

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 947 - HB 1324**

March 20, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the use of photo identification cards issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in this state for voting purposes.

Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to conduct a one-time study on legitimate security concerns and benefits regarding the use of student identification cards for voting by January 31, 2022. Requires the SOS to submit a one-time report on the assessment of the actual use of student identification cards for voting compared to the previously conducted study by January 31, 2023. Repeals the provisions regarding the study and subsequent report on February 1, 2023.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation broadens acceptable forms of photo identification which can be utilized for voting purposes to include those issued by accredited postsecondary institutions of Tennessee.
- Workers at polling locations will not need a significant amount of training to correctly identify valid school-issued identification cards.
- Authorizing students to use their school-issued identification card for voting purposes will have no significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- The SOS can conduct a one-time study on the use of student identification cards for voting and submit the subsequent one-time report by January 31, 2023 within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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