beyond 45 days, but rather requires the passage of the joint resolution of the General Assembly to renew such declaration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – If the General Assembly is not in-session and decides to renew an initial declaration of emergency beyond 45 days, a special session will need to be convened. In such case, there would be an increase in state expenditures of at least \$175,700.

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Governor can declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or by activation of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan.
- Such state of emergency can continue for no longer than 45 days, unless renewed by the Governor.
- This legislation will prohibit the Governor from renewing the initial state of emergency and will instead authorize the General Assembly to pass a joint resolution for any such extension.
- If the General Assembly decides to renew an initial declaration or emergency out-of-session, a special session will need to be convened, which will result in an increase in state expenditures.
- Based on information provided by Legislative Administration, the daily cost for one day of session in 2023 is \$58,577.
- Any special session will, at minimum, last for 3 days; therefore, a special session of the General Assembly would result in an increase in state expenditures of at least \$175,731 (\$58,577 x 3).

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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