

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1971 - SB 2027

March 5, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a school or local education agency (LEA) to issue a copy of a textbook to a student if the textbook is required as part of the student's instruction. Requires the director of schools of each LEA to certify to the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) by October 15th of each school year that all students enrolled in the LEA have been issued all required textbooks.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures –

Exceeds \$74,307,800/FY20-21

Exceeds \$29,723,100/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- LEAs currently purchase English language arts (ELA) and mathematics textbooks for every student.
- LEAs routinely do not purchase textbooks for every student in other subjects; instead, school districts purchase class room sets for students to share in subjects such as science, social studies, foreign languages, life time wellness, and career and technical education courses.
- It is further estimated that each LEA has an average of 6,726 students.
- Approximately 20 percent of materials will have already been purchased for classroom sets.
- At least 74 LEAs are not currently purchasing textbooks for every student for every subject and will be required to purchase an average of 2.5 text books per student in FY20-21.
- The average cost per textbook is \$80.
- The additional textbooks required to comply with the proposed legislation will increase local expenditures in excess of \$74,307,840 (6,276 students x 2.5 books x \$80 x 80% x 74 districts) in FY20-21.
- In FY21-22 and subsequent years, these LEAs will only need to purchase one additional textbook per student to comply with textbook adoption cycles in each subsequent year.
- The recurring increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$29,723,136 (6,276 students x 1 book x \$80 x 80% x 74 LEAs) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- No significant impact to DOE.

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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