



March 14, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015821): Enacts the *Laken Riley Act of 2024*.

Restricts a public college, university, or other public institution of higher education from prohibiting an adult person, including but not limited to, a staff member, student, employee, and other adult person lawfully present on the institution's property from carrying pepper spray, a pepper spray gun, pepper gel, mace, a stun gun, an electronic control device, or other conducted energy device when in any building, grounds, or bus owned, operated, or in use by the institution or its administration.

Authorizes these public institutions to prohibit the carrying of such non-lethal weapons on the grounds of any pre-kindergarten through grade twelve school located on its campus or in any building where armed security is provided or where such carrying is prohibited by contract.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will apply only to public institutions of higher education. It does not apply to any private institution.
- Austin Peay University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech University, and the University of Memphis all state that the proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on their respective institutions.
- The proposed legislation is not estimated to have a significant fiscal impact on East Tennessee State University or the University of Tennessee system.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), any fiscal impact to the institutions under TBR is estimated to be not significant.
- The items established as permissible in this legislation are not explicitly prohibited in current law. As such, authorizing them to be carried in the manner proposed is not estimated to result in a significant reduction in state or local incarceration.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government 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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