

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 467

February 13, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Attorney General and Reporter (Attorney General) to initiate or intervene in one or more civil actions on behalf of the State of Tennessee, or seek appropriate relief in a federal court regarding the failure of the federal government to comply with the Refugee Act of 1980 and any actions taken by the federal government or the President in violation of federal law as prohibited by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, or any other statutory or constitutional provisions of the United States or Tennessee with respect to the operation or implementation of the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Authorizes the Attorney General in conjunction with the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to employ the services of outside counsel. Requires the Attorney General to file written notice with the chief clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, if the Attorney General chooses not to initiate or intervene in a civil action, at which point the Speakers are authorized to employ outside counsel to commence civil action.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

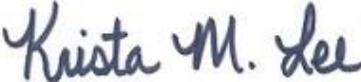
**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the state obtains services from outside counsel for any type of action identified by the bill, the one-time increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.**

Assumptions:

- According to the Attorney General, the precise impact to the state to commence such action is dependent on multiple unknown variables and cannot be reasonably determined.
- In the event the Attorney General in conjunction with the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representative elects to employ the services of outside counsel, or in the event the Attorney General declines to commence any such action and the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives elects to employ the services of outside counsel, there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures.
- The extent of any increased state expenditures for employing the services of outside counsel is dependent upon the number of civil actions initiated and the extent of any such actions.
- To the extent outside counsel is employed for any action, the one-time increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to be exceed \$10,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Handwritten signature of Krista M. Lee in blue ink.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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