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**Fiscal Note**



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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
Recreates the Joint Legislative Committee on Reorganization of the Executive Branch and provides relative to its studies and recommendations.

The proposed law recreates the Joint Legislative Committee on Reorganization of the Executive Branch (JLCREB) to conduct studies to reorganize the Executive Branch of state government. The Committee is comprised of 15 legislators; and shall hold its organizational meeting within 60 days after adjournment of the 2017 RS. The proposed law retains the present law and further specifies that the focus of the committee's studies shall also achieve the elimination, consolidation, improvement, or revision of the following entities, programs, or activities: inactive; duplication; unnecessary or no longer serve the public interest; inefficient or ineffective; and inconsistent with the intent of legislation authorizing the entity, program, or activity. The first study shall be completed and submitted to the legislature no later than 1/15/2019; and its complete study results, findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the governor and legislature no later than 3/1/2019. Thereafter, an annual report of its findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the governor and legislature no later than January 15th. The Committee may create or appoint advisory committees or task forces as deemed necessary; **(Cont'd on Page 2)**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The legislative per diem rate is \$156 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% includes FICA 6.2% and Medicare 1.45%) is approximately \$12 for a daily cost of approximately \$168 per member to attend meetings. It would cost \$2,520 per day for 15 members to attend meetings plus mileage reimbursement, which is currently \$0.54 per mile. However, the impact on expenditures is indeterminable and will depend upon the mileage of the members, the numbers of meetings held and the actions taken by the JLCREB. There also would be costs for payment of salaries and expenses of necessary employees (if employed by the LFO, LLA, House and Senate), supplies, materials, equipment, printing and reproduction of materials, and all other necessary expenses incurred in connection with the JLCREB.

The LFO and staffs of the House of Representative, Senate, and agencies will likely absorb any additional duties with existing staff and resources to the extent resources are sufficient to perform these additional functions. To the extent they are not, existing law authorizes the addition of staff upon direction of the committee. Additional costs may be incurred to the extent that staff from various agencies are required to travel to committee meetings. The LLA has indicated that if the workload is not of a minimal nature, the cost will be \$10,500 for every 100 hours committed to the JLCREB.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation grants JLCREB the authority to accept grants, donations or gifts of money and services from public and private sources to defray the expenses of the committee. The amount that may be received from non-governmental entities, if any, cannot be estimated.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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and may utilize the personnel, facilities, and services of the Legislative Auditor (LLA), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), and staffs of the House of Representatives, Senate and agencies. Upon directions of the committee, the LLA, LFO or the staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate may employ staff as necessary. The committee members shall receive the same compensation and travel allowances as is provided by members of the legislature. The JLCREB may accept grants, donations or gifts of money or services, including the use of facilities and staff from public and private organizations to defray expenses of the committee. The JLCREB shall be dissolved upon adjournment of the 2022 RS.

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