

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 925 - SB 781

March 18, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes all responsibilities from the Commissioner of the Department and Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) of anything relating to mine rescue operations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 18, 2019, a fiscal note was issued for this legislation with the following fiscal estimate:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$63,400

Decrease Federal Expenditures - \$23,000

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be a decrease of other funds in the amount of \$13,100, but these funds have not been identified by the department.

Based on additional information provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the fiscal impact for this legislation has been updated as follows:

(CORRECTED)

Decrease State Expenditures – \$60,700

Corrected Assumptions:

- Currently, the DLWD has one mine rescue station that is trained and equipped to respond to mine emergencies such as, but not limited to, fires or explosions.
- Based on information included in the *Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Related Entities Performance Audit Report* dated October 2018, there are three full-time positions and thirteen part-time positions budgeted for the mine rescue team members.
- Further, the Governor's FY2018-2019 Budget Document included a total of four full-time positions and fifteen part-time positions.
- Based on information from DLWD, it is assumed the four full-time positions will remain with the Mines Division to meet the training and other requirements of the Division that is not being abolished.
- For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed the 15 part-time positions will be abolished.

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- Currently, funding for this Division includes \$285,300 for salaries; and of that amount approximately \$207,792 is for wages paid to the four full-time positions.
- The decrease in state expenditures is estimated to be \$60,657 [(15 part-time employees x \$14.73 per hour x 270 average hours per year) + \$1,000 other operational expenses].

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Eliminating mine rescue from the responsibilities of DLWD will not have any significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee because any jobs impacted within the DLWD are assumed to shift to other entities willing to provide mine rescue services following passage of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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