

FISCAL NOTE

SB 382 - HB 701

February 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to establish a dental screening pilot program for inner city, economically disadvantaged elementary school students in Shelby County. The program would require students in the pilot program to undergo an initial dental screening and follow-up care with a dentist. The program would involve school nurses, a community organization and volunteers in assisting students and parents. The Department of Health is to monitor and evaluate the success of the program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$547,000 Recurring
\$6,000 One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* – Less Than \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- the pilot program will target approximately 56,000 elementary students in Shelby County that are on the free lunch program.
- a need for one dentist position in the Department of Health to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the program.
- funding for a grant to the community organization to provide the screenings. Estimate assumes increased state expenditures of approximately \$450,000 for such grant, which represents a cost of \$8 per screening.
- the bill requires school nurses to provide coordination and follow-up for the program. It is estimated there would be an increased cost to the local school system for which the amount cannot be determined but is estimated not to exceed \$100,000.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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