



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 2190 - SB 2538

February 11, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013504):** Authorizes the Governor to deploy a brigade-sized force to Texas to assist in repelling the invasion at the southern boarder of the United States.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent this legislation results in a deployment that would not take place under current law, the increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 is estimated to exceed \$1,400,000.**

**If the General Assembly is not in-session and is called by the Governor to extend the deployment outside the exceptions of this legislation, an extraordinary session will need to be convened. In such case, there would be an increase in state expenditures of at least \$164,600.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation authorizes the Governor to deploy up to a brigade (2,000 or more) of the National Guard to Texas, not to exceed one year without additional approval from the General Assembly.
- The Tennessee National Guard deployed approximately 125 guardsmen to the southwest border in 2023.
- The guardsmen were deployed for 30 days at a cost of approximately \$1,400,000.
- To the extent that this legislation results in a deployment that would otherwise not take place under current law, and assuming that such deployment consists of at least 125 guardsmen for at least 30 days, the increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 is estimated to exceed \$1,400,000.
- Pursuant to the legislation, if further authorization is required, the Governor must receive approval from the General Assembly. If obtaining such authorization requires the Governor to call the General Assembly into an extraordinary session and it would fall within 30 days of regular session convening, then the deadline for obtaining the extension is extended for 30 days.
- Should the call of an extraordinary session fall outside this exception, it will result in an increase in state expenditures.

- Based on information provided by Legislative Administration, the daily cost for one day of session in 2024 is \$54,867.
- Any special session will last for at least three days; therefore, a special session of the General Assembly would result in an increase in state expenditures of at least \$164,601 (\$54,867 x 3 days). Any costs associated with any extended deployments are a result of subsequent actions by the General Assembly and not directly attributed to this proposed legislation.

**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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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