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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0267 As signed by the Governor on June 3, 2016  
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**Subject:** Adjournment of the General Assembly  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Fulmer and Stein  
**Impact Date:** September 29, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	(\$230,526)	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill is estimated to generate \$230,526 in savings to the General Fund beginning January, 2017 assuming no extension of the legislative session. The savings are based on the assumption of 100% attendance of the members at current reimbursement rates. In the event that session is extended, savings would be reduced by \$38,422 per day. An extension of six days would eliminate all potential savings. This bill would have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Explanation of Amendment by the Senate on June 2, 2016**

**State Expenditure**

The bill as amended establishes the second Thursday in May as the day of sine die adjournment but allows for various time extensions of the regular session in consideration of three conditions: (1) if the House of Representatives fails to give third reading to the general appropriations bill by March thirty-first; (2) if the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) submits a revenue forecast reduction after April tenth; and (3) if a concurrent resolution extending the session is adopted by a two-thirds vote of both chambers not later than five o'clock p.m. on the second Thursday in May. The bill provides guidelines and restrictions under each condition. The amended bill requires the BEA to submit an initial forecast of economic conditions no later than November tenth of each year. Adjustments to the forecast must be considered on December tenth and February fifteenth. A final forecast must be made on April tenth.

**The Senate.** The Senate indicates a potential savings of \$31,562 per week for subsistence and mileage. By reducing the session by two weeks to the second Thursday in May, the Senate would generate a savings of \$63,124 to the General Fund. In the event that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading of the general appropriations bill by March 31<sup>st</sup>, each day the session is extended would have an expenditure impact of \$10,521 to the General Fund.

**The House of Representatives.** The House of Representatives indicates a potential savings of \$83,701 per week for subsistence and mileage. By reducing the session by two weeks to the second Thursday in May, the House of Representatives would generate a savings of \$167,402 to the General Fund. In the event that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading to the general appropriations bill by March 31<sup>st</sup>, each day the session is extended would have an expenditure impact of \$27,901 to the General Fund.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A

**Explanation of Bill Filed December 10, 2014**

**State Expenditure**

This bill would change the date of adjournment of the General Assembly from the first Thursday in June to the first Thursday in May. In addition, if the House of Representatives fails to give third reading of the general appropriations bill by March 1<sup>st</sup>, then the date of adjournment is extended by one statewide day for each statewide day after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Senate.** The Senate indicates a potential savings of \$31,562 per week for subsistence and mileage. By reducing the session by three weeks to the first Thursday in May, the Senate would have a savings of \$94,686 to the General Fund. In the event that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading of the general appropriations bill by March 1<sup>st</sup>, each day the session is extended would have an expenditure impact of \$10,521 to the General Fund.

**The House of Representatives.** The House of Representatives indicates a potential savings of \$83,701 per week for subsistence and mileage. By reducing the session by three weeks to the first Thursday in May, the House of Representatives would have a savings of \$251,103 to the General Fund. In the event that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading to the general appropriations bill by March 1<sup>st</sup>, each day the session is extended would have an expenditure impact of \$27,901 to the General Fund.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A



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