

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1895 - SB 2068

February 27, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood (Commission), for the purpose of studying issues that jeopardize the father-child bond and defining objectives of state policy to enable fathers to meet the needs of their children. Establishes that the creation of the Commission is subject to availability of adequate funding through grants and private contributions and prohibits utilization of state resources. Requires the Commission be administratively attached to the Secretary of State (SOS). Requires the Commission to provide an annual report summarizing activities, recommendations, and funding expenditures to each member of the General Assembly before February 1 each year. Establishes that the Commission will end no later than February 1, 2026.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$6,300/Each Year FY20-21 through FY24-25
\$4,200/FY25-26**

Other Fiscal Impact – It is unknown the timing and amount of any grants or private fund donations which will be received for the purposes of reimbursing the Commission. Non-legislative members of the Commission may or may not receive reimbursements for travel expenses.

Assumptions:

- The Commission will consist of 6 legislative members and 11 non-legislative members, for a total of 17 members.
- Members of the Commission are authorized to receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend meetings.
- The SOS will provide administrative support to the Commission utilizing existing staff and resources.
- Pursuant to Section 2(a)(1) of the proposed legislation, the operation of the Commission and reimbursements for members is subject to adequate funding being secured through grants or private contributions. State funds will not be utilized for any funding needs.
- Based on information provided by Legislative Administration, it is assumed that statute regarding member travel expense reimbursement pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106 would supersede the proposed legislation to enable legislative members of the Commission to receive reimbursement if adequate grants and private funding are not available.

- The Commission will meet quarterly; it is assumed three meetings annually will take place outside of session.
- Legislative members will receive a per diem of \$240 per day for each committee meeting outside of session.
- Legislative members will receive \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles travelled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The average mileage reimbursement for each meeting is estimated to be \$110 (\$0.47 per mile x 234 miles).
- The total cost per legislative member for each meeting is estimated to be \$350 (\$240 per diem + \$110 mileage).
- An increase in state expenditures of \$6,300 (6 members x \$350 x 3 meetings) in each FY20-21 through FY24-25.
- Due to a Commission termination date of February 1, 2026, only two meetings will be held during FY25-26.
- An increase in state expenditures of \$4,200 (6 members x \$350 x 2 meetings) in FY25-26.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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