

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HJR 741**

February 6, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Resolves that no action should be taken by the Governor related to the Federal Refugee Resettlement Program which interferes with the power and authority of the General Assembly to expend public money unless authorized by a joint resolution.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Executive Order 13888 of September 26, 2019, provides that refugees may be resettled only in U.S. jurisdictions where both the state and local governments have provided their written consent.
- On December 18, 2019, the Governor of Tennessee consented to initial refugee resettlement in Tennessee per the terms of Executive Order 13888. In addition, according to the Tennessee Office for Refugees, Davidson County, Shelby County, and Knox County consented to such resettlement within their boundaries.
- Any action authorized or required by the General Assembly will be conducted during a regular legislative session.
- Requiring the Governor to seek the approval of the General Assembly in this circumstance 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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