

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1521 – SB 1622

January 18, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes the Office of the Repealer within the Office of Legal Services (OLS) and replaces it with the Revisor of Statutes. Authorizes the Director of the OLS to recommend the appointment of, and the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives may appoint, the Revisor of Statutes (Revisor) within the OLS. Specifies the requirements for being appointed Revisor, which include being a graduate of an accredited law school; being licensed to practice law in Tennessee; and having five years of experience in the field of legislative law. Requires the Revisor to assist the Director of the OLS and perform duties as assigned; perform all codification functions within the office; and serve as the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Code Commission.

Establishes duties of the Revisor, which include but are not limited to, soliciting, receiving, reviewing and identifying suggestions and supporting information concerning potential revisions to statute or uncodified public acts that may be anachronistic, obsolete, defective, duplicative, contradictory, unnecessary or incomprehensible. Requires the Revisor to report findings and make recommendations biennially, beginning in January 2017, to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the chairs of the standing committees. Requires the Revisor to maintain an online capability to solicit and receive suggestions and supporting information.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

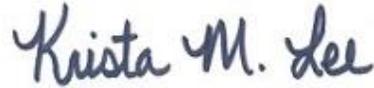
- The Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, at the recommendation of the Directors of OLS, recently appointed a current employee from the OLS to fulfill the position of Revisor.
- The appointed Revisor will not receive any additional compensation or benefits over and above that currently received for work as a legislative attorney. As a result, any change in salary and benefit expenditures to the OLS is estimated to be not significant.
- The Revisor will replace the Director of the OLS as the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Code Commission (TCC). In addition, the number of individuals serving on the TCC will not change. As a result, any fiscal impact to the TCC is estimated to be not significant.

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- Any costs related to the Revisor biennially reporting and making recommendations to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the chairs of the standing committees is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources. The Repealer is required to perform these reporting requirements on an annual basis under current law.
- The OLS currently has the online capability to solicit and receive suggestions and supporting information regarding potential changes to statute.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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