

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2039 – HB 2505

February 16, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a student with a documented learning disability who is unable to take 12 semester hours each year to be eligible for the Tennessee Promise Scholarship after the current five semester award cutoff.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$3,000/FY16-17/Lottery for Education Account
\$6,000/FY17-18/Lottery for Education Account
**Exceeds \$6,000/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years/
Lottery for Education Account**

Assumptions:

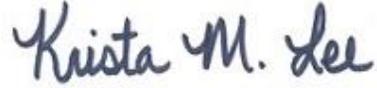
- All students are required to be enrolled in 12 semester hours to receive the Tennessee Promise Scholarship.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), students with a documented disability are eligible, by TSAC rule, to receive the Tennessee Promise Scholarship for five semesters or until graduation, whichever occurs first.
- Since such students are enrolled in a reduced number of semester hours, this bill will enable students with a documented disability to receive a Tennessee Promise Scholarship award beyond their fifth semester of enrollment.
- Based on information provided by TSAC, there were eight students with a documented disability that were enrolled in less than 12 semester hours for the fall semester of 2015. This number is assumed to remain constant in future years.
- These students will require on average an additional three semesters to complete their degree program; therefore, it is estimated that eight students with a documented disability will receive the additional benefit for one semester in FY16-17 and for two semesters in FY17-18. This pattern is assumed to remain constant in future years.
- The Tennessee Promise Scholarship award is estimated to be \$374 per semester for this cohort of students.
- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account is estimated to be \$2,992 ($\374×8 students) in FY16-17.
- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account is estimated to be \$5,984 ($\374×8 students $\times 2$ semesters) in FY17-18.

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- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account is estimated to exceed \$5,984 in FY18-19 and subsequent years.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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