

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 2481 – SB 2662

February 23, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits county and municipal governments from using state and local tax revenues for lobbying purposes. This prohibition would not apply to lobbying services provided by an employee of such governmental entities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 1, 2010, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows: *Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant*. Based upon further analysis it was determined that the fiscal impact of this bill has not changed but an assumption that was previously omitted has been added:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Corrected assumptions:

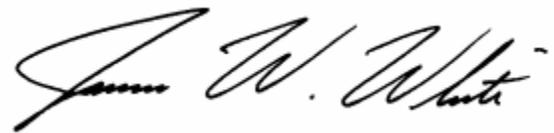
- Contract lobbyists would be replaced with local government employees, whose responsibility would be to provide lobbying services for the local governmental entity. Any moneys currently being expended by local governments for contracted lobbyist services will be shifted from paying contracted lobbyists to paying employee lobbyists. The cost of using employees will not be significantly less than the cost of contract lobbyists.
- Some local governments already have employees who provide lobbying services.

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- Local governments would continue to pay dues to local associations such as the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) and the Tennessee County Technical Services Association (TCSA). These and similar associations would be prevented from lobbying; however, they would continue to provide training and technical assistance to local governments. Dues would be unchanged.

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 "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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