

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1140 - HB 1241

March 1, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to conduct individual conferences with parents for all students in the eighth grade with the student's teachers and guidance counselors. Requires the teacher or guidance counselor to talk to the parent about academic, career, and technical class offerings and options in high school. Requires guidance counselors or teachers to inform parents of scholarship opportunities for higher education. Requires the student's interests and ambitions to be taken into account when planning a course schedule for eighth grade students at the high school level. Requires the parent to approve a four-year class schedule that includes all classes that their student shall take at the high school level. Prohibits any changes to such schedules during a student's high school career without the parent's written permission.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 and § 49-6-7002, jointly applied, require LEAs to provide parent-teacher conferences at least twice per year. It is estimated that any additional parent-teacher conferences that are held will not result in an increase in the total number of days that teachers are paid to attend training sessions or other required meetings.
- Class schedule approval will take place either in the course of parent-teacher conferences or will be sent home with students for approval with other required documents before the beginning of their freshman year of high school.
- There will be a sufficient number of teachers and guidance counselors to hold parent-teacher conferences and prepare required documentation without an increase in local expenditures for additional personnel.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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