

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 824 - SB 1247

February 24, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective November 2, 2010, limits members of the General Assembly to attendance at one out-of-state conference, symposium, workshop, or other official gathering per calendar year. Exceptions are provided for the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$51,400 FY11-12 and Subsequent
Years**

Assumptions:

- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, in FY07-08, five Senators took more than one out-of-state trip. Twelve additional trips were taken at cost of \$24,000 (12 trips x \$2,000 per trip).
- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, the Speaker of the House in the past has limited Representatives to one fully reimbursed trip per year. The Speaker approved per diem-only expenses for each additional trip without paying travel expenses. In FY07-08, 21 Representatives took per diem-only trips at a cost of \$27,438.
- FY07-08 expenditures for out-of-state trips in excess of one per member equals \$51,438 (\$2,000 x 12 additional Senate trips + \$27,438 House per-diem only trips).
- The effective date of November 2, 2010, will result in no savings for FY10-11 since most Senate and House travel occurs between the months of July and December.

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, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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