

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 970 - SB 1195

March 27, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to post the currently required annual report on the department's website as an alternative to distributing the report to officials and entities listed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-211.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006765): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to: (1) require that family life curriculum include instruction on the detection, intervention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is the child; (2) require the instruction to be accomplished by viewing a video recording approved by the local education agency (LEA); (3) require that each local board of education require each teacher employed by the board to receive a one-time in-service training on the detection, intervention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is a child; (4) require the approved in-service training plan to specify the amount of in-service credit a teacher will receive for viewing the video; and (5) require the local board of education to maintain a record of all teachers who complete the in-service training and does not excuse an LEA from having to comply with the in-service training and reporting requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-408.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-408 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; it

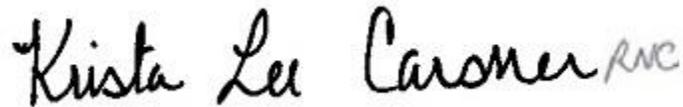
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also requires DOE to use the guidelines to identify child abuse training programs appropriate for teachers.

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-408 requires each LEA and each public charter school to ensure its teachers complete a child abuse training program based on guidelines and best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child.
- It is assumed that each LEA will utilize training programs identified by DOE.
- DOE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation using existing resources and without a significant increase in expenditures.
- LEAs will be able to comply with the legislation during annual in-service training.
- Given the provisions of this legislation can be accomplished with the viewing of a video recording approved by the LEA, it is assumed the LEA will approve a currently-existing video on the relevant subject matter, and any increase in state expenditures would be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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