

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 652 - SB 1299

March 3, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 17-member Select Oversight Committee on Corrections (the Committee) for the purpose of improving planning for facilities and programs; creating a better working environment for correction management; improving the health, safety, and security of prison staff and inmates; and ensuring implementation of proposed improvements in the correctional system. The Governor will appoint seven members, the Speaker of the Senate will appoint five members, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint five members. The Governor must appoint at least one former inmate, one immediate family member of an inmate, one former warden, and one mental health professional. Prohibits members who are employed or manage a business with financial or business ties to the Department of Correction (DOC); who own or control an interest in a business with ties to the DOC; or who use or receive a substantial amount of goods or services from the DOC or from any business with ties to the DOC.

Requires the Committee to meet at least quarterly with members being entitled to reimbursement in the same manner as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106. Prohibits members from receiving additional reimbursement when the General Assembly is in session.

Requires the Committee to submit a report of its activities to each member of the General Assembly by January 15 of each year. Authorizes the Committee to enter into contracts for technical and professional services. The Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must jointly determine the qualifications, task, and job description of any consultant contracted for such services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$113,400

Assumptions:

- The Governor may appoint up to three legislative members, and the speakers will appoint 10 legislative members. It is assumed that 13 legislative members will serve on the Committee.
- The committee must meet at least four times per year. At least one meeting each year will be held while the General Assembly is in session; therefore, at least three meetings will require per diem and travel reimbursement payments.

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- Legislative members receive \$220 per day for official legislative activities and \$0.47 per mile for travel. It is assumed that each member will make a round trip of 262 miles per meeting.
- The bill will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$13,382 $\{[(13 \text{ members} \times \$220) + (13 \text{ members} \times \$0.47 \times 262 \text{ miles})] \times 3 \text{ meetings}\}$.
- The Office of Legislative Administration indicates that the contract for the previous Corrections Oversight Committee in the mid-1990s was approximately \$100,000; therefore, recurring contracting costs for the proposed Committee are reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 per year.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$113,382 $(\$100,000 + \$13,382)$.
- Any increase in state expenditures for reporting is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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