

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1337 – SB 1302

April 16, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) to develop instructional guidelines in conjunction with the State Board of Education, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Osteopathic Examination, Board of Nursing, and Board of Social Worker Licensure for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse. Requires, after July 1, 2018, a professional seeking a license renewal from one of these boards to complete a child safety training program prior to the board granting the professional a renewal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$670,500/FY17-18
\$644,700/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017387): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) to develop guidelines on the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse and human trafficking in which the victim is a child no later than January 1, 2019. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to use the guidelines to identify child abuse training programs appropriate for teachers.

Requires, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each LEA and each public charter school ensure teachers annually complete a child abuse training program as part of the annual in-service training. Requires each LEA and public charter school to annually report compliance to the DOE.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DCS, developing guidelines for child abuse trainings for teachers can be performed within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Based on information provided by the DOE, identifying appropriate child abuse trainings for teachers can be performed within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), in-service training for educators is provided by the LEA.
- Any cost associated with accepting any child abuse training program from the LEA or public charter school can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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