

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2025 - HB 1943**

March 25, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the eleven-member Forward Thinking for Higher Education Task Force to examine the structure, future, and overall mission of higher education; higher education needs of nontraditional students; and funding options of higher education in Tennessee. All members of the task force will be appointed by June 1, 2009. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) is required to provide administrative assistance to the task force. The task force will report its findings by February 1, 2010, at which time it will cease to exist.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$39,900/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- The members of the task force are from various locations in the state.
- The task force is expected to meet three times in Nashville.
- Mileage cost for eleven members is estimated to be \$4,207.50 (11 members x 250 miles x \$.51 per mile x 3 meetings).
- Cost for lodging for overnight stay is estimated to be \$3,861 (11 members x \$117 per room x 3 meetings).
- Per diem for eleven members is estimated to be \$1,782 (11 members x \$54 per day x 3 meetings).
- Cost of a consultant to assist in conducting the study is estimated to be approximately \$30,000.
- Total cost for the task force is estimated to be approximately \$39,900 (\$4,207.50 + \$3,861 + \$1,782 + \$30,000 = \$39,850.50).
- Any cost to THEC can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**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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