

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 170 - HB 405

April 15, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a local board of education to adopt a policy that requires schools within the local education agency (LEA) to conduct an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) assessment before suspending, expelling, or requiring a student to attend in-school suspension or alternative school. Requires the policy to provide guidance on who will administer the assessment and requires the results of an ACEs assessment to be considered prior to disciplinary action against the student. Authorizes an LEA to include information on administering an ACEs assessment before disciplinary actions are taken in an ACEs training program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$197,500/FY19-20
\$107,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures –
Exceeds \$6,682,000/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years*

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008319): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to require each LEA and public charter school to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy. Requires each trauma-informed discipline policy to include certain elements. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop their own policies.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- LEAs and DOE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.

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- LEAs and DOE will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

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

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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