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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a local board of education or a private or church-related school to apply excess instructional time accumulated during the school year toward the required 180 days of classroom instruction if the excess instructional time is not applied toward meeting instructional time requirements missed due to dangerous or extreme weather conditions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Permissive local cost savings would occur; however, due to the variation in both known and unknown factors, a precise estimate on the impact to local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 authorizes school districts to extend the school day by 30 minutes each day to accumulate up to 13 stockpiled days that may be used for meeting missed instructional time due to severe weather and sickness.
- The proposed legislation would allow schools to use stockpiled days to end school up to 13 days early if a district does not use them to make up days missed due to inclement weather, sickness or other allowable uses.
- In the event a school uses days for allowable uses under current law, the impact is not significant.
- Schools have daily operational expenses that include some non-fixed costs that are dependent upon a school being open for a regular day of instruction with students.
- Daily operational costs for individual schools are variable and dependent on multiple factors, including: the number of enrolled students, facility characteristics, transportation routes and fuel consumption, utilization of utilities, and the amount of non-salaried and hourly employees.
- Any cancelled regular school day that does not have to be made up on a future date, would permit a school to realize cost savings for some non-fixed costs.
- In the event that a local board of education uses excess days to end the school year any number of days earlier than they otherwise would have, there may be a permissive local cost savings that would occur; however, due to the variation in both known and unknown factors, a precise estimate on the impact to local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

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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