

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 725 – HB 1097

March 23, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005129):** Deletes amendatory subsection (a) in Section 1 and all of Section 2 of the original bill thereby retaining the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections (SOCC). Effective upon becoming law, eliminates the following joint oversight committees of the General Assembly: the Select Committee on Children and Youth, the Select Oversight Committee on Education, the Health Equity Commission, the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare, the Joint Select Committee on Business Taxes, the Joint Committee on Children’s Services, the Charitable Gaming Oversight Committee, the Select Committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation, the Special Joint Committee on Workers’ Compensation Issues, and the Select Oversight Committee on Long Term Care.

Transfers the responsibilities of these committees as follows: the Charitable Gaming Oversight Committee, and the Select Committee on the Tennessee Education Corporation to the State and Local Government Committees of each house; the Select Joint Committee on Children and Youth to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Children and Family Affairs Committee, except for the establishment of the Post-Custody Services Advisory Council by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; the Select Oversight Committee on Education to the Education Committees of each house; the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare to the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee and the House Health and Human Resources Committee; the Joint Select Committee on Business Taxes to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committees of each house; and the Special Joint Committee on Workers’ Compensation to the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee.

Requires the Commissioner of Correction to submit the Educational and Vocational Training Plan to the SOCC to discuss its implementation, funding, and recommended legislation for such implementation. Results of the monitoring of the Plan, as well as recommended improvements for the Plan must be submitted to the SOCC on an annual basis.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$851,800

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$685,800

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Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Select Joint Committee on Children and Youth consists of 18 legislative members, one executive director, and one legislative administrative assistant. A recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$172,800 which includes the three-year average meeting costs (\$5,900), operational costs (\$18,527), staff salaries (\$111,936), and benefits (\$36,437).
- The Health Equity Commission consists of six legislative members and one executive director. A recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$119,000 which includes operational costs (\$38,371), staff salary (\$61,224), and benefits (\$19,405). The Commission has not incurred per diem or travel expenses for its members in the last three years.
- The Select Oversight Committee on TennCare consists of 14 legislative members, one executive director and legislative administrative assistant. A recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$190,600 which includes the three-year average meeting costs (\$6,100), operational costs (\$18,698), staff salaries (\$126,156), and benefits (\$39,646).
- The Select Oversight Committee on Long Term Care consists of 10 legislative members. The budget for this Committee included funding for one executive director and one legislative administrative assistant. According to the Office of Legislative Administration, the annual amount appropriated for the Committee (\$193,000) was never utilized as no staff members were hired. The Committee incurred a two-year average cost for legislative per diem and travel expenses of \$2,600. The recurring decrease in state expenditures will be \$195,600. The unused appropriations were placed into the legislative reserve account.
- There will be a recurring decrease in legislative per diem and travel expenses of \$7,800 which includes the Joint Select Committee on Business Taxes (\$4,500), the Select Oversight Committee on Education (\$1,600), and the Select Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Issues (\$1,700). These Committees do not have full-time staff.
- There have been no expenditures for legislative per diem or travel expenses for the Select Committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation, the Charitable Gaming Oversight Committee, or the Joint Committee on Children's Services.
- The total recurring decrease in state expenditures is \$685,800 (\$172,800 + \$119,000 + \$190,600 + \$195,600 + \$7,800).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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