

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 920 - SB 812

February 20, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to disclose on F&A's website the following information if the state funds travel expenses for one or more public employees to an event at which a vendor or a potential vendor is present in an official capacity: the nature and reason for the travel; the name of each public employee for which travel expenses have been expended; the total amount of travel expenses; and the name of each vendor or potential vendor known to be in attendance at the event. Requires such information to be disclosed no less than 30 days before travel to an event occurs, or if travel is approved within 30 days of the event, as soon as practicable upon approval.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$54,500/One-Time
\$63,700/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The current comprehensive travel regulations only require advance travel authorization requests to be processed through the state's central enterprise resource planning system (Edison) for out-of-state travel. The regulations do not require disclosure of any information regarding vendor attendance.
- The proposed legislation will necessitate revisions of these regulations to require advance travel authorization requests to be processed through Edison for all state employee business related travel, no less than 30 days before such travel occurs, and to require each travel authorization processed through Edison to include a list of each state vendor or a potential vendor that is expected to be present in official capacity at the event the employee is requesting to attend.
- Multiple Edison system changes will be required to accommodate such processes. In addition, Transparent Tennessee website upgrades will be required to accommodate the travel posting requirements.
- The costs associated with such system upgrades and ongoing maintenance are estimated to be \$50,225 (one-time) and \$1,925 (recurring). Such upgrades and maintenance will be performed by a third-party vendor.
- To ensure compliance with the proposed requirements as well as ensure accuracy of the required postings, the Division of Accounts within F&A will require an additional Accounting Technician 2 position.

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- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$4,300 (\$1,600 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$61,750 (\$39,180 salary + \$13,070 benefits + \$9,500 other).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$54,525 (\$50,225 + \$4,300).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$63,675 (\$1,925 + \$61,750).

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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