

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 293

March 29, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the “Tom Cronan Physical Education Act”. Requires each student in grades kindergarten through fifth (K-5) to participate in a physical education class (P.E.) at least twice a week. Each class shall be at least 30 minutes in duration but no more than 45 minutes. Each P.E. class shall be taught by a licensed teacher that has a P.E. endorsement or by a P.E. specialist. Prohibits students from being exempted from a P.E. class unless they have a written note from a physician. Requires each local education agency (LEA) to annually verify that it has met the requirements of this act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$2,827,400*

Assumptions:

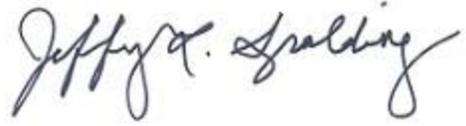
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- Some LEAs will be able to restructure their class schedules or make other changes to accommodate the requirements of this bill without an increase in local expenditures.
- All expenditures will be borne by local governments.
- Based on statistics from the Department of Education and taking into account the likelihood that districts will be able to adjust their class schedules or make other changes to meet the bill requirements, a minimum of 72 teachers will be hired by LEAs statewide.
- Based on statistics provided by the Department of Education for the number of teachers that the BEP formula estimates will be needed statewide, it is estimated that half of the 72 teachers will be part-time (36) and that half will be full-time teachers (36).
- The average salary and benefits of a full-time P.E. teacher is estimated to be \$48,265 and \$30,273 for a part-time P.E. teacher.
- The recurring increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$2,827,368 [(\$48,265 x 36) + (\$30,273 x 36)].

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

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

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