



March 8, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015058): Deletes the pilot pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) program. Establishes eligibility requirements for participation in a voluntary Pre-K program (VPK).

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-104 prioritizes the enrollment of at-risk children into a VPK program and the proposed legislation defines “at-risk” children for purposes of student eligibility to enroll in a VPK program.
- A local education agency (LEA) that offers a VPK program will be required to amend its enrollment policies and procedures in order to identify and enroll at risk children.
- The number of available VPK seats will not change as a result of this legislation; therefore, funding for VPK programs will be unaffected.
- LEAs will be able to comply with the changes to VPK programs within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The pilot Pre-K program is no longer funded. Therefore, deleting the relevant section of code has no fiscal impact.

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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