

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 256 – HB 1098

May 13, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007074): Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to conduct a background investigation of an appointee to a position of trust when requested by the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Limits the number of requests to 15 per calendar year per Speaker.

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF FISCAL NOTE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from corrected fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

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- Under current law, the Governor and Chief Justice are authorized to make requests for background investigations of appointees.
- According to the TBI, there were 37 requests from the Governor and zero from the Chief Justice in 2010.
- Six retired TBI agents are paid an hourly rate on 120-day contracts to conduct background checks requested by the Governor or Chief Justice.
- According to the TBI, background checks requested by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives will be conducted through the Tennessee Open Records Information Services (TORIS). The cost to provide one background check under TORIS is \$48.
- There are no data on which to base an estimate for the number of background checks the Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives will request.
- It is estimated that at least one background check will be requested per year resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$48.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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