

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 359 - HB 891

March 8, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a school principal or the principal's designee to excuse a student to participate in a non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity. Requires students to provide the school written documentation of their participation and submit a written request for an absence at least seven business days prior to their absence. Sets forth the criteria that shall be included in the written request for consideration by the school. Requires approval for participation to be given in writing by the principal or the principal's designee. Authorizes a principal to limit the number and duration of such extracurricular activities for which any student may be granted excused absences. Caps at 10 the number of allowed excused absences granted by any school for any student within a school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Schools will process written requests for excused absences and grant written approvals within the normal course of business without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.
- Students who are granted an excused absence will continue to be counted in the local education agency's enrollment, for the purposes of receiving state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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