

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1158 - SB 1238

March 3, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to establish a threat assessment team within the LEA for the purpose of developing intervention-based approaches to prevent violence, manage reports of potential threats, and create a safe school environment. Requires the threat assessment team to include LEA and law enforcement personnel and authorizes the threat assessment team to include juvenile services personnel, a representative of the local District Attorney's Office, a representative of the Department of Children's Services, and mental health service providers. Requires a threat assessment team to obtain training from local law enforcement, conduct threat assessments, provide guidance to students, teachers, and staff, and create procedures related to the intervention and prevention of violence.

Requires the threat assessment team to report to the local board of education and the director of schools on a regular basis. Requires the report to include quantitative data, post-incident assessments, and the effectiveness of the team's response to incidents posing danger to school safety. Authorizes the threat assessment team to request and use records obtained from law enforcement and a student's education and medical record if deemed necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or other individuals. Requires the threat assessment team to maintain confidential and personal information as required by law and removes liability from the threat assessment team, individual members of the team, and persons providing information to the team for decisions and actions made in good faith and on the basis of facts known or reasonably believed to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not require an LEA to create a threat assessment team.
- If LEAs decide to create a threat assessment team, they will be able to do so using existing resources without a significant increase to expenditures.
- It is assumed that members of a threat assessment team will volunteer to do so and will not receive any additional compensation from the state of the respective LEA.
- LEAs 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.

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- No significant impact to DOE.
- No change to the Basic Education Program.

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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