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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula to fund at least one full-time school counselor position for each school in each LEA, and one full-time teaching position for every twenty average daily membership (ADM) in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12). Changes, from one for each 3,000 students to one for each school in each local education agency (LEA), the number of full-time public school nurse positions funded by the BEP.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$297,501,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures – \$2,200,600/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will alter the BEP formula by changing the required number of school counselors, teachers, and nurses for each school in each LEA.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), increasing the number of full-time nursing positions so that there is one for each school in every LEA, increases the number of positions generated through the BEP from 355.4 to 1,787, for a net increase of approximately 1,431.6 nursing positions.
- Requiring at least one school counselor position for each school in each LEA increase the number of positions from 2,273.7 to 2,327.7, for a net increase of approximately 54 school counselors.
- If one teaching position is required for every 20 ADM in K-12, the number of teaching positions will increase from 40,366 to 45,615.3, for a net increase of 5,249.3 teaching positions.
- The state share of the BEP funds approximately \$41,225 per nursing position and \$44,969 for each school counselor and teaching position.
- It is estimated that the additional nursing positions will cost \$59,017,710 ($\$41,225 \times 1,431.6$); the cost for additional school counselors and teacher is estimated to cost \$238,484,098 [$\$44,969 \times (54 + 5,249.3)$]
- Re-calculating the FY19-20 BEP, with a minimum of one full-time nursing and one school counselor position for each school in each LEA and one teaching position for

every 20 ADM will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$297,501,808 (\$59,017,710 + \$238,484,098) in FY20-21 and subsequent years.

- The increase in BEP funding will increase the minimum required local match for districts receiving an increase in BEP funding as a result of this bill.
- Some districts will be required to increase funding.
- Based on information provided by DOE, the total mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$2,200,612 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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