



SB 1637

February 4, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a student whose individualized education program (IEP) allows for testing accommodations to be allowed to use the same testing accommodations while taking an assessment under the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) or an end-of-course assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$35,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures –
Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years*

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013873): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires a student whose individualized education program (IEP), section 504 plan, or individual learning plan (ILP) allows for testing accommodations to be allowed to use the same testing accommodations while taking an assessment under the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) or an end-of-course assessment, only if the accommodation does not invalidate the assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The amended legislation would only allow the use of accommodations included in a student's IEP for TCAP testing and end-of-course assessments that would not invalidate those test results.
- The amended legislation would not expand the current list of approved accommodations for TCAP testing and end-of-course assessments and would only codify current testing practices incorporated by DOE and in public schools.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability.

- Federal and state laws require students with an IEP to be provided with appropriate accommodations necessary to participate in these tests; however, certain accommodations that invalidate test scores may not be allowed.
- DOE and public schools will be able to comply with the bill as amended within existing resources.
- DOE and public schools 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 impact to state or local operations.

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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