

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2474 – SB 2407

March 17, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014990): Requires work sessions or any public meeting of the State Board of Education (SBOE), Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), and University of Tennessee Board of Trustees (UT) to be broadcast live via the Internet.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,000/One-Time
\$7,600/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$600/One-Time
\$31,800/Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- SBOE, THEC, TBR, and UT do not currently video stream work sessions.
- SBOE has an out-of-date software package that will be updated at a one-time cost of \$600. Video streaming for SBOE meetings and work sessions will cost approximately \$4,800. (8 meetings x \$600 per meeting).
- TBR will have approximately four regular board meetings. Two meetings will be outside of Nashville. OIR personnel will travel to these meetings. Costs for regular meetings include \$1,400 for six hour meetings, \$2,800 for eight hour meetings, \$480 in travel expenses, \$100 for hosting and storage. Regular meetings will cost approximately \$4,780 annually. Work group sessions will cost approximately \$700 per day. Approximately six work group sessions will take place at a cost of \$4,200 (\$700 x 6). Approximately six non-regular Board meetings will take place face to face at a cost of \$4,200 (\$700 x 6). Total TBR cost will be approximately \$13,180.
- UT currently video streams regular board meetings, however UT will incur cost to video stream work group sessions. Committees that meet in cycle with the UT Board of Trustees will cost approximately \$2,600 for approximately three meetings (1 meeting

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off-site) with \$800 in streaming expenses per meeting ($\$800 \times 3 = \$2,400$) and \$200 in total additional travel expense.

- UT committees that do not meet in cycle with the UT Board of Trustees will meet 10 times with eight of those being off-site. Cost per meeting will be \$600 (total of \$6,000) for streaming expenses and \$200 per meeting for off-site travel for the video technician (total of \$2,400). Total cost for meetings will be approximately \$8,400.
- THEC will meet four times per year at a cost of \$700 per meeting (\$2,800 total).
- Total increase in recurring state expenditures will be approximately \$31,780 ($\$4,800 + \$4,780 + \$4,200 + \$4,200 + \$2,600 + \$8,400 + \$2,800$).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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