

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 37 – SB 61

May 2, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005894):** Deletes the original bill. Deletes the State Board of Education's (SBOE) duty to develop and recommend to local boards of education training or notification procedures for the use of two-way communications systems. Deletes the requirement for the SBOE to study and make recommendations on the weight of textbooks. Changes, from annually to periodically, when the Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) reviews a sample of local education agencies' annual improvement plans and when OREA analyzes forms showing zero tolerance violations within LEAs and makes a report on both items. Deletes the requirement that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) calculates the student tuition subsidy provided by the annual legislative appropriations act and makes a report. Deletes the requirement that public higher education institutions file an annual report with the Attorney General and Reporter on sponsored research or service that are closed to public inspection. Deletes requirement for THEC to prepare a report analyzing the effect that off-site academic locations have on the distribution of the higher education funding formula. Deletes requirement that each public four and two-year higher education institution and public state technology center report to THEC all funds or revenues received by each institution that were not appropriated in the annual legislative appropriations bill. Deletes requirement that THEC develop and adopt rules and regulations requiring each public institution to reimburse the state for a share of any default student loan fee. Deletes requirement that each higher education institution report to THEC an accounting of student fees. Deletes THEC's triennial study of independent colleges and universities.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the SBOE, THEC, and the OREA, removing various reports and duties will not result in a decrease in personnel, a significant decrease in printing costs, or a

decrease in state revenue from reimbursements from loans in default. Any decrease in state expenditures will be not significant.

- THEC sends reports to a small distribution list and some reports are sent electronically.
- Deletion of THEC rules and regulations regarding default student loan fees will not have an impact on state revenue because the federal law that required this section of the Tennessee Code Annotated has been repealed and this provision was never implemented by THEC since the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation had revenue from other sources that paid for the costs that the fees were designed to cover.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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