

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 842 - SB 989

March 13, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes church-related and home school students to participate in any interscholastic activity of a public school which they are eligible to attend. Requires such students to give the LEA test scores from a national reference test to prove grade-level proficiency. Mandates exclusion for up to two academic years if a church affiliated home school student is found to be academically ineligible.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Such students will pay the same participation or activity fees that a regular public school student pays.
- Parents will pay health insurance costs.
- Some activities may have a fixed number of participants. Church-related and home school students may have to compete for a spot to participate in these activities. Local education agencies (LEAs) may incur a nominal cost for uniforms or equipment. Any cost incurred by state or local governments is estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Education, some LEAs already permit home school students living within their district to participate in public school interscholastic activities.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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