

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB946</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Osburn/Sen. Floyd</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Travel Reimbursement Costs</b>

**Research Analysis**

The measure creates the Task Force on Merit Protection to study and evaluate the feasibility of transferring the oversight of the Merit Protection Commission to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The measure directs the task force to submit a report of its findings to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2019. The measure provides for the task force's duties, membership, and staffing. The task force will be subject to the Open Meetings Act and be terminated on December 31, 2019.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 946 in its current form creates the Task Force on Merit Protection. The measure provides for a 13 member uncompensated task force, but authorizes travel reimbursement for such members. The cost of such travel reimbursement will be dependent upon the number of task force meetings held. Agencies responsible for such travel reimbursements are the Supreme Court, the Merit Protection Commission, the Governor's Office, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The measure provides that staffing support for the task force shall be provided by the Governor's Office, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The cost of such staffing support will likely be absorbed within the existing budgets of such agencies.

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**Other Considerations**

None.