

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1425 – HB 1906

March 13, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to educate students on the history of traditional winter celebrations and to let students and staff offer traditional greetings. Authorizes LEAs to display scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations on school property, if the display includes more than one religion, or one religion and at least one secular scene or symbol. Prohibits displays from including a message that encourages adhering to a particular religious belief.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014265): Adds language to the original bill that requires the Department of Education (DOE) to reimburse local education agencies (LEAs) for all expenditures associated with implementing the Common Core state standards and the Partnership of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) assessments. LEAs requests for reimbursements may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for computers; software; textbooks; teacher training; travel; and other ongoing expenditures. Requires LEAs to determine their actual costs and submit an itemized list to DOE for reimbursement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000,000

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$50,000,000

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No limitation on the number or price of items for which each LEA may request reimbursement.
- Based on information from DOE, the LEAs spent an estimated \$62,000,000 in year one of the most recent math textbook adoption.

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- The amount of LEA expenditures that the state will be asked to reimburse is dependent upon multiple unknown factors such as the number of items that each LEA will request reimbursement for, the cost of such items, and the frequency in which reimbursements are requested. Given the extent of unknown factors, and based on the expenditures associated with the adoption of the most recent math textbook adoption and other information provided by DOE, the recurring increase in state expenditures in any given fiscal year is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000,000; as a result, the recurring increase in local revenue to the LEAs is estimated to exceed \$50,000,000.
- Any increase in local expenditures to display scenes or symbols will be permissive and is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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