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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each public institution of higher education to establish a policy framework to promote the security of academic research conducted at the institution to mitigate against the risk of foreign influence. Requires each institution to designate an individual to serve as the research security officer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$491,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
/Locally Governed Institutions**

Assumptions:

- This legislation requires the research security office to be responsible for:
 - Maintaining classified information;
 - Maintaining controlled unclassified information;
 - Reporting on any foreign influence at the institution; and
 - Addressing other issues at the institution relative to the goals established in the institution's policy framework.
- Based on information provided by each of the locally governed institution (LGIs) four of the six LGIs will require a new position in order to provide compliance and oversight necessary to effectuate the legislation.

Title	Salary	Benefits	# Positions	Total
Research Security Officer	\$98,904	\$24,016	4	\$491,680

- A total recurring increase in state expenditures of \$491,681 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- Based on information provided by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents, each can comply with creating the policy framework within existing resources and designate a research security officer within existing staff.

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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