

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 934 - SB 790

February 26, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Updates statutes relevant to special education in Tennessee to ensure full compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and state special education laws. Revises older language, deletes obsolete sections, and adds new definitions related to special education. Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education (DOE), the State Board of Education (SBE), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), and charter schools pursuant to the delivery of special education in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004669): Deletes and replaces the language of the bill such that the only substantive change is to expand the definition of “children with disabilities” by listing an additional qualifying disability and to add to the definition of “related services” required to assist a child with a disability in order to benefit from special education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No significant impact to the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- DOE, SBE, LEAs, and charter schools will be able to comply with the proposed legislation using existing resources without a significant impact to expenditures.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



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