

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1406 – SB 1419

March 17, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes electronic submission of the currently required annual report and needs assessment, that reviews the status of state services for the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing that the Tennessee Council for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing (Council), to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006075):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Changes the definition of a “deaf person” to mean a person whose hearing loss is total, as opposed to totally impaired, or whose hearing loss with or without amplification is so significant, as opposed to so seriously impaired, that the primary means of receiving spoken language is through visual input, including but not limited to, speechreading, sign language, finger spelling, or writing. Changes the language “hearing impaired” to “deaf or hard of hearing” throughout Tennessee Code Annotated.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Changing the definition of “deaf person” and replacing “hearing impaired” with “deaf or hard of hearing” will have no significant impact on state government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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