

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1504

January 20, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes uniform standards for the Tennessee State Guard (State Guard) by requiring the State Guard to use the same version of combat and service uniforms issued to members of the Tennessee National Guard (National Guard); by requiring the State Guard to conform and transition to any new combat or service uniform adopted by the National Guard; and by requiring the State Guard uniform insignia, which depicts the United States flag and the abbreviation "U.S.", to be replaced with the Tennessee state flag and the abbreviation "TN". Requires the deadline for the State Guard to complete such uniform transition to be determined by the commanding general of the State Guard.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Department of Military, Tennessee State Guard members, separate from Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, are not provided uniforms via state or federal funds.
- State Guard members are volunteers and purchase their own uniforms as the State Guard is a non-paid, volunteer organization. The department occasionally pays for ribbons and unit patches to be placed on State Guard uniforms.
- The language provided in this bill does not require the state to pay for uniforms of State Guard members.
- State Guard members will continue to purchase their own uniforms; thus not requiring the use of any state or federal funding. Therefore, any fiscal impact as a result of this bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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