

HB 85 - SB 158

FISCAL NOTE



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SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 130 minutes per school week to 60 minutes per school day, the minimum amount of physical activity local education agencies (LEAs) are required to offer elementary students. Establishes additional physical activity requirements for elementary students.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-6-1021(a) and 49-6-1021(b), LEAs are required to offer elementary students a minimum of 130 minutes of physical activity per full school week and at least one 15-minute period of physical activity per day.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1021(e)(1), in addition to the integration of physical activity into the instructional school day, LEAs must require each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least two times per full school week during the school year. The total physical education class time each full school week must be no less than 60 minutes.
- After counting the required 60 minutes of physical education class time each week, each elementary school student must have 70 (130 - 60) additional minutes per week of physical activity.
- The proposed legislation increases the amount of required physical activity for elementary students from 130 minutes a week to 60 minutes per day, including one 30-minute physical activity session in the morning and one session in the afternoon. However, per the legislation, physical activity does not include the time spent by a student in a physical education class.
- The total amount of required physical activity for elementary students each week will be 300 (60 minutes x 5 days) minutes. This is an increase of 230 (300 - 70) minutes per week and 45 (60 - 15) minutes per day of required physical activity.
- An increase in the amount of time dedicated to physical activity will reduce the total amount of time during the school day that may be available for classroom instruction, lunch, and other activities. However, there is no change in the length of the school day.
- The current staffing levels and needs of each school serving elementary students is unknown; however, it is assumed that LEAs will be able to absorb the increased duration of physical activity time for elementary students each week with existing staff and resources such that any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Bojan Savic, Executive Director