

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 187 - HB 982

April 29, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires K-12 schools to include information on the proper and safe use of dockless electric scooters, if such scooters are available for use in the area around the school, as part of the safety instruction provided to students.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008830): Deletes all language after the enacting clause to require the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests to be administered in paper format in the 2019-20 school year. Requires each local education agency (LEA) to participate in an online verification test conducted by the Department of Education (DOE) before TCAP tests are administered in the 2020-21 school year. Requires the Commissioner of DOE, based on the results of the online verification test, to determine the format for TCAP tests administered in the 2020-21 school year. Delays certain physical education opportunity requirements for elementary students and reporting requirements for LEAs until the 2020-21 school year and each year after.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The proposed legislation will result in an increase in state expenditures to administer a paper test rather than a computer based test. Due to the sensitive nature of the current competitive bid process for the administration of the TCAP test, the estimated fiscal impact amount is not included in this memorandum, but is available to any legislative member upon request.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The TCAP tests are currently administered in paper format for students in grades three through five and in computer based format and for all other students.
- DOE is currently accepting bids for the TCAP test through a competitive bid process. The bids are to include costs to administer paper format tests.
- Requiring all tests to be administered in in paper format, rather than a computer based format will result in an increased cost in total administration of the test.
- Due to the sensitive nature of the current bidding process, the estimated increase in expenditures resulting from the provisions of the proposed legislation is considered confidential but is available upon request to any legislative members.
- DOE will be able to conduct the online verification test within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.
- LEAs will be able participate in the online verification test within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.
- This legislation will delay the application of Public Chapter 976 of 2018 which has an effective date of July 1, 2019. The impact from delaying those requirements until the 2020-21 school year will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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