

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2206 - HB 2809

May 29, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases, from 90 to 60 calendar days, the period of time in which the General Assembly is required to confirm the appointment of a citizen member to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017596, 017849): Amendment 017596 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that a student admitted to a two-year public postsecondary institution (institution) and enrolled in a basic law enforcement academy operated by the institution is eligible to apply for a Tennessee Reconnect Grant (TRG) and receive the grant until the basic training is complete. Establishes that current prerequisite requirements for the TRG do not apply to applicants under the proposed legislation, other than the requirement for the applicant not to be ineligible for the grant and to be a Tennessee resident.

Amendment 017849 changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures - \$435,800/FY20-21/

Lottery for Education Account

\$653,800/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/

Lottery for Education Account

Other Fiscal Impact – Funding in an amount estimated to be \$435,800 in FY20-21, and \$653,800 in FY21-22 and subsequent years, will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Three community colleges in the state currently provide a certified basic training law enforcement program: Cleveland State, Nashville State, and Walters State.
- According to the Tennessee Board of Regents, enrollment in the basic training law enforcement programs at Cleveland State, Nashville State, and Walters State for the previous academic school year was 103, 115, and 262 respectively.
- Students currently enrolled in the college law enforcement programs are not prohibited from applying for aid through a TRG; however, it is estimated that expanding eligibility for a TRG will increase awards by 50 percent.
- Applicants for a TRG are required to be Tennessee residents. The average in-state tuition for each college basic training program is \$2,724.
- Each law enforcement program has multiple start dates throughout the year. An effective date of October 1, 2020 would prevent an estimated one-third of the total annual enrollees from applying for aid through a TRG in the fall of 2020.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account in FY20-21 is estimated to be \$435,840 $\{[(103 + 115 + 262) \times 50.0\%] \times (2/3) \times \$2,724\}$.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account, beginning in FY21-22, is estimated to be \$653,760 $\{[(103 + 115 + 262) \times 50.0\%] \times \$2,724\}$.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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