

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 689 - SB 831**

February 8, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship requirement for being admitted to and enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution, from no later than 16 months after completing high school, to no later than 28 months after completing high school, for a student who becomes pregnant during the four-month period immediately preceding the date that such student completes high school in a Tennessee home school program; obtains a GED(R) or HiSET(R); or graduates from high school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-4-919, the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) is currently authorized to approve a leave of absence for documented medical and personal reasons.
- According to TSAC, over the last three prior years there were no submitted appeals for an enrollment extension beyond the current allowable 16 months due to pregnancy.
- There will not be a significant number of additional students in any given year that will qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as a result of the proposed extension; therefore, the fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**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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