

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1791 – SB 1962

February 1, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the General Assembly (GA) to convene for session during the month of September on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day in each odd-numbered year. Requires the September session to be funded through the existing budget of the GA’s legislative session. Creates parameters with regard to what bills or resolutions are authorized to be considered during the September session.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$604,200/FY25-26 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- The September session will convene on the Tuesday following Labor Day and adjourn no later than September 30 in each odd numbered year.
- It is assumed there will be no legislative proceedings on Fridays during the September session.
- It is estimated that there will be an average of 15 additional days of session in each odd-numbered year.
- Members of the GA receive a daily rate in per diem and a daily mileage rate for travel to and from the capital during session based on a 50-mile radius.
- According to Legislative Administration the following number of members based on the 50-mile radius from each chamber and the amounts of per diem reimbursements can be found in the chart below.

| Distance from Capitol | Senate Members | House Members | Total Members | Daily Per Diem | Session Days | Total Per Diem |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Within 50 miles | 10 | 27 | 37 | \$79.00 | 15 | \$43,845.00 |
| Greater than 50 miles | 23 | 72 | 95 | \$326.47 | 15 | \$465,219.75 |
| Total Per Diem for Both Chambers: | | | | | | \$509,065 |

- Based on the per diem rate per member’s distance from the State Capitol there would be an increase in per diem expenditures for 15 additional days of session of \$509,065.

- Average mileage reimbursement rates provided by Legislative Administration found in the chart below are used to calculate total cost to both chambers for the additional September session days.
- An increase in mileage reimbursement for 15 days of session over a 4-week period of \$95,095 for both House and Senate chambers.

| Senate: | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Distance from Capitol | Senate Members | Rate | Cost | September Session | Mileage Cost |
| Within 50 miles | 10 | \$29.88 | \$298.80 | 15 days | \$4,482.00 |
| Greater than 50 miles | 22 | \$214.21 | \$4,712.62 | 4 weeks | \$18,850.48 |
| Mileage Cost for Senate: | | | | | \$23,332 |
| House: | | | | | |
| Distance from Capitol | House Members | Rate | Cost | September Session | Mileage Cost |
| Within 50 miles | 27 | \$27.25 | \$735.75 | 15 days | \$11,036.25 |
| Greater than 50 miles | 71 | \$213.83 | \$15,181.93 | 4 weeks | \$60,727.72 |
| Mileage Cost for House: | | | | | \$71,764 |
| Total Mileage Cost for Both Chambers: | | | | | \$95,096 |

- A total recurring increase in state expenditures for per diem and mileage reimbursement of \$604,161 (\$509,065 + \$95,096) beginning in FY25-26 and every two years thereafter.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-310, fund raising is prohibited during organizational session, general session, and any extraordinary session for members of the GA, the Governor, and political campaign committees.
- Applying the existing campaign funding prohibitions during session to include the September session will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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