

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 934 - SB 790

March 5, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Updates statutes relevant to special education in Tennessee to ensure full compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and state special education laws. Revises older language, deletes obsolete sections, and adds new definitions related to special education. Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education (DOE), the State Board of Education (SBE), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), and charter schools pursuant to the delivery of special education in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005275): Deletes and replaces language in the bill such that the only substantive changes are to remove the Department of Education (DOE) as the entity responsible for evaluating and determining if a child has a disability; removes the provision stating an LEA attorney and parent attorney are ineligible to be a member of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team; and removes the School for the Deaf's connection to the Tennessee School for the Blind for the branch school required to operate in Davidson County.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No significant impact to the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- DOE, SBE, LEAs, and charter schools will be able to comply with the proposed legislation using existing resources without a significant impact to expenditures.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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