

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1845 - SB 2313**

March 13, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes the Health Equity Commission (HEC). The HEC shall consist of 12 total members; six legislative members and six non-legislative members. The HEC is required to meet at least quarterly. Entitles legislative members of the HEC to mileage expense reimbursement and an expense allowance pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106 for each one-day board meeting that a member attends; provided that no such member shall receive any additional legislative compensation when the General Assembly is in session or if a board member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state business. Entitles non-legislative members to mileage expense reimbursement.

Establishes duties of the HEC. Authorizes the HEC to employ staff, enter into contracts, and perform other duties as required by this act. The HEC is required to annually report to each member of the General Assembly on its activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals.

Creates the State Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force (Task Force). This Task Force will be housed within the HEC. It shall be comprised of 27 members. Members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while conducting official business of the Task Force. Establishes the duties of the Task Force. This HEC shall provide staff to the Task Force as necessary. All meetings of the Task Force are required to occur prior to June 30, 2018, at which time the Task Force shall cease to exist. This proposed legislation shall take effect upon becoming law.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$190,700/FY16-17  
\$181,900/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

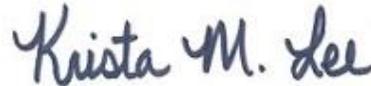
- For purposes of the fiscal note, this legislation is assumed to take effect July 1, 2016.
- Four annual meetings of the HEC, of which one will take place when the General Assembly is in session.
- An average per diem of \$204 and average mileage reimbursement of \$139.59.
- Annual travel and per diem expenses for 6 legislative members of \$6,185 [6 members x 3 meetings x (\$204 per diem plus \$139.59 mileage for each member)].
- Travel expenses for 6 non-legislative members of \$3,350 (6 members x 4 meetings x \$139.59).

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- According to the Department of Health, two additional positions will be needed to carry out the requirements of this bill. One additional statistical research specialist position and one public health program director 1 position will be needed to accomplish the duties of the HEC and Task Force.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$172,334 (salary \$126,300 + benefits \$41,734 + communications/network \$3,100 + supplies \$1,200).
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$8,800 (office furniture \$5,400 + computers/printer \$3,400).
- An increase in state expenditures in FY16-17 of \$190,669 (\$6,185 + \$3,350 + \$172,334 + \$8,800).
- An increase in state expenditures in FY17-18 and subsequent years of \$181,869 (\$6,185 + \$3,350 + \$172,334).

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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