

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2250 – SB 2262

March 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to publish its annual report on virtual schools on the Department's website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012422): Deletes all language of the original bill. Creates a three year pilot program beginning in FY17-18 to provide grants to elementary and middle schools that wish to implement character education programs. Requires that no more than \$4,000,000 shall be awarded in FY17-18; no more than \$3,000,000 in FY18-19; and no more than \$1,000,000 in FY19-20. Sets forth the requirements for schools to receive a grant and prohibits more than 100 schools from receiving a grant in a given fiscal year. Requires the Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA), with assistance from the DOE, to study the pilot program and issue a report to the General Assembly on the program's effectiveness after the program's second year and no later than December 31, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,000,000/FY17-18
\$3,000,000/FY18-19
\$1,000,000/FY19-20

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

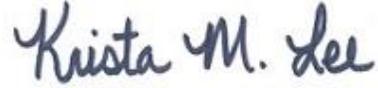
- The grant program will expend the specified amounts of funding in each of the three fiscal years proposed beginning in FY17-18.
- Grant awards will be \$4,000,000 in FY17-18; \$3,000,000 in FY18-19; and \$1,000,000 in FY19-20.
- Funding to implement the provisions of the bill is assumed to be appropriated from the state General Fund.
- No increase in personnel for DOE. Any increase in state expenditures for the Department to administer this program is estimated to be not significant.

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- OREA will conduct the required study in the normal course of business without an increase in personnel.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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