

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3241 - SB 3116

February 1, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local boards of education to adopt policies authorizing teachers to temporarily move a student to a different location for the student's safety or for the safety of others. Authorizes the use of reasonable or justifiable force to move an uncooperative student. Requires policies to address altercations between students or between students and local education agency (LEA) employees. Specifies that such policies will be effective on school property and at official school functions, including those not held on regular school property. Requires the policies to cover all employees who are responsible for students or who interact with students on a professional basis. Requires teachers to file an incident report with the school principal and to maintain the report in the student's disciplinary file or permanent record, depending upon the severity of the incident. Directs principals to support teachers' authority to relocate students as necessary for safety reasons. Policies shall conform to all applicable state and federal laws.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Local boards of education will develop relocation policies within existing resources without an increase in personnel or a decrease in other budget items.
- Policies will not require the permanent relocation of a student.
- LEAs will adapt current policies to include any new requirements not currently practiced. Any increase in local expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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