

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2202 - HB 2381

February 16, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a code of conduct for each school under their authority that describes the types of behavior expected from visitors entering on school grounds and to: (1) post a copy of the code of conduct on the website of the respective school board or public charter school governing body and school; (2) supply a copy to all employees of the school; (3) post the code of conduct prominently at each school entrance; and (4) provide parents and guardians of students with a printed copy.

Requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to, prior to adoption, submit the proposed code of conduct to an attorney licensed to practice law in this state to review the legality and constitutionality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-4002 requires each local board of education and charter school governing body to adopt a discipline policy or code of conduct to apply to the students in each school operated by the LEA or charter school governing body.
- Each discipline policy or code of conduct must be posted on the LEA or school website and a copy must be supplied to all school counselors, teachers, administrative staff, students, and parents.
- It is not known if any local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies currently have a visitor code of conduct for schools under their authority; it is assumed that some policies may be amended to include the code of conduct for visitors.
- A local board of education and public charter school governing body will be able to adopt a visitor code of conduct utilizing existing staff and resources.
- It is assumed that each local board of education or public charter school governing body has access to a staff attorney who will be able to review the document within the normal course of business. Therefore, any local fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Posting the code of conduct on the applicable website will not result in any significant increase in local expenditures.
- The proposed legislation requires a copy of the code of conduct be supplied to employees, posted at each school entrance, and provided to parents and guardians.

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- It is assumed that employees will receive an electronic copy, resulting in no significant increase in local expenditures.
- The proposed legislation requires printed copies of the code of conduct to be provided to parents and guardians of students.
- The cost and volume of printed documents vary by school, and it is assumed that all local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies budget for the variation in printing costs which may occur from year to year.
- Each local board of education and public charter school governing body will have discretion in determining the detail, length, format and volume of printed copies of a visitor code of conduct.
- It is assumed that each local board of education and public charter school governing body will be able to print a visitor code of conduct to disseminate to parents and guardians of students within the allowable printing budget such that any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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