

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2462 - SB 2784

February 21, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a parent or guardian of a student who has accumulated five or more days of unexcused absences during the school year, and who is subject to the local education agency's (LEA's) progressive truancy intervention, to withdraw the student from school if the withdrawal occurs in the first month of a school semester. Prohibits parents or guardians of a student from withdrawing the student during a month other than the first month of a school semester unless certain criteria are met.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation authorizes students who have accumulated five or more days of unexcused absences and who are subject to an LEA's progressive truancy intervention to be withdrawn from school under certain timing restrictions and criteria relating to change-of-residence and school transfers.
- Student enrollment is measured by average daily membership (ADM) and is the primary driver of funds generated by the BEP for the following fiscal year, the funding formula through which state education dollars are generated and distributed to Tennessee schools.
- The extent to which the proposed legislation may increase student withdrawals and transfers and subsequently affect BEP funding allocations cannot be accurately estimated; therefore, a precise impact to state and local government cannot be determined with reasonable certainty but is estimated to be not significant.
- Total BEP funding will not be impacted as a result of the proposed legislation; therefore, no significant impact to state expenditures.

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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