

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2105 - SB 2141

February 21, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes farm and agricultural employers to accept the workers' compensation law by purchasing a workers' compensation insurance policy; authorizes a farm or agricultural employer to withdraw acceptance to workers' compensation law at any time by canceling or not renewing the policy and providing notice to its employees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-6-106 currently exempts farm or agricultural laborers and employers of those laborers from workers' compensation law.
- Based on the information provided by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), authorizing such employers to accept workers' compensation law may increase processing claims from injured agricultural workers. However, current staff of the BWC is sufficient to process any increased volume of claims. Therefore, any fiscal impact to the BWC or its operations is estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

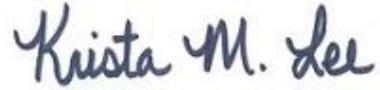
Assumptions:

- Authorizing farm and agricultural employers to accept or withdraw from workers' compensation law may increase business expenditures to farm or agricultural employers and increase revenue and expenditures to insurance companies; any net impact on commerce is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact on jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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