

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1959 - SB 2370

February 6, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each state college of applied technology (TCAT) to contract with each Local Education Agency (LEA) that is located in the county of the TCAT in order to offer the LEA's high school students the opportunity to complete at least one of the programs available at the TCATs by the student's graduation date. Authorizes the program opportunities to be provided through traditional classroom instruction, online or virtual instruction, blended learning, or other educationally appropriate methods. Encourages the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to establish a TCAT in each county within the state in order to expand TCAT programs to all high school students.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$9,795,900/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/TCATs

Increase Local Expenditures – \$9,795,900/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), the average cost to LEAs per TCAT-LEA contract is dependent on multiple factors including the number of students enrolled, the number of courses offered, and types of courses offered, but is estimated to be \$489,796.
- There are currently 26 TCATs statewide.
- Approximately six TCATs currently contract with LEAs.
- A mandatory increase in local government expenditures and corresponding increase in state revenue to TCATs in FY23-24 and subsequent years of approximately \$9,795,920 (\$489,796 x 20 TCATs).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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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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