

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1897

April 8, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds criteria to require a minimum suspension of more than 10 days before attendance in an alternative school or alternative program for students in grades 7-12 if there is space and staff available.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3402 requires mandatory attendance in an alternative school or alternative program if there is space available, for all students in grades 7-12 who are expelled.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3402 establishes that attendance in an alternative school or alternative program shall be voluntary for students in grades one through six who have been suspended or expelled from the regular school program unless the local board of education adopts a policy mandating attendance in either instance.
- The proposed legislation does not require the expansion of an LEA's current alternative school program.
- LEAs will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources without a significant increase in expenditures.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.
- No change to the Basic Education Program.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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