

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 115 - SB 507

February 13, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a green public schools task force that shall be composed of eleven members. Sets forth the procedure for appointing task force members and for determining the composition of members. Requires the task force to identify procedures and methods to retrofit public schools to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification; to recommend a model green cleaning policy; and to make recommendations for the purpose of ensuring the retrofitting of schools is accomplished in a manner that allows for the promotion of energy efficiency and sustainability. Requires the task force to meet at least quarterly. Requires the task force to prepare and deliver a final report to the Governor and to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2015, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$297/Each One Day Meeting/FY12-13**

**Exceeds \$297/Each One-Day Meeting/FY13-14 and FY14-15**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent local governments elect to compensate their respective local government member for service on the task force, or elect to reimburse such member for travel expenses or pay per diem, there will be an unknown permissive increase in local government expenditures.**

Assumptions:

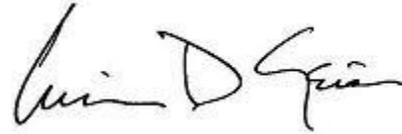
- The actual number of meetings that will occur is unknown; however, it is reasonably estimated that the task force will meet at least twice in 2013, four times in 2014, and once in 2015.
- Subsection (g) of this bill explicitly states that task force members shall serve without compensation nor be entitled to reimbursement of travel or other expenses.
- Provisions codified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106 explicitly authorize legislative members to receive travel reimbursement and per diem when conducting business.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106 is assumed to supersede subsection (g) of this bill given the current practice of reimbursement for travel and other expenses and per diem.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106, it is assumed legislative members of the task force will receive per diem and travel expenses.

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- Travel expenses for four legislative members of \$297 per meeting in (\$173 per diem + \$124 mileage for each member).
- Legislative travel and per diem will increase in FY13-14 and FY14-15.
- Non-legislative members of the task force will not receive compensation from state funds for their service. However, some local governments may elect to compensate their respective local government member of the task force. Any permissive increase in local government expenditures is unknown.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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