

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 91 - SB 442

April 29, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to use an alternative growth indicator approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in the evaluation of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$9,000,000/Recurring

Other Fiscal Impact – If LEAs are required to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008737): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes LEAs to use a comparable alternative student growth measure approved by the SBE and adopted by the LEA in the evaluation of pre-k and kindergarten teachers. Changes, from 2017-18 to 2018-19, the school year for which employment termination and compensation decisions for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teachers shall not be based solely on data generated by the portfolio model. Creates an eight-member Portfolio Review Committee and requires the Committee to review the growth portfolio model process, identify expectations, and make recommendations for improvement. Requires the Governor to call the first meeting. Requires the Department of Education to identify opportunities to receive feedback from educators and stakeholders on the growth model portfolio. Prohibits the members of the Committee from receiving compensation and authorizes travel reimbursement for the members. Requires the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by August 1, 2019, at which point the Committee is terminated.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,800/One-Time

Other Fiscal Impact – If LEAs are required to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Districts that receive voluntary pre-k (VPK) money are required to implement the pre-k and kindergarten growth portfolio model for all pre-k and kindergarten teachers.
- Currently, the only two options for a growth model that still meet the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 is the currently-approved pre-k and kindergarten growth portfolio model or a standardized assessment (which is not currently an option).
- If LEAs are expected to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, then an increase in local expenditures will be expected. However, due to multiple unknown factors, the precise impact to local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined and any increases would be permissive.
- The Portfolio Review Committee will consist of eight members: two legislative members, three educators, one representative from the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, one representative from the Tennessee School Boards Association, and the Commissioner of DOE.
- The Commission will meet one time and it is assumed that three members will not require reimbursement for travel or lodging for the one meeting.
- Members will receive \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles travelled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The total cost for mileage reimbursement for five members is estimated to be \$550 (234 miles roundtrip x \$.47 per mile x 1 meeting x 5 members).
- The total cost for lodging reimbursement for five members is estimated to be \$895 (\$179 x 1 meeting x 5 members).
- The total cost for meals and incidentals for five members to attend one meeting is estimated to be \$305 (\$61 per diem x 1 meetings x 5 members).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures as a result of the legislation is estimated to be \$1,750 (\$550 + \$895 + \$305).

CERTIFICATION:

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



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