

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2016 - SB 2003**

February 1, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the Governor of Tennessee from making any decision or obligating the state of Tennessee in any way with regard to resettlement of refugees, unless authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly, with retroactive application. Establishes that any joint resolution passed by the General Assembly provides authorization to the Governor for no more than one year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Executive Order 13888 of September 26, 2019, provides that refugees may be resettled only in U.S. jurisdictions where both the state and local governments have provided their written consent.
- On December 18, 2019, the Governor of Tennessee consented to initial refugee resettlement in Tennessee per the terms of Executive Order 13888. In addition, according to the Tennessee Office for Refugees, Davidson County, Shelby County, and Knox County consented to such resettlement within their boundaries.
- It is assumed the retroactive intent will not result in the removal of any refugees which are resettled within the state between December 18, 2019 and the effective date of this act.
- Any action authorized or required by the General Assembly will be conducted during a regular legislative session.
- Requiring the Governor to seek the approval of the General Assembly in this circumstance will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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