

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1687 – HB 1755

February 16, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to allow students, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, to fulfill the fine arts requirement for high school graduation by taking a computer science course.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012333):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to state that a computer science course shall include, but not be limited to, software engineering, computer programming, computer graphics and design, and computer-aided design.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- A majority of local education agencies (LEAs) currently offer a computer science course.
- LEAs will not purchase new equipment or employ more personnel in order to offer additional computer science courses.
- This bill does not require LEAs that do not offer a computer science course to begin offering such a course.
- The SBE will promulgate rules and regulations during the normal course of Board meetings.
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Handwritten signature of Krista M. Lee in blue ink.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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