

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2308 - HB 2730

February 18, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that “in-kind compensation” is included as a form of compensation for consulting services that is required to be reported to the Tennessee Ethics Commission. Establishes that “consulting services” includes services to advise a candidate or political campaign committee in affecting the result of any election conducted within this state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-126(a), any employee of the General Assembly, member of a commission established by the General Assembly, member of a state regulatory commission, or member of any department or agency in the executive branch who contracts to provide consulting services to an entity other than the state for any fee, commission or other form of compensation is required to submit a disclosure of consulting services to the Ethics Commission.
- The proposed legislation clarifies that “in-kind” compensation, which is payment in the form of goods or services, is included as a form of compensation that is required to be reported to the Tennessee Ethics Commission. Consulting services are expanded to also include services to advise or assist a candidate, political campaign committee, affiliated political campaign committee, or multicandidate political campaign committee in affecting the result of any elections conducted within this state.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 2-10-126(d), it is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to knowingly fail to file the consulting services disclosure form.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- The Tennessee Ethics Commission can process any additional disclosure forms within existing resources.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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