

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2423 - SB 2385

February 22, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) in conjunction with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the University of Tennessee (UT), the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, the Department of Education (DOE), local boards of education, and the State Board of Education to develop articulation and transfer agreements between post-secondary colleges and universities and post-secondary and secondary institutions. Requires these entities to develop a common course numbering system and state core curriculum. Establishes that an associate of arts and associate of science degree shall require no more than 60 hours of college credit, including 39 hours of general education and 21 hours of prerequisites for a baccalaureate degree. Establishes a council to develop, oversee, and implement these policies. Requires THEC to submit a report to the Education Committees of the General Assembly on or before January 31, 2011 and July 31, 2011 and subsequent years on the status of articulation and transfer of credit agreements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- According to THEC, TBR, UT, and DOE, any increase in state expenditures to develop articulation agreements, a common course numbering system, a common state core curriculum, and make a written report on these items can be handled within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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