

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1974 – SB 2088

February 22, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires schools which have automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to annually train school personnel on the use of such devices. Authorizes school staff to receive training during previously-scheduled staff meetings or in-service days allocated for training programs in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as authorized under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-5-414. Requires AED training to be included in the curriculum for CPR that is required for juniors and seniors in high school if the school has an AED. Requires a school with an AED to hold at least one CPR/AED drill each year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012285): Adds language to Section 1 of the bill that effectively removes any school operated by the Department of Children's Services from the requirements of the bill. Deletes and rewrites Section 2 of the bill relative to AED training for high schoolers and requires the program of instruction on CPR to include the use of an AED and the location of the AEDs in a school building and requires each school that has an AED to conduct a drill on its use.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- LEAs will not be required to purchase additional AEDs.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-122 authorizes schools to purchase one or more AEDs. If schools purchase AEDs, then at least a portion of the school's staff will be trained on their use in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-140-403, which requires expected defibrillator users to have CPR and AED training.
- This bill as amended will expand training to include all school personnel.

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- Training will take place during regularly-scheduled in-service days so there will be no adjustment in the school calendar or an increase in local expenditures to pay teachers for additional in-service days.
- Based on information from the Department of Education's Office of Coordinated School Health, there are sufficient school nurses and local EMS providers that could train additional LEA staff without a significant increase in local expenditures.
- AED training can be incorporated into the existing CPR curriculum for juniors and seniors in the normal course of the teaching process. Students are not required to be certified in CPR or AED use.
- CPR and AED drills will take place throughout the academic year, as necessary, during regular school hours without an increase in state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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