

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the state's participation in federal programs, the stipulations for participating in such programs, and the impediments to reducing or ending the state's participation in such federal programs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the monetary implications of the state's participation in various federal programs, the legal and fiscal impediments to reducing or eliminating the state's participation in the various federal programs, and the benefits and detriments to the state as a result of its participation in various federal programs, including, but not limited to, the effects of participation on the sovereignty of the state over matters of public policy. The committee shall determine the number and nature of federal programs in which the state participates, the financial implications of reducing or eliminating the state's participation in each such federal program, and the nature and extent of federal restrictions on public policy issues as a consequence of the use of federal funds involved in each program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives and five (5) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. In making appointments, consideration shall be given to members with experience and committee service involving subject matter for which there is substantial federal funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of a majority of the members of the committee, and that outside agencies and organizations may assist the special joint committee

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2014, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.