

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1559 – HB 1644

February 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires all private secondary and post-secondary education institutions to implement a handgun carry policy. Policies may either permit or prohibit handguns on campus.

If an institution elects to permit handguns on a campus, or on any portion of a campus, the handgun must be in the possession of an individual who has a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351.

If an institution elects to prohibit handguns on a campus, all handguns, regardless of whether an individual has a valid carry permit are prohibited. All policies shall be in writing and disseminated such that students, parents, and campus visitors will be notified of the handgun policy of each secondary and post-secondary education institution. Such notification may be performed by electronic means and may include posting notices in buildings on campus

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$7,300/Incarceration*

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012300): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the amended bill authorizes each private secondary and post-secondary education institution to implement policies that either prohibit or allow handguns on school property; requires all policies that are created to be submitted to the sheriff's office and other police department with jurisdiction over the school; and states that if a private education institution does not create a handgun carry policy then possession of a handgun on school property will continue to be prohibited pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1309.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

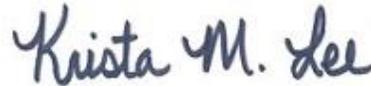
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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Private secondary and postsecondary education institutions will not be required to create and implement policies that either prohibit or authorize handguns to be carried on campus.
- For such campuses that do not elect to create a policy, the carrying of a handgun on campus shall continue to be prohibited pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1309.
- No significant decrease in the number of charges for individuals who commit the offense of carrying a handgun on school property.
- Any expenditure relative to private institutions creating, providing notification of policies including sign postings, and enforcing handgun carry policies will be borne by the private institution.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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