

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2380 - HB 2266

February 20, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an 18-member poverty task force that includes four legislative members, seven state department heads or their designees, six representatives from specific agencies around the state that provide services to individuals living in poverty, and an individual living in poverty. Requires the task force to assess the current and future impact of poverty on residents; examine the existing barriers, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons living in poverty; and develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the poverty crisis. Establishes the aspects of poverty that must be examined by the task force.

Members of the task force will serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses by their respective agencies. Authorizes legislative members to receive normal expense compensation. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide the necessary administrative support for the task force. The task force will submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 15, 2015, at which time the task force will cease to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,300/Each One-Day Meeting

Assumptions:

- Travel and per diem expenses for four legislative members of \$1,310 per meeting (\$188 per diem + \$139.59 mileage for each member).
- State departments and agencies will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to cover the travel expenses of their employees to participate in the meetings.
- Any travel expenses incurred by the representatives of the non-state agencies will be reimbursed by their respective agencies.
- Any increase in expenditures incurred by the Department of Human Services to provide administrative support to the task force will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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