

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1339 - SB 1151

April 1, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires public high schools and public charter high schools to offer at least one elective computer science course. Authorizes the elective computer science course to be offered in a traditional classroom setting, online, or other technology-based format. Creates the “Computer Science and Technology in Public Schools Task Force.” Requires the Task Force to consist of nine members, including representatives from: state government, the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network and Leadership Council, a public high school, and from the field of computer programming.

Establishes that the purpose of the Task Force is to research and recommend computer science and technology curriculum standards and frameworks and to study and recommend strategies to meet the state’s anticipated computer science and technology workforce needs. Requires members of the Task Force to serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses incurred while participating in the business of the Task Force. Requires state agencies to provide assistance to the Task Force at the request of the chair and requires the Task Force to be administratively attached to the Department of Education (DOE). Requires the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including feedback gathered from the general public, to the Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the Chairs of the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate by January 1, 2021.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- DOE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.
- The Task Force will not consist of any General Assembly members.
- The members of the Task Force will not receive any compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Therefore, any impact related to the Task Force is estimated to be not significant.
- Current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6004, requires the State Board of Education, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, to approve appropriate computer science courses that every candidate for a full high school diploma may enroll in and complete

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to satisfy the elective focus requirements for graduation. Given this current requirement, any provision of this legislation related to schools offering computer science elective courses will not result in any significant impact to state and local government.

- No significant impact to state or local operations.
- 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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