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Amend the order in the first indented paragraph in the last line by striking out the following: "by adding at the end a new paragraph"

Amend the order by striking out all of the last indented paragraph and inserting the following:

**‘Rule 312. Fiscal Notes.**

Every bill or resolve that affects state revenues, appropriations or allocations or that requires a local unit of government to expand or modify that unit's activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues and that has a committee recommendation other than "Leave to Withdraw," "Ought Not to Pass" or "Referral to Another Committee" must include a fiscal note. For a bill or resolve not yet reported out and upon request of a majority of the committee, the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall meet with the committee at a work session to present its analysis and provide copies of the written public materials relied upon by the office to prepare that fiscal note. The committee clerk shall provide the sponsor of the bill or resolve with prior notification of the work session. The committee clerk shall provide the Office of Fiscal and Program Review with a copy of all testimony and other materials received by the committee on a bill or resolve whenever the committee recommendation is other than "Leave to Withdraw," unanimous "Ought Not to Pass" or unanimous "Referral to Another Committee." ~~This statement~~The fiscal note must be incorporated in the bill accompany the committee report before it is reported out of committee. Any amendment introduced that would affect the fiscal impact of the original bill must also include a fiscal note. The Office of Fiscal and Program Review has the sole responsibility for preparing all fiscal notes.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the Office of Fiscal and Program Review meet with a joint standing committee and provide a copy of the written public materials used to prepare the fiscal note upon request of a majority of the committee. The committee clerk is required to provide prior notification of the work session to the sponsor of the bill or resolve.

This amendment also requires the committee clerk to provide the Office of Fiscal and Program Review with a copy of all testimony and other materials received by the committee if the bill or resolve has a favorable committee recommendation.

This amendment also makes a technical change to reflect actual practice that fiscal notes accompany amendments rather than being incorporated into the amendment by the Revisor of Statutes.