

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 944 - SB 800

April 9, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Establishes the Governor's Civics Seal to recognize public schools and local education agencies (LEAs) implementing high-quality civic education programs that prepare students for career and civic life. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to identify on the state report card, each school earning the Governor's Civics Seal and each LEA in which at least 80 percent of the LEA's schools earn the Governor's Civics Seal. Requires DOE to develop, and the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt, criteria that a school must meet to earn the Governor's Civics Seal; establishes mandatory criteria that must be included.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007781):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to add the designation as a "Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education School" for schools earning a Seal and "Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education District" on the state report card for any LEA in which 80 percent of the LEA's schools earn the Seal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- LEAs, DOE, and SBE will be able to comply with the legislation using existing resources and without a significant increase to expenditures.
- LEAs, DOE, and SBE will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No change to the Basic Education Program.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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