

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2429 - SB 2514

February 19, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any governing body statutorily required to hold open meetings to provide notice of a meeting to certain members of the General Assembly, 14 days prior to the meeting.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Such governing bodies will be required to notify only members of the General Assembly who represent the district where the meeting is scheduled to occur.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-103; governing bodies hold regular and special meetings. Fourteen days may not occur between the initiation and the occurrence of a special meeting.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-106, courts have jurisdiction to impose penalties against a governing body found in violation of open meetings statutes, upon application of any citizen.
- For any occurrence where a special meeting is required and notice cannot be provided under the requirements of the proposed language, it could result in penalties assessed against the governing body.
- A precise increase in state or local expenditures associated with such penalties cannot be determined but is reasonably estimated to be not significant.
- Providing notice of regular meetings to such members of the General Assembly will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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