

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 945 - SB 801

March 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to annually report on school districts offering a career and technical education program in agriculture, food, and natural resources, and on students enrolled in the program, to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006695): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the “Agriculture Education and Youth Participation Task Force.” Requires the task force to consist of 11 members from various government departments, higher education, the agricultural industry, elected representatives, and related groups. Requires the task force to analyze and make recommendations related to agricultural education in Tennessee, emerging technologies, and integrating agricultural career readiness goals into the Tennessee Pathways Initiative. Requires the task force to deliver a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by February 1, 2020. Requires DOE to provide administrative support to the task force. Requires the members of the task force to serve without compensation but entitles members to reimbursement for travel costs. Requires the task force to terminate and cease to exist following the delivery of the task force’s report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$10,100/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The task force shall consist of eleven members: one agricultural industry representative; the Commissioner of DOE; the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; one faculty or staff member at a community college or college of applied technology governed by the Board of Regents; two University of Tennessee (UT) faculty members; three agricultural educators; the Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Committee of the House of Representatives; and the Chair of the Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee of the Senate.

- DOE will provide administrative assistance to the task force.
- The task force will meet four times in FY19-20. Three of the nine members (2 commissioners + 1 additional member) will not require reimbursement for travel.
- Members will receive \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles travelled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The total cost for mileage reimbursement for six non-legislative members is estimated to be \$2,640 (234 miles roundtrip x \$.47 per mile x 4 meetings x 6 members).
- The total cost for lodging reimbursement for the six non-legislative members is estimated to be \$4,296 (\$179 per day x 4 meetings x 6 members).
- The total cost for meals and incidentals for six non-legislative members is estimated to be \$1,464 (\$61 per diem x 4 meetings x 6 members).
- One meeting will take place during the regular legislative session.
- Two legislative members will receive reimbursement for the three meetings that will take place outside of the regular legislative session.
- The total cost for mileage reimbursement for two legislative members is estimated to be \$660 (234 miles roundtrip x \$.47 per mile x 3 meetings x 2 members).
- The total cost for lodging reimbursement for the two legislative members is estimated to be \$1,074 (\$179 per day x 3 meetings x 2 members).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 as a result of this legislation is estimated to be \$10,134 (\$2,640 + \$4,296 + \$1,464 + \$660 + \$1,074).

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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