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TSBA Bill Update - Support

SB9/HB12 EDUCATION: Community service hours for blood donation for TN Promise Scholarship recipients.



Sen. Green, Mark

Rep. Reedy, Jay

Summary: Gives one hour of community service credit to recipients of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship who make a blood donation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation required in order for a student to obtain community service credit for a blood donation.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/15/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Committee.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708, relative to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Act of 2014.

Last Action 02/28/17

Date:

SB149/HB89 EDUCATION: Restrictions for hiring school bus drivers.



Sen. Haile, Ferrell

Rep. Rogers, Courtney

Summary: Places restrictions on receiving school bus driver license endorsements or being hired as a school bus driver for drivers who have previously committed serious traffic violations, including excessive speeding or reckless driving.

Amendment Summary: Senate Amendment 1 (006167) deletes and replaces language of the bill to require potential bus drivers to be at least 25 years old and of good character. Changes the effective date from July 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. House Amendment 2 (007727) deletes and rewrites the legislation such that the only substantive changes are to remove the investigation requirement of the original bill and to change the effective date from July 1, 2017, to January 1, 2018.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 19, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 04/13/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (006167).

Status:

House 05/03/17 - Held on House clerk's desk.

Status:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title

Last Action 55, relative to school bus drivers.
05/03/17
Date:

SB249/HB97 EDUCATION: Offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college.



Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Requires the department of education to form a partnership with a national nonprofit education organization to increase the offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college and that provide college credit through examination. Specifies that the partnership shall be known as the Tennessee College Credit Partnership (TCCP). Also specifies that the partnership shall make available professional development to enable teachers of postsecondary credit courses to have the necessary content knowledge and instructional skills to prepare students for success on the course examinations and mastery of postsecondary course content. Requires, subject to appropriations, the state to fund payment of college credit examination fees and career and technical certification or licensure examination fees.

Amendment Summary: House Education Instruction and Programs Committee Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (004379) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the DOE to contract with a national nonprofit education organization to form a partnership called the TCCP. Authorizes the DOE to form a partnership with selected schools and LEAs, in lieu of partnering with a national nonprofit education organization, to improve postsecondary college readiness and ensure that students have access to high quality, rigorous academic programs or courses. Requires any such contracted partner to provide support for the expansion of college credit opportunities for students in Tennessee. Such support includes, but is not limited to, staffing in select schools and local education agencies (LEAs); professional development; data analysis; and reporting. Establishes a mechanism by which the Commissioner of the DOE will be authorized to award grants to pay for early post-secondary and industry certification exams; establishes an amount not to exceed \$10,000 subject to an appropriation to be funded for such purpose in FY17-18, with future appropriations being required by the General Assembly.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2017) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$7,044,700/Recurring Decrease State Expenditures - \$400,000/One-Time Other Fiscal Impact Some portion of the industry certification or licensure examination fees may be paid to the respective state licensing boards; however, any such amounts cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.


House Status: 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter

Last Action 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to rigorous school coursework.
05/09/17
Date:

SB661/HB111 EDUCATION: Duties and powers of commissioner of education.

 Sen. Tracy, Jim
Rep. Pitts, Joe

Summary: Removes the prohibition on the commissioner of education's ability to waive regulatory or statutory requirements related to licensure of employees upon application by an LEA.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning
Status: Subcommittee.


Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-201, relative to powers and duties of the commissioner of education.

Last Action 03/28/17

Date:

SB247/HB124 EDUCATION: LEAs to survey students regarding availability of internet access in their homes.

 Sen. Tracy, Jim
Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires each LEA to survey students, within one month of the start of the 2017-2018 school year, as to the availability of internet access in their homes and report results to the department of education. Requires the department of education to report the results to the governor, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives by December 15, 2017. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

Status:

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) education.

Last Action 02/03/17

Date:

Caption: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to standardized testing limits.

Last Action 02/03/17

Date:

SB400/HB288 **EDUCATION: Creating the Leader in Me® pilot program.**



Sen. Gresham, Dolores

Rep. Byrd, David

Summary: Creates a three-year pilot program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, to provide grants to elementary and middle schools to implement the Leader in Me® pilot program. Allows schools to apply to the department of education for a grant until January 1, 2018. Limits the total amount of grants provided by the department to \$2,000,000 in the 2018-2019 school year, \$2,000,000 in the 2019-2020 school year, and \$1,000,000 in the 2020-2021 school year. Requires the department to give the grants to no more than 50 schools and in all 3 grand divisions of the state equally, with preference first to priority schools, then to schools in LEAs with a fiscal capacity in the lowest 50% of all LEAs, and finally to all other schools that apply to participate. Requires that the grant given to each participating school be in an amount sufficient to pay for the full implementation of the Leader in Me® program. Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) to study the pilot program and issue a report to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives on the effectiveness of the pilot program after the second year of the pilot program by no later than December 31, 2020. Gives instruction for the format of the report to the OREA.

Amendment Summary: House Education Instruction and Programs Committee Amendment 1 (005675) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to include a character education application fee of \$7,500 payable to the Department of Education, from any school applying for a grant to participate in the program; and (2) to replace the Leader in Me® with a generic form of character education. Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (006988) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to include a character education application fee of \$7,500 payable to the Department of Education, from any school applying for a grant to participate in the program; and (2) to replace the Leader in Me® with a generic form of character education. It also makes a technical correction that changes "character education programs" to "character building programs." House Finance Subcommittee Amendment 1 (006494) deletes and replaces language of the bill as amended by amendment 005675 to include the Leader in Me® as an example of a character building program which could be implemented. Replaces the language "character education program" with "character building program" wherever it appears in the bill as amended.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000,000/FY18-19 \$2,000,000/FY19-20 \$1,000,000/FY20-21

Senate 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

Status: House 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Status:

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to creating the Leader in Me® pilot program.

Last Action 05/09/17

Date:

SB335/HB353 EDUCATION: Regulations for the achievement school district.

Sen. Harper, Thelma
Rep. Beck, Bill

Summary: Prohibits the ASD (achievement school district), or select charter schools, from including grades other than those the school served before its assignment to the ASD. Bans the ASD from recruiting students zoned for another school if a school is assigned to the ASD.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact The amount of state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding that is retained by the Achievement School District may change beginning in FY17-18, if Achievement School District funding is required to be transferred back to the regular LEA. These amounts cannot be quantified and are dependent upon multiple unknown factors.

Senate 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the achievement school district.

Last Action 03/28/17

Date:

SB334/HB354 EDUCATION: Assigning of schools or grade configurations to the ASD.


Sen. Harper, Thelma
Rep. Beck, Bill

Summary: Permits the commissioner of education to assign certain schools or grade configurations within certain schools to the ASD unless the parents of 60 percent of the children enrolled at the school object by signing a petition, at which time the LEA may agree to certain alternate interventions for the school.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact Less state and local Basic Education Program funding (BEP) will transfer to the ASD than under current law if a parent petition is successful and the

Senate LEA agrees to implement one of the alternative school restructuring models.
 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
Status:
House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning
Status: Subcommittee.
Committees: Senate Education Committee
 House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to
 achievement school districts.
Last Action 03/28/17
Date:

SB558/HB372 **EDUCATION: Tom Cronan Physical Education Act.**

 Sen. Ketron, Bill
 Rep. Kane, Roger


Summary: Requires each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least twice per week for no less than 60 minutes total. Requires that the teacher of these classes be licensed with an endorsement in physical education. Allows students with medical conditions or disabilities to be excused from this requirement by a physician's certification in writing. Requires each LEA to file an annual report verifying that it has met these requirements.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1, House Education Instruction & Programs Committee
Summary: Amendment 1 (004654) rewrites the bill. It requires each student in elementary school to participate in physical education twice a week for a total of at least sixty minutes. The teacher must be qualified and have a licensed endorsement in physical education. The classes must accommodate students of all needs, including physical disabilities. Local governments will bear any expenditures. The LEA will look over the schools' physical education programs. The fiscal cost accounts for the fact that some counties do not currently employ full-time physical education teachers.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures \$253,600*

Senate 05/09/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004654).
Status:
House 05/08/17 - Failed in House Finance Subcommittee on a vote of 6-6.
Status:
Committees: House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.
Last Action 05/09/17
Date:

SB222/HB410 **EDUCATION: Physical activity requirements for students.**

 Sen. Bowling, Janice
 Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Removes the requirement of a minimum of three 15-minute periods of non-structured physical activity per day for students in grades K-1. Also removes the requirement of a

minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days a week for grades 2-6. Requires LEAs with elementary school students to integrate a minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days each week. Clarifies that the definition of "non-structured physical activity" means a temporary withdrawal or cessation from usual school work or sedentary activities during which an opportunity for rigorous physical activity is provided and does not mean walking to and from class. Also defines "physical education program."
(Dated February 15, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Fiscal Note:

Senate 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/15/17 - House sponsor changed from Byrd to Ragan.

Status:

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical activity for students.

Last Action 03/08/17

Date:

SB859/HB441 EDUCATION: Instructional supplies provided to first year teachers.



Sen. Dickerson, Steven

Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and annually thereafter, requires the Tennessee basic education program to give five hundred dollars to every first year teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve, subject to available appropriations. The entire five hundred dollars shall be given to each first year teacher by October 31 of each school year so that the teacher may spend it at any time during the school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher.

Amendment Summary: House Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (004504) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to exclude teachers previously licensed in other states from the definition of first-year teachers.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures \$690,600/FY17-18/Permissive Exceeds \$690,600/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Senate 05/02/17 - Failed in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

Status:

House 05/05/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (004504).

Status:

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to instructional supplies provided to first year teachers.

Last Action 05/05/17

Date:

SB536/HB449 EDUCATION: Report on Response to Instruction and Intervention framework.



Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires the office of research and education accountability to study the Response to Instruction and Intervention framework and submit a report on its implementation in elementary schools to the members of the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than July 1, 2018. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (005210) requires the Department of Education the authority to compile an Effectiveness Score graded 1-5, which shall be reported on the State Report Card alongside the A-F letter grade. The Effectiveness Score outcomes shall be broken down as follows: Level 5 - Exemplary. Level 4 - Advancing. Level 3 - Satisfactory. Level 2 - Underperforming. Level 1 - Priority.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/05/17 - Failed in Senate Education Committee after adopting amendment 1 (005210).

House Status: 04/06/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (005210).

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to accountability.

Last Action Date: 04/06/17

SB481/HB501 EDUCATION: Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school.



Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Pitts, Joe

Summary: Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school to the BEP calculation.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2017) Increase State Expenditures \$246,212,800 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$550,000*

Senate Status: 03/24/17 - Senate sponsor changed from Green to Tracy.

House Status: 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Committee deferred to Summer Study.

Committees: House Education Administration and Planning Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, relative to funding.

Last Action Date: 03/28/17

SB534/HB503 EDUCATION: Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions.



Sen. Southerland, Steve

Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one for every 3,000 students to one for every 750 students. Increases the number of full-time public school nurses considered sufficient for the public school nurse program to adequately provide services from one nurse for every 3,000 students to one nurse for every 750 students.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 24, 2017) Increase State Expenditures \$42,583,800/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/BEP Increase Local Expenditures \$4,015,500/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/BEP* Up to \$10,179,100/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Senate 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to

Status: Summer Study.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12, relative to school nurses.

Last Action 03/29/17

Date:

SB535/HB524 EDUCATION: Administrative hearing procedures available to LEAs.



Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Authorizes the commissioner of education to determine if a local education agency is not in compliance with state law or the rules and regulations governing the LEA's administration or operation, to withhold state funds from the LEA as a form of penalty, punishment, or sanction. The commissioner must submit written notice to the LEA of the commissioner's decision within five (5) business days. The LEA is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the commissioner's decision, which must be conducted by an administrative judge employed in the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state. A decision of the administrative judge constitutes a final order that is not reviewable by the department of education, and may be directly appealed to the chancery court of Davidson County or to the chancery court in the county in which the LEA is located.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 25, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent any local education agency (LEA) files an administrative hearing with the Administrative Procedures Division, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures to the LEA estimated to exceed \$200. Any impact on state government is estimated to be not significant.

Senate 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs

Status: Subcommittee.

Committees: Senate Education Committee


House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to administrative hearing procedures available to local education agencies.

Last Action 04/05/17

Date:

SB1051/HB617 EDUCATION: Assessments for grades 9-12.

 Sen. Bowling, Janice
Rep. Butt, Sheila

Summary: Authorizes LEAs to use the ACT, ACT Aspire, or SAT suites of standardized assessments instead of the TCAP, TNReady, and end-of-course exams to test the subjects of math and English language arts for grades nine through 12.

Fiscal Note: (Dated April 24, 2017) Increase State Expenditures \$76,900 Other Fiscal Impact Recurring federal funds for K-12 education may be jeopardized as a result of this legislation. The precise amount, if any, cannot be reasonably determined. However, the Governors recommended budget document, on page B-107, identifies \$1,123,714,400 in federal funding for K-12 schools.

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to testing.

Last Action 02/14/17

Date:

SB1256/HB681 EDUCATION: Community service credit for volunteering with Keep Tennessee Beautiful program.

 Sen. Norris, Mark
Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Grants one hour of community service credit to a recipient of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship for each hour that the recipient volunteers with the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program, which is sponsored by the department of transportation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation that the student must obtain from the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program in order to obtain community service credit.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:



House 03/21/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to

Status: 3/28/17.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to community service.
Last Action 03/21/17
Date:

SB383/HB700 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Storm water user's fee exemptions.

 Sen. Gardenhire, Todd
 Rep. Brooks, Kevin

Summary: Exempts LEAs from paying graduated storm water user's fee.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) Decrease Local Revenue Exceeds \$1,000,000 Decrease Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,000,000

Senate 03/27/17 - Failed in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Status:

House 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to storm water user's fee exemptions.

Last Action 03/29/17

Date:

SB831/HB841 EDUCATION: K-12 Block Grant Act.

 Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff
 Rep. Fitzhugh, Craig

Summary: Enacts the "K-12 Block Grant Act," which distributes block grants to each LEA to improve the quality of education in a manner deemed appropriate by the local board of education. Prohibits block grant funds from being used for salaries or other recurring expenditures. Appropriates \$250 million from excess state tax revenues over collected in fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for K-12 block grants.

Amendment Summary: House Amendment 1 (008721) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: to create an Education Investment Endowment Fund (EIEF) from which K-12 block grant funding is distributed where the State Treasurer serves as the chair of the trustees; authorizes funds transferred to the EIEF to be invested with other funds; authorizes funds to be transferred to the revenue fluctuation reserve in any year in which the revenue fluctuation reserve is used to meet unexpected shortfalls of revenue; moves the first required report date from February 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019, and to each February 1 thereafter, on LEA uses of block grant funding; and changes the first year for which block grants are to be distributed from FY17-18 to FY19-20. House Amendment 2 (008748) requires the state treasurer to submit a written report on all investments, reinvestments, deposits, transfers, appropriations, balances, withdrawals, expenses, allocations, distributions, and trust income generated each fiscal year in the education investment endowment fund to the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives and

to the education committee of the senate by February 1, 2019, and on each February 1 thereafter.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 18, 2017) Increase State Revenue \$250,000,000/FY17-18/K-12 Block Grant Fund Increase State Expenditures \$250,147,700/FY17-18/General Fund \$142,200/Each Year FY18-19 through FY26-27/General Fund \$25,000,000/Each FY17-18 through FY26-27/K-12 Block Grant Fund Increase Local Revenue \$25,000,000/Each Year FY17-18 through FY26-27/Local Education Agencies

Senate 05/09/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 2018.

Status:

House 05/09/17 - House passed with amendments 1 (008721) and 2 (008748).

Status:

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education funding. This act makes appropriations for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Last Action 05/09/17

Date:

SB929/HB914 EDUCATION: Mandatory amount of physical activity for students per week.

 Sen. Ketron, Bill
Rep. Byrd, David

Summary: Requires each local education agency to integrate a minimum of 150 minutes of physical activity per week for elementary school students and 90 minutes of physical activity per week for middle and high school students.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, relative to physical activity for students.

Last Action 02/14/17

Date:

SB1166/HB915 EDUCATION: Changes to the advertisement of the sale of surplus property by local school systems.

 Sen. Hensley, Joey
Rep. Byrd, David

Summary: Allows the local board of education to decide the method of advertisement of surplus property for at least seven days prior to its sale to the highest bidder.

Senate 03/06/17 - Withdrawn in Senate.

~~*Status:*~~ 03/02/17 - Withdrawn in House.


Status:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

Last Action 03/06/17

Date:

SB126/HB930 UTILITIES: Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program.

 Sen. Green, Mark
Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Enacts the Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program to be administered by the TRA. Requires TRA to hold a workshop, create a program, and make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of funding the construction, expansion, or operation of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Also requires TRA to establish criteria for evaluating applications and issuing orders awarding grants under this section.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$10,955,200/FY17-18 \$10,885,200/FY18-19 \$10,885,200/FY19-20 Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown variables, the precise impact to local government cannot be determined; however any increase in local government expenditures is considered permissive. Other secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary economic impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate 03/14/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee
House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to the Tennessee rural broadband expansion grant program.

Last Action 03/28/17

Date:

SB301/HB950 UTILITIES: Electric cooperatives providing broadband internet access.

 Sen. Haile, Ferrell
Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Permits electric cooperatives to provide broadband internet access and related services without any limitations that are not otherwise placed on other private providers of telecommunication services.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$200,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$200,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact Due

to multiple unknown factors, a precise increase in state revenue and permissive increase in local government expenditures from payment of F&E taxes by electric cooperatives providing broadband service cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee
House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to communications services.

Last Action 04/03/17

Date:

SB1292/HB964 EDUCATION: Establishing of school board districts.

 Sen. Crowe, Rusty
Rep. Hill, Matthew

Summary: Permits county boards of education in counties that have at least one city school system and a population of 120,000 or more to establish the school board districts from which the members of the board are elected.

Fiscal Note: (Dated April 20, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to school board districts.

Last Action 02/15/17

Date:

SB1058/HB970 UTILITIES: Services provided by municipal electric systems.

 Sen. Bowling, Janice
Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Authorizes municipal electric companies to provide cable service, two-way video transmission, video programming, and internet services outside its service area.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 23, 2017) Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive
Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Senate 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

Status:

House 02/15/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Status:


Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 52, relative to additional authorization to provide broadband, internet, and related services.

Last Action 04/03/17

Date:

SB990/HB1104 **EDUCATION: Home-Rule LEA Act.**

 Sen. Niceley, Frank
Rep. Hill, Timothy

Summary: Enacts the Home-Rule LEA Act. Allows local boards of education greater control and governing authority over their school districts. County school systems or city school systems shall be eligible to convert to a home-rule LEA if the system meets or exceeds state average on academic and other standards for three successive years.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact If home-rule LEAs chose to adopt their own curriculum standards and purchase their own standardized tests, federal funding may be placed in jeopardy as a result of the state being out of compliance with federal regulations and statute, specifically the Every Student Succeeds Act, regarding state standardized testing and curriculum. Any withholding of federal funding will be at the discretion of the U.S. Department of Education. The state is estimated to receive \$1,188,327,500 in federal funds for K-12 education in FY17-18.

Senate 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

Committees: Senate Education Committee


House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, to enact the "Home-Rule LEA Act."

Last Action 03/29/17

Date:

SB1007/HB1129 **EDUCATION: Transition for commissioner of education to local education agency from achievement school district.**

 Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff
Rep. Parkinson, Antonio





Summary: Creates a timeline for the commissioner of education to transition schools from the operation of the achievement school district back to the local education agency if the achievement school district-operated school fails to improve student achievement.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact Depending on the joint management agreement between an LEA and the ASD, state and local BEP funding may shift from the ASD back to the LEA. The extent and timing of any shifting BEP funds is unknown and dependent upon several unknown factors.

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:
House 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning
Status: Subcommittee.
Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the achievement school district.
Last Action 03/07/17
Date:

SB1144/HB1251 **EDUCATION: State-mandated assessments.**

   Sen. Hensley, Joey
 Rep. Byrd, David

Summary: Limits the number of state-mandated assessments by grade and subject. Converts student ACT scores into letter grade equivalents for purposes of calculating certain course grades, including English III, algebra II, chemistry and biology.

Fiscal Note: (Dated April 24, 2017) Increase State Expenditures \$88,400 Other Fiscal Impact To the extent local education agencies administer fewer assessments under the provisions of this legislation, there will be a decrease in state expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, the extent of any reduced state expenditures cannot be determined.

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

Status:





Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to state-mandated assessments.

Last Action 02/15/17

Date:

SB1389/HB1256 **EDUCATION: Authorizes LEAs flexibility for innovations.**

   Sen. Tate, Reginald
 Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

Summary: Permits LEAs the same authority and power to exercise all flexibility granted to public charter schools, including applying for waivers of laws and state board rules. Encourages LEAs to exercise the given flexibility to develop and implement creative and innovative school programs that meet the specific needs of its students.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 25, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

Status: Subcommittee.


Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to public schools.

Last Action 03/28/17

Date:

SB1030/HB1340 EDUCATION: BEP instructional salary unit cost for the 2017–2018 fiscal year.

 Sen. Yarbro, Jeff

Rep. Camper, Karen

Summary: Sets the dollar value of the BEP instructional positions component for the 2017–2018 fiscal year at the statewide average licensed teacher salary as determined for the 2015-2016 school year by the BEP review committee.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 27, 2017) Increase State Expenditures \$272,028,600/BEP Increase Local Expenditures \$5,131,000/BEP

Senate 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to the basic education program (BEP).

Last Action 03/29/17

Date:

SB1102/HB1360 EDUCATION: Transparency in Charter School Finance Act.

 Sen. Kyle, Sara

Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Requires charter schools and their management organizations to be subject to open records law. Requires charter schools to disclose salaries of employees, contracts to pay salaries with third parties, the amount and description of all contract payments exceeding \$10,000, the amount and explanation of all monies received including from the BEP, and payments by charter schools to any business entity exceeding \$1,000 in any fiscal year along with any conflicts of interest between charter management organization members and those business entities.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

Status:

House 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

Status:

Committees: Senate Education Committee


House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to the Transparency in Charter School Finance Act.

Last Action 03/29/17

Date:

SB1045/HB1410 UTILITIES: Providing of broadband services by municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives.

 Sen. Bowling, Janice
Rep. Weaver, Terri

Summary: Authorizes municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives to provide telecommunication service, including broadband service either on their own or by joint venture with a third party and regardless of the service area of the electric plant.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise increase in state revenue and permissive increase in local government expenditures from payment of F&E taxes by electric cooperatives providing broadband service cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

Status:

House 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Status:

Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee
House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to telecommunications, broadband, and related services.

Last Action 04/03/17

Date: