



March 3, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes, from 1:3,000 students to 1:750 students, the ratio for funding full-time public school nurse positions from the Basic Education Program (BEP).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$41,066,900/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures - \$103,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), changing the funding ratio for nurses from 1:3,000 to 1:750 students increases the number of nursing positions generated through the BEP from 358.2 to 1,306.2, for a net increase of approximately 948 nursing positions.
- The state share of the BEP will fund approximately \$43,319.50 per nursing position.
- Re-calculating the FY20-21 BEP, using a nurse to student ratio of 1:750 will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$41,066,886 (948 positions x \$43,319.50).
- The increase in BEP funding will increase the minimum required local match by \$15,641,000 for districts receiving an increase in BEP funding as a result of this bill.
- Most districts already contribute local funds in excess of the minimum required local match; however, it is estimated that one district would need to increase their local contribution in order to meet the increased required local match.
- The total mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures for such district is estimated to be \$103,000 in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- Future legislation which alters the BEP funding formula may result in local governments utilizing current excess local contributions to fund the minimum local match requirement and a combination of multiple such legislation may result in mandatory increases in local match requirements for certain school districts.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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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