

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2227 – HB 2381

March 29, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the State Capitol Commission to develop a plan for the commissioning of a memorial monument to be located on the capitol grounds to recognize unborn children in this state. Requires the Commission to solicit input from the public and interested parties for the development of the plan. Requires non-state funds for the development, implementation, design, construction, and any other related costs as to the placement of the memorial on capitol grounds. Authorizes the Commission to accept gifts, grants, and donations from non-state sources in order to complete said monument. Requires the memorial to be named “Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children.”

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – Not significant to state or local government. However, to the extent non-state funds are received from a local government, there will be a one-time, permissive increase in local government expenditures estimated to exceed \$10,000.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016352): Deletes all language after the caption. Urges the State Capitol Commission (SCC) to consider placing a monument to be erected on the capitol campus as a reminder of the inhumane practice of abortion. Requires one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives to work with the SCC for the placement and design of such monument during each member’s regularly-scheduled official business in Nashville.

Prohibits any state funds from being spent on the monument and requires the monument to be erected by private funds only. Creates a separate account for the Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children Fund (TMUCF) within the state General Fund. Requires the TMUCF to be funded by gifts, grants, and other donations received by the state for the fund from non-state sources for the design, construction, and installation of the monument. Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to carry forward any amounts remaining in the TMUCF. Requires the State Treasurer to invest TMUCF monies for the sole benefit of the fund. Requires any monies remaining in the TMUCF to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the monument until all monies are exhausted. Requires the SCC to name the monument the “Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children” upon completion.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue –

Exceeds \$10,000/One-Time/Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children Fund

Increase State Expenditures –

Exceeds \$10,000/One-Time/Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children Fund

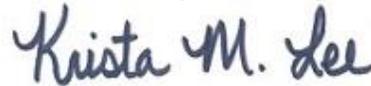
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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on the information provided by the Department of Treasury (DOT), the Capitol Commission staff can organize and plan the implementation of the monument within existing resources.
- DOT will invest monies in the TMUCF utilizing existing staff and resources.
- The cost of placing a Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children memorial on the capitol campus is unknown.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, the 2014 Appropriation Act, Public Chapter 919, included \$25,000 for the Davy Crockett bust, and the 2015 Appropriation Act, Public Chapter 427, included an additional \$35,000, for a total of \$60,000.
- Based on this information, it is reasonably assumed that the one-time cost of erecting a Tennessee Monument to Unborn Children memorial would be at least \$10,000.
- The proposed legislation specifies that the selected monument shall be funded by non-state funds that will be deposited into and expended from the TMUCF. As a result, it is estimated that there will be a one-time increase in state revenue exceeding \$10,000; and a corresponding one-time increase in state expenditures exceeding \$10,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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