

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2300 - SB 2512

February 22, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement for the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a school grading system that annually assigns A, B, C, D, and F letter grades to schools based on measures related to student performance on Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) testing, student growth as indicated by the Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS), and other outcome indicators. Removes the requirement for DOE to include each school's letter grade on the state report card.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – If it is determined that the state is in violation of federal law and/or lacks compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), recurring federal funding may be jeopardized in FY20-21 and subsequent years.

Assumptions:

- Federal law requires that the state be compliant with ESSA and with the currently approved ESSA plan.
- The proposed legislation may affect the department's ability to "meaningfully differentiate" schools annually, pursuant to ESSA, or to offer letter grades by its own volition, pursuant to its federally approved ESSA plan; this will put Tennessee in violation of these requirements that affect a large portion of the state's federal revenue sources.
- A violation of this type affects Title I, Title II, Title IV, and Title V funding, which totals approximately \$335,000,000 dollars in federal funds.
- To the extent that the proposed legislation violates federal law and the state's ESSA plan and results in a loss of funding, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined; however, it is estimated that a recurring decrease in state revenue of up to \$335,000,000 in FY20-21 and subsequent years may occur.

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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