

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1799 - SB 2392

February 22, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to waive any state statute, with certain restrictions, that inhibits a local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Requires local education agencies to apply for such waivers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012885): Adds language to Section 1 of the bill that prohibits the Commissioner of Education from waiving any State Board of Education rule or state statute related to educators' due process rights and to reductions in teachers' salaries.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, local education agencies may apply to the Commissioner of Education for waivers from State Board of Education rules and regulations. The Commissioner cannot waive certain regulatory or statutory requirements.
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- No fiscal impact as a result of adding items to the list of criteria for which the Commissioner may not issue waivers.
- Any fiscal impact on local government expenditures as a result of receiving waivers from state statutes will be permissive and is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



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