

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2079 – SB 2356

March 17, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires all local education agencies (LEAs) to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, intimidation, or cyber-bullying and transmit a copy of this policy to the Commissioner of the Department of Education by January 15, 2015, and annually thereafter. Requires any revised policy to be sent by the LEA to the Commissioner with the changes to the policy clearly highlighted.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014672):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Adds to the statutory list of offenses, conviction of which will prohibit the employment of an individual in a position that requires direct contact with children at a school or childcare facility, including convictions of offenses against another person, convictions of offenses including arson and explosives, convictions of burglary-related offenses, convictions of offenses against the family, convictions of offenses related to controlled substances, and convictions of offenses related to weapons. Employees that are convicted of a listed offense after a criminal background check has been performed shall notify their employer within seven days from the date of the conviction. Employees who fail to timely notify their employer commits a Class A misdemeanor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No increase in the number of criminal background checks performed. No fiscal impact on state or local government to perform additional background checks.

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- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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