



April 13, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (007565):** Requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to require fifth grade students to complete one semester of Tennessee history in the first semester of the student's fifth grade year, beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- A course of Tennessee history is currently taught to students in the fifth grade.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-311(b)(1), the social studies standards revision is currently underway and proposes moving the semester of Tennessee history to the third grade. The proposed legislation would keep the semester of Tennessee history in the fifth grade and require it to be taught during the first semester of fifth grade.
- Schools budget for the purchasing of textbooks and instructional materials that must align with the academic standards approved by the State Board of Education (SBE).
- Schools must implement the revised social studies standards and adopt textbooks that align with those standards for the 2026-27 school year.
- The final contents of the revised social studies standards are not known, but it is assumed that textbooks currently used for Tennessee history will continue to align with social studies standards and that schools will not be required to purchase new textbooks as a result of the proposed legislation.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact local expenditures.
- The SBE will be able to incorporate the changes to social studies standards within existing resources and during the current standards review cycle.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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