

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 145
Version:	Engrossed
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Minimal Travel Reimbursement and Staff Support Costs

Research Analysis

SB 145 creates the Task Force on Merit Protection. The task force is directed to evaluate transferring oversight of the Merit Protection Commission to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Its report would also include recommendations for modification of powers and duties of the commission, as well as any necessary changes to the Merit System of Personnel Administration and/or the Whistleblower Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 145 creates the Task Force on Merit Protection. The measure provides for travel reimbursement for task force members, for this reason the following agencies would expect to incur travel reimbursement costs as a result of SB 145: House of Representatives (3 members), Senate (3 members), Governor (3 members), Supreme Court (1 member), and Merit Protection Commission (1 member). Such travel reimbursement costs are expected to be minimal and absorbable within each agency's existing budgetary resources. The measure also requires staff support for the Task Force be provided by the House of Representatives, Senate, and Governor's office. Costs related to staff support are also expected to be minimal and absorbable with each agency's existing budgetary resources.

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Other Considerations

None.