

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2883 - SB 2788

March 3, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows (1) active duty and retired members of the armed forces of the United States and (2) active duty and retired members of law enforcement, whether on duty or off duty, and (3) enhanced handgun carry permit holders, except in certain circumstances, to possess or carry a handgun whether openly or concealed, with or without the intent to go armed, in any public pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (pre-K-12) school building or bus, on any public school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field, or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any public board of education or pre-K-12 school, unless the person is otherwise prohibited from possessing or carrying a handgun by state or federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Liability insurance expenditures for schools is estimated to increase; however, the precise amount or timing of the increase cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Assumptions:

- Authorizing such individuals to possess or carry a handgun in any public-school building or bus, on any public-school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field, or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any public board of education, or pre-K-12 schools will not significantly impact the operations of any such schools.
- Based on information provided previously by the Department of Education, each local education agency's liability insurance is expected to increase; however, the precise increased amount cannot be reasonably determined.
- Pursuant to 39-17-1309(b)(2), it is a Class E felony offense to possess or carry any firearm, explosive, explosive weapon, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack, knuckles or any other weapon of like kind, not used solely for instructional or school-sanctioned ceremonial purposes, in any public or private school building or bus, on any public or private school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been an average of 0.8 admissions per year over the last 10 years for the Class E felony offense

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under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1309 for carrying a weapon on school property. Therefore, the proposed exemption will not result in a sufficient decrease in the number of convictions for state or local government to experience any significant decrease in revenue or expenditures related to fines or incarceration.

- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Allowing such persons to possess or carry a handgun in such locations is not estimated to significantly impact the number of enhanced handgun carry permits issued.

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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