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SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Tennessee Automotive Racing Commission (Commission) for the purpose of promoting and supporting the growth of the automotive racing industry in this state. Establishes that the Commission will be composed of nine members. Prohibits members from receiving compensation for their service or receiving reimbursement for travel expenditures or per diem. Requires the Commission to compile an annual report detailing the Commission's activities, accounting of funds received and expended, achieved outputs and outcomes and whether those achievements meet the Commission's plan and goals that year.

Requires money appropriated for use by the Commission to be expended for the purpose of increasing the number of racing organizations, races, and racing events, improving the quality of racing, and promoting the automotive racing industry in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, the Commission will be composed of the following nine members: the Commissioner of Tourist Development or designee, the Commissioner of Transportation or designee, one member of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate, and five persons appointed by the Governor with experience or knowledge of the racing industry in Tennessee, including operations, leadership, marketing, and sales.
- The non-governmental members will receive neither compensation nor reimbursement for travel expenses.
- The legislative members will not receive additional reimbursement for meetings held when the General Assembly is in session, but will receive reimbursement for mileage, lodging, and per diem of approximately \$473 (\$160 travel + \$234 lodging + \$79 meals) per meeting held outside of session.
- It can be reasonably assumed the Commission will meet four times each year, with one meeting occurring during the legislative session.
- Therefore, there will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$2,838 [(\$473 x 2) x 3 meetings].

- The proposed legislation contemplates an appropriation for the Commission to be used for specified purposes. However, the exact level of funding is not stated.
- The use of such funding is relative broad and it includes increasing the number of racing organizations, races, and racing events, improving the quality of racing, and promoting the automotive racing industry in Tennessee. Therefore, it is estimated that at least \$1,000,000 each year will be appropriated for such purposes. It is further assumed that such appropriation will fund operations of the Commission, including legislative members' reimbursements and per diems.
- The increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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