

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 391 - HB 907

March 15, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the re-establishment of the elected office of school superintendent upon a two-thirds vote of the city or county governing body and approval of such re-establishment by the voters by referendum. Sets forth the qualifications and duties of the elected superintendent. Requires contractual obligations to an existing appointed director of schools be fulfilled by the county or municipal governing body. Changes the duties of the local board of education in systems that re-establish the elected office of school superintendent with regard to employee management. Limits the number of cities or counties that may re-establish this position to 10 and requires the Department of Education (DOE), with assistance from the Comptroller's office, to set up a pilot program. Requires DOE to make a report on the pilot program to the General Assembly no later than one year after the tenth local education agency (LEA) has re-established the office of elected superintendent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive

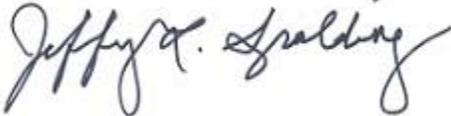
Assumptions:

- Any increase in state expenditures for DOE to make a report to the General Assembly is estimated to be not significant.
- Cities and counties may elect to re-establish the office of elected school superintendent and buyout an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, thus increasing local government expenditures. Any such increase is dependent upon the time period remaining on the contract at the time of the buyout. Based on the state minimum salary schedule and information from the Comptroller, the one-time permissive increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.
- Referenda to re-establish the office of elected school superintendent will be timed to coincide with a general election.
- All additional election items will be added to the ballot during the normal printing process. Any permissive increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any permissive increase in local government expenditures to make necessary changes in administration of local education agencies (LEAs) that will have an elected school superintendent is estimated to be not significant.
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.

SB 391 - HB 907

CERTIFICATION:

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



Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

/msg