

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 222 – SB 240

February 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes home school students to participate in interscholastic athletics at the public school where the home school student is zoned. Requires that the student be enrolled in a home school; be registered as a home school student with the director of schools by August 1 in the year the student wishes to participate; meet identical academic and conduct standards as other participants, including those adopted by a regulatory athletic organization or association; and register with the school his or her intent to participate prior to August 1 of the school year. Requires students who withdrew from a public or private school for the purpose of enrolling in a home school and who were ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the time of withdrawal, to remain ineligible for one grading period and to reestablish eligibility. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) who provide student insurance for extra curricular athletics to extend coverage to participating home school students. Requires any additional insurance premium to be paid by the home school student. Prohibits LEAs from charging a participation fee for a home school student if a participation fee is not charged to a regular public school student. Prohibits regulatory athletic organizations or associations from requiring home school students to pay full tuition to participate in interscholastic athletics at a non-public school. Home school students shall be eligible to participate beginning in the 2013-14 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003568): Deletes and rewrites subdivision (e)(1)(C) of Section 1 of the original bill. Requires home school students to meet the same academic, health, and conduct eligibility standards as regular public school students in order to participate in interscholastic athletics. Requires the director of schools or the director's designee to confer with the parent or guardian conducting the home school to determine the student is academically eligible.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

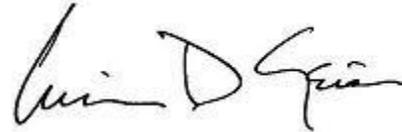
Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Eligible home school students will not be guaranteed a place on any interscholastic athletic team.
- Home school students will pay the same participation fees required of regular public school students.
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula. Any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- LEAs may incur a nominal increase in expenditures for uniforms or equipment.
- Any increase in local government expenditures to expand insurance coverage for home school participants will be not significant since such students will pay additional insurance premium costs.
- No change in the number of coaches for LEA athletic teams. No increase in local expenditures for additional teacher supplements.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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