

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1946 – SB 1934

February 4, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Establishes that the Commissioner of Agriculture has authority to regulate seed in Tennessee except as otherwise specifically provided for by state law. Requires the Commissioner to maintain a comprehensive scheme for regulating seed which is to be uniform and applicable throughout the state. Establishes that the Commissioner has sole authority to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, or movement of agricultural seeds.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011933):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that the Commissioner of Agriculture has authority to regulate seed in Tennessee except as otherwise specifically provided by the *Tennessee Drug Control Act of 1989* codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, or any other state statute that authorizes or requires a person other than the Commissioner to exercise jurisdiction and authority over matters related to the regulation of seed.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

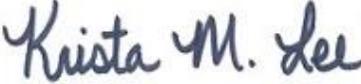
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department will regulate seed in Tennessee, when authorized to do so, using existing resources within the Department.
- According to the Department, clarifying that the Department's requirements regarding the sale of seeds in Tennessee preempt any different requirements that may be set by local jurisdictions will prevent any future complication in enforcing state seed laws and rules and will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state or local government.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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