

**Conference Committee Report on
House Bill No. 1233 / Senate Bill No. 1235**

The House and Senate Conference Committee appointed pursuant to motions to resolve the differences between the two houses on House Bill No. 1233 (Senate Bill No. 1235) has met and recommends that all amendments be deleted.

The Committee further recommends that the following amendment be adopted:

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-107, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Beginning July 1, 2020, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall jointly appoint an executive director of the fiscal review committee. The executive director serves at the pleasure of the speakers; provided, however, in order to remove an executive director after July 1, 2020, both speakers must agree to the removal.

(b) The executive director must be chosen without reference to party affiliation but solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the office. The executive director must be a graduate of an accredited college or university and have five (5) or more years of experience in the field of professional financial management, administrative services management or related professional managerial experience, or governmental experience in relation to the fiscal or budget process. The speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives will determine the compensation of the executive director.

(c) Personnel shall be employed on recommendation of the executive director with the approval of the fiscal review committee. Personnel must be chosen without reference to party affiliation but solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the office. The compensation of fiscal review personnel will be determined by the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, upon recommendation of the executive director.

(d) The office of legislative administration shall assist the fiscal review committee with personnel, payroll, and other administrative functions.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-101(b)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language "fifteen (15)" and substituting instead the language "fourteen (14)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-101(b)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting instead the following:

(B) Seven (7) senators and seven (7) representatives to be elected by the respective houses of the general assembly, with each house to elect an appropriate number of members from each of the two (2) major political parties so that the political make-up of the committee, exclusive of the speakers, shall reflect as nearly as possible the same ratio of members of such parties as the parties are represented in the respective houses. Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1)(A), however, no political party shall have less than two (2) elective members from each house of the general assembly.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and Section 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

Senator Todd Gardenhire

Representative Bill Sanderson

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Representative Darren Jernigan

Senator Jeff Yarbrow

Representative Ron Travis