



June 2, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the criteria for which a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher, at the time of application for an initial license, is not required to take an assessment to advance or renew a license. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to approve alternative teacher endorsement and licensure pathways for current and prospective educators. Requires SBE to approve a process for an LEA, or for two or more LEAs working together, to establish a district teacher training program. Requires SBE to establish the minimum educational requirements needed for current and prospective educators to participate in district teacher training programs. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to create a process for reviewing district teacher training programs. Establishes rules for issuing equivalent educator licensure related to teachers coming from states with reciprocal agreements with Tennessee. Requires DOE to issue a practitioner license to teach in grades nine through twelve. Establishes requirements for practitioner licensure applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$40,000/FY20-21

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017952): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes rules for SBE to issue equivalent educator licensure related to teachers, supervisors, and principals coming from states with reciprocal agreements with Tennessee. Requires DOE to submit a report on the relative effectiveness of supervisors, principals, and teachers who obtained a Tennessee educator license through an out-of-state pathway to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives by July 31, 2021, and by each July 31st thereafter. Requires DOE to post the annual report on its website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- SBE will be able to comply with the changes to out-of-state teacher licenses during the normal course of business and within existing resources.
- DOE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- No significant impact to local government.

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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