

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2756 - SB 2559

March 5, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula to fund at least one full-time mental health counselor position for each school in each local education agency (LEA).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$71,874,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures – \$197,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- The BEP formula currently funds social worker positions at a ratio of 1:2,000 students.
- The proposed legislation will require 1,787 new mental health counselor positions.
- Re-calculating the FY20-21 BEP, funding a mental health counselor in every school in each LEA will result in a recurring increase in the state share of \$71,874,000.
- According to the Department of Education, three LEAs will be required to increase annual local contributions in a total amount of \$197,675.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$71,874,000 in FY20-21 and subsequent years.
- The total mandatory increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$197,675 in FY20-21 and subsequent years.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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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