

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2105 - HB 2416

February 29, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of semester hours attempted by a student to fulfill Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) requirements as being counted toward the semester hour limit for Tennessee HOPE scholarship recipients. Prohibits the use of grades earned in ROTC courses from being included in the calculation of a student's grade point average for the purpose of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$444,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/
Lottery for Education Account**

Other Fiscal Impact – Recurring funding in the amount of \$444,000 beginning in FY20-21 will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this legislation will impact ROTC students attending the state's four-year public and private institutions of higher education.
- The average HOPE scholarship award at four-year institutions is \$4,000 per academic year and \$2,000 per semester.
- Based on previous information provided by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), an estimated 95 ROTC students attending four-year public institutions, and 16 ROTC students attending four-year private institutions will qualify for an average of two additional semesters of HOPE scholarship awards as a direct result of this bill.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account is estimated to be \$444,000 [(95 x \$2,000 x 2 semesters) + (16 x \$2,000 x 2 semesters)] in FY20-21 and subsequent years.

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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