

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 698 - SB 546

February 23, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a task force, concerning vocational rehabilitation services for persons who are blind, to develop recommendations for the General Assembly related to the delivery of adjustment to blindness services to vocational rehabilitation clients who are blind; the appropriateness of establishing a structured discovery center in the state; and the appropriate organizational structure to ensure quality vocational rehabilitation services are provided to persons who are blind. The task force shall consist of eight members, the majority of whom are blind, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services and/or the president of the National Federation of the Blind of Tennessee. The task force shall terminate on June 30, 2017.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$800/Each One-Day Meeting

Assumptions:

- The eight members appointed to the task force will consist of two employees of the Department of Human Services and six other individuals who are blind and/or have varying degrees of knowledge and experience related to services for the blind.
- It is assumed the meetings of the task force will be held in Nashville and the six non-state employee members of the task force will receive travel reimbursement. It is estimated that each one-day meeting will result in increased expenditures of \$838 [(297 round-trip miles x \$0.47 per mile) x 6 members].
- Providing administrative support to the task force will not significantly affect the staff resources of the Department of Human Services.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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