

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1780 - SB 1862

February 14, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all public elementary and secondary schools to post signage that: (1) contains the toll-free number of the Department of Children's Services' (DCS) hotline for reports of child abuse and neglect; (2) directs readers to the DCS website for further information on reporting such abuse; and (3) directs students to call 911 for emergencies. Sets requirements for sign dimension and language, and specifies location requirements within each school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$18,000/One-Time\***

Assumptions:

- Based on the Department of Education's 2015 Annual Statistical Report, there are 1,800 public elementary or secondary schools in Tennessee.
- The minimum cost for each sign is reasonably estimated to be \$10.
- It is estimated that each school will post a minimum of one sign.
- The one-time increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$18,000 (1,800 x \$10).

\*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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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