

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3430 - HB 3795

February 5, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires notice of sunset hearings before the Government Operations Committee to be posted on the Comptroller of the Treasury and General Assembly websites ten days prior to the hearing. Removes the requirement that such notice be published in certain specified newspapers of general circulation. Requires that a notice of intent to hold a public hearing be published on the website of the Division of State Audit at least once every 90 days. Specifies that such notice shall list all governmental entities reasonably anticipated to be scheduled for a public hearing in the next 90 days.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$45,000

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Comptroller of the Treasury is required to publish notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and the Tri-Cities area (Bristol, Johnson City, and Kingsport); and is authorized to expend funds to publish notices in newspapers published primarily for distribution within the African-American communities within Nashville, Memphis, rural west Tennessee, Knoxville, and Chattanooga.
- The requirement of publication in newspapers in the five named areas is removed. The reference to publication in newspapers primarily distributed within African-American communities is also removed.
- According to the Comptroller's Office, the estimated decrease in state expenditures is based on a four-year average cost of publishing notice of hearings in newspapers. The last four year's publication costs are FY08 - \$40,408, FY09 - \$62,907, FY10 - \$36,300, and FY11 - \$40,677. The four-year average cost is \$45,073.
- The decrease in state expenditures to the Comptroller's Office is estimated to be \$45,073.
- Posting notice of sunset hearings on the Comptroller and General Assembly websites can be accomplished within existing staff and resources. Electronic publication of sunset hearing notices is currently occurring on the Comptroller's website.

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- Posting public hearing notices on the Division of State Audit website can be accomplished without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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