

## VOUCHERS:

### **SB161/HB126 EDUCATION: Creation of the Opportunity Scholarship Pilot Program.**

Sen. Kelsey, Brian  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Enacts the "Opportunity Scholarship Pilot Program," which awards scholarships to eligible students in certain LEAs (local education agencies), identified on a list approved by the state board of education as having at least thirty schools in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board.

Amendment Summary: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (004726), which rewrites the bill and makes the following substantive changes: 1) limits the pilot program to five years starting in the 2018 academic year, 2) limits the pilot program to LEAs with the most schools in the bottom five percent of overall achievement, 3) requires the Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) under the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to provide a detailed report on the pilot program on a bi-annual basis as well as at the end of the pilot program, 4) includes schools within the Achievement School District (ASD) within the geographic footprint of each LEA as in the LEA for the purpose of counting schools in the bottom five percent, 5) provides the DOE with discretion on whether participating schools must submit a financial audit, 6) requires LEAs to notify the DOE with names of parents of students eligible for the pilot program, 7) authorizes participating students to continue beyond the end of the pilot program as scholarship students, and 8) changes the proposed enrollment caps as follows--for LEAs with a school that is in the bottom five percent of achievement at 2,500 scholarships for FY18-19, 5,000 scholarships in FY19-20 and subsequent years.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$330,400/FY17-18 \$230,400/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – For local education agencies that have schools in the bottom five percent of achievement and are mandated to participate in the statewide scholarship program, the shift of state and required local BEP funding from these local education agencies to the non-public participating schools is estimated as follows: \$8,867,500 in FY17-18; \$13,633,100 in FY18- 19; \$18,632,500 in FY19-20; and an amount exceeding \$18,632,500 in FY18-19 and subsequent years.

Intro Dates: S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

Senate Status: 03/08/17 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004726). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

### **SB380/HB336 EDUCATION: Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act.**

Sen. Gardenhire, Todd  
Rep. Dunn, Bill

Summary: Enacts the Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act, which establishes a scholarship program for students wanting to attend private K-12 schools. In order for a student to be eligible for the scholarship program, the student must reside in Tennessee and be zoned to attend or enrolled in a public school that is identified as being in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the state board of education. The student must be above five years of age or will become five years of age on or before August 15 of each year. Eligibility for the program can extend until the student graduates from high school, but the student must be less than twenty-two years of age by August 15 of each year. The student must be a member of a household whose annual income during the year prior to initial receipt of a scholarship met the requirements for free or reduced price lunch, and was previously enrolled in a Tennessee public school during the two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which the student receives a scholarship for enrolling in a Tennessee school for the first time or received a scholarship in the previous school year. The annual scholarship amount a student can be eligible for, is the cost of tuition and fees that would otherwise be charged by the school, or the amount representing the per pupil state and local funds generated and required through the basic education program for the LEA in which the student resides and is zoned to attend. The total number of scholarships awarded statewide for the 2017–2018 school year, shall not exceed five thousand scholarships. For the 2018–2019 school year, no more than seven thousand five hundred scholarships. For the 2019–2020 school year, no more than ten thousand scholarships. For the 2020–2021 school year and thereafter, no more than twenty thousand scholarships shall be awarded. Allows private schools in Tennessee to voluntarily agree to participate in the program and enroll eligible students, but the participating private school must provide notice, on an annual basis, of intent to participate in the program to the department of education through an application developed by the department. The participating school must be identified as a category I, II, or III school, annually administer to scholarship students state assessments as provided or nationally recognized norm-referenced tests; provide the parents of scholarship students the results of their individual student's annual assessments, provide the department of education with graduation rates of scholarship students as well as other student information, and comply with nondiscrimination policies. Requires participating schools to submit to the department a financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant, and provide lunch to scholarship students at no cost or at a

reduced cost pursuant to the same income qualifications established under the National School Lunch Program. Requires the department of education to determine and approve school and student eligibility and participation; if the number of eligible students who submit applications exceeds the permissible number of scholarships available statewide or the available seats at participating schools for any grade level, the department shall conduct a random selection process to award scholarships that provides each eligible student with an equal opportunity for selection. The department may suspend or terminate a school's participation in the program, if the department determines the school has failed to comply with the requirements outlined in code section 49-1-1203 (A) of the bill. If a participating school is suspended or terminated from the program, or if the school otherwise withdraws from the program, scholarship students enrolled at the school may transfer to another participating school without loss of scholarship eligibility and such students shall be given preference for enrollment.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 26, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$330,400/FY17-18 \$230,400/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – For local education agencies that have schools in the bottom five percent of achievement and are mandated to participate in the statewide scholarship program, the shift of state and required local BEP funding from these local education agencies to the non-public participating schools is estimated as follows: \$17,735,000 in FY17-18; \$27,266,300 in FY18- 19; \$37,265,000 in FY19-20; and an amount exceeding \$37,265,000 in FY18-19 and subsequent years.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/17, H: 02/02/17

**Senate Status:** 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

**House Status:** 02/07/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB987/HB1109 EDUCATION: Requirements for IEA.**

Sen. Kelsey, Brian  
Rep. Deberry Jr., John

**Summary:** Removes requirement that an eligible student be previously enrolled in a public school for two semesters prior to receiving an individualized education account, attend a Tennessee school for the first time, or receive an account in the previous school year in order to be considered eligible to receive an individualized education account. Broadly captioned.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 7, 2017) Increase State Revenue – \$5,000/FY18-19/Department of Education \$5,400/FY19-20/Department of Education \$5,500/FY20-21/Department of Education Exceeds \$5,500/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/Department of Education Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$37,400/FY18-19\* Other Fiscal Impact – For local education agencies (LEAs) with students that opt to participate in the IEA program, the net shift of state and required local BEP funding from these local education agencies to the participating entities, is estimated as follows: \$119,600 in FY18-19; \$129,400 in FY19-20; \$133,300 in FY20-21; and amounts exceeding \$133,300 in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

**Senate Status:** 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

### **SB115/HB364 EDUCATION: Individualized education account (IEA) available for certain students with denied admittance.**

Sen. Briggs, Richard  
Rep. Zachary, Jason

**Summary:** Allows a student who was denied admittance to the individualized education account (IEA) program for the 2016-2017 school year because the student was not previously enrolled in a Tennessee public school the two semesters preceding the semester with an IEA to enroll in the program, if the student has the required disability and had an IEP at a Tennessee public school during the 2015-2016 school year.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 17, 2017) Increase State Revenue – \$4,700/Department of Education/FY17-18 \$2,300/Department of Education/Each Year FY18-19 through FY30-31 Increase State Expenditures – \$38,600/Each Year FY18-19 through FY30-31/BEP Decrease Local Revenue - \$117,000/FY17-18/BEP Increase Local Expenditure – \$19,200/Each Year FY18-19 through FY30-31/BEP

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/30/17, H: 02/02/17

**Senate Status:** 03/08/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to the last committee calendar.

**House Status:** 02/21/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

### **SB395/HB460 EDUCATION: Empowerment Scholarship Account Act.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Kane, Roger

**Summary:** Enacts the "Empowerment Scholarship Account Act," which establishes a program whereby parents may utilize funds in an empowerment scholarship account (ESA) to pay the education expenses of enrolling their eligible students/children in a nonpublic school that is participating in the program instead of enrolling in a

public school. Requires the department of education to create a standard form that a parent of a student may submit to establish the student's eligibility for an ESA, establish annual enrollment periods for parents to apply for the program, provide parents of participating students with a written explanation of the allowable uses of an ESA, ensure that lower-income families are made aware of the program and eligibility requirements, and post on its website a list of participating schools for each school year, the grades taught in the school, and other information that the department determines shall assist parents in selecting a participating school. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, enrollment in the program shall be limited to the equivalent of one-half of one percent of the estimated statewide total public school enrollment in the prior school year. New enrollment shall increase by an additional one-half of one percent of the statewide enrollment each school year thereafter. If there are more applicants than ESAs available due to this section, the department shall award ESAs on a random lottery basis with preference granted to children who have a parent who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is on active duty or was killed in the line of duty, foster children who have achieved permanency through adoption or permanent guardianship, or who are residing with a prospective permanent placement and the case plan is adoption or permanent guardianship, and children who are members of a household whose annual income during the year prior to initial enrollment in the program met the requirements for free or reduced price lunch; or who reside in an LEA with at least one school in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board of education. Parents must also sign an agreement to provide an education for the participating student in, at a minimum, the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies, and science. Parents must also not enroll their eligible student in a public school and must release the local education agency in which the student resides and is zoned to attend from all obligations to educate the student. A participating student enrolled in the program shall forfeit program eligibility and further access to the student's ESA account if the student enrolls in a public school, graduates from high school, or reaches twenty-two years of age by August 15 for the next school year, whichever occurs first. A participating student may return to the student's LEA at any time after enrolling in the program in compliance with rules promulgated by the state board of education; upon a participating student's return to the student's LEA, the student's ESA shall be closed, and any remaining funds shall be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program (BEP) account of the education trust fund. Any funds remaining in a student's ESA upon graduation from high school may be used to attend or take courses from an eligible postsecondary institution, with qualifying expenses. Upon a participating student's graduation from a postsecondary institution or after any period of four consecutive years after high school graduation in which the student is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution, the participating student's ESA shall be closed, and any remaining funds shall be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program (BEP) account of the education trust fund. Only the department of education may deposit funds into an ESA, but does not prohibit parents or third parties on a parent's behalf from making payments for the costs of educational programs and services not covered by the funds in the ESA. Requires that a parent ensure that the participating student is annually administered, in the student's eligible participating school, either a nationally norm-referenced test identified by the department of education or the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or any future replacements of the TCAP tests. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate, as determined on the student's IEP, are exempt from this requirement. The results of the tests are provided to the department or an organization chosen by the department on an annual basis, beginning with the first year of testing. The department, or an organization chosen by the department, shall annually produce and publish a report, in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws, to be made available on the department's website. The report shall include: Student performance on state achievement tests or nationally norm-referenced tests, including learning gains, high school graduation rates, the percentage of funds used for each qualifying expense, the fiscal impact to the state and resident school districts of the program, including the impact on revenue and the impact on expenses, and a report on the fiscal savings associated with students departing public schools, regardless of whether a public school from which a student would have attended reduces its spending accordingly. The department shall provide the chair of the senate education committee, the chair of the house of representatives education administration and planning committee, and the chair of the house of representatives education instruction and programs committee with a final copy of the report. The department may remove any participating student from eligibility for an ESA for failure to comply with the terms of the contract or applicable laws, rules, or orders, or if the student or student's parent knowingly misuses monies or knowingly fails to comply with the terms of the contract with intent to defraud. If the department suspends or terminates a school's participation, the department shall notify affected participating students and parents of the decision. If a participating school is suspended, terminated, or withdraws from the program, affected participating students shall remain eligible to participate in the program until a disqualifying event occurs. All ESAs shall be subject to random and quarterly audits as needed by the comptroller of the treasury. The funds in an ESA may be used only for educational purposes. Participating schools, eligible postsecondary institutions, and providers that enroll participating students shall provide parents with a receipt for all qualifying expenses at the school or institution.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 20, 2017) Increase State Revenue – \$1,396,000/FY18-19 Exceeds \$2,862,000/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,169,800/FY17-18 Exceeds \$945,800/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – For local education agencies that have participating students in the ESA program, the shift of state and required local BEP funding from these local

education agencies to the non-public participating schools is estimated as follows: \$34,900,800 in FY18-19; and amount estimated to exceed \$71,548,800 in FY19-20 and subsequent years.

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/17, H: 02/08/17

Senate Status: 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

House Status: 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB573/HB715 EDUCATION: Students diagnosed with disability may be considered for Individualized Education Act.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Expands eligibility of students for the Individual Education act to those who have been diagnosed with a disability by a licensed physician or psychologist.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 2, 2017) Increase State Revenue – \$170,800/FY17-18/Department of Education \$176,800/FY18-19/Department of Education \$183,000/FY19-20/Department of Education Exceeds \$183,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Department of Education Increase State Expenditures – \$237,900/FY17-18 \$234,900/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – For LEAs with students that opt to participate in the IEA program, the net shift of state and required local BEP funding from these LEAs to the participating entities, is estimated as follows: \$4,100,000 in FY17- 18; \$4,243,400 in FY18-19; \$4,391,100 in FY19-20; and amounts exceeding \$4,391,100 in FY18-19 and subsequent years.

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

**STATE MANDATED ASSESSMENTS:**

**SB1051/HB617 EDUCATION: Assessments for grades 9-12.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Authorizes LEAs to use the ACT, ACT Aspire, or SAT suites of standardized assessments instead of the TCAP, TNReady, and end-of-course exams to test the subjects of math and English language arts for grades nine through 12.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**HB262 EDUCATION: Testing for local education agencies.**

Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Allows LEAs (local education agencies) to use the ACT and ACT Aspire suite of assessments as approved testing alternatives to the TCAP, TNReady, and end of course examinations.

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/01/17

*House Status:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB204/HB263 EDUCATION: Limits state-mandated standardized testing times based on grade level.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Requires that no student be administered state-mandated standardized tests for a total time period per academic year greater than the specific grade level of the student. Limits state-mandated standardized testing to a maximum of 8 hours per academic year. Excludes ACT, SAT, or other assessments used to assess postsecondary readiness . Excludes locally administered assessments. Excludes students with disabilities for whom additional testing time is appropriate based on the student's IEP.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Stats:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB2/HB1043 EDUCATION: Annual school improvement plans - assessments included.**

Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Casada, Glen

**Summary:** Specifies that for purposes of annual school improvement plans, each school and LEA may choose either the ACT scores or SAT test scores as one of the assessments for student proficiency.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 4, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/10/17, H: 02/09/17

**Senate Status:** 01/30/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Committee 03/14/17.

**SB1144/HB1251 EDUCATION: State-mandated assessments.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Byrd, David

**Summary:** Limits the number of state-mandated assessments by grade and subject. Converts student ACT scores into letter grade equivalents for purposes of calculating certain course grades, including English III, algebra II, chemistry and biology.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17, H: 02/13/17

**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**BUSES:** **EDUCATION: Restrictions for hiring school bus drivers.**  
**SB149/HB89**

Sen. Haile, Ferrell  
Rep. Rogers, Courtney

**Summary:** Places restrictions on receiving school bus driver license endorsements or being hired as a school bus driver for drivers who have previously committed serious traffic violations, including excessive speeding or reckless driving.

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17

**Senate Status:** 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/07/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB137/HB127 EDUCATION: Age requirement for school bus endorsement on driver license.**

Sen. Harris, Lee  
Rep. Favors, JoAnne

**Summary:** Increases the age limit from 21 to 25 for a person's eligibility to receive the school bus endorsement on a driver license. Grandfathers in persons between the ages of 21 and 25 years who are seeking a renewal of an existing endorsement held by the applicant as of June 30, 2017.

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

**Senate Status:** 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/07/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1210/HB322 EDUCATION: Establishes a school transportation supervisor program.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hawk, David

**Summary:** Establishes a school transportation supervisor program for the monitoring and oversight of transportation services for local education authorities and charter schools. Requires new school bus drivers to complete a training program prior to transporting students. Requires a driver to be at least 25 years of age and have at least five consecutive years of unrestricted driving experience to receive an initial school bus driver license endorsement. Part of Administration Package.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 8, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – \$350,000 The Governor's Recommended Budget Document for FY17-18, on page B-209, recognizes a recurring increase in state expenditures from the General Fund of \$350,000.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17

**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 03/09/17 - Set for House Transportation Committee 03/14/17.

## **SB462/HB392 EDUCATION: Installation of cameras on school buses.**

Sen. Bell, Mike  
Rep. Brooks, Kevin

**Summary:** Permits an LEA to purchase exterior cameras for school buses to record images of motor vehicles that fail to stop upon approaching a school bus with lights flashing and stop sign extended. Specifies that registered owner of vehicle will be held responsible for violation as reviewed by the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be given a notice of violation. Details allocation of revenue from fine proceeds. Requires LEA ensure warning sign of camera is visible and to report on a monthly basis the data concerning cameras installation and violation enforcement.

**Intro Dates:** H: 02/06/17

**Senate Status:** 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/08/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

## **SB381/HB395 EDUCATION: Restraint systems required on school buses.**

Sen. Gardenhire, Todd  
Rep. Favors, JoAnne

**Summary:** Requires any school bus ordered or purchased on or after July 1, 2018, to be equipped with a restraint system. Also requires any school bus that is currently used to transport students be equipped with a restraint system by July 1, 2023.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/17, H: 02/06/17

**Senate Status:** 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/08/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

## **RURAL BOARD BAND:**

### **SB301/HB950 UTILITIES: Electric cooperatives providing broadband internet access.**

Sen. Haile, Ferrell  
Rep. Swann, Art

**Summary:** Permits electric cooperatives to provide broadband internet access and related services without any limitations that are not otherwise placed on other private providers of telecommunication services.

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$200,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise increase in state revenue and permissive increase in local government expenditures from payment of F&E taxes by electric cooperatives providing broadband service cannot be reasonably determined.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/17, H: 02/09/17

**Senate Status:** 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

**House Status:** 03/07/17 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to last calendar.

### **SB22 UTILITIES: Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program.**

Sen. Green, Mark

**Summary:** Enacts the Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program to be administered by the TRA. Requires TRA to hold a workshop, create a program, and make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of funding the construction, expansion, or operation of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Also requires TRA to establish criteria for evaluating applications and issuing orders awarding grants under this section.

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/12/17

**Senate Status:** 01/30/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

### **SB1045/HB1410 UTILITIES: Providing of broadband services by municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Weaver, Terri

**Summary:** Authorizes municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives to provide telecommunication service, including broadband service either on their own or by joint venture with a third party and regardless of the service area of the electric plant.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$400,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise increase in state revenue and permissive increase in local government expenditures from payment of F&E taxes by electric cooperatives providing broadband service cannot be reasonably determined.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to last calendar.

**SB1058/HB970 UTILITIES: Services provided by municipal electric systems.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Howell, Dan

*Summary:* Authorizes municipal electric companies to provide cable service, two-way video transmission, video programming, and internet services outside its service area.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB126/HB930 UTILITIES: Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Enacts the Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program to be administered by the TRA. Requires TRA to hold a workshop, create a program, and make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of funding the construction, expansion, or operation of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Also requires TRA to establish criteria for evaluating applications and issuing orders awarding grants under this section.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 6, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$10,955,200/FY17-18 \$10,885,200/FY18-19 \$10,885,200/FY19-20 Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, the precise impact to local government cannot be determined; however any increase in local government expenditures is considered permissive. Other secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary economic impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/14/17.

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to last calendar.

**PE: EDUCATION: Tom Cronan Physical Education Act  
SB558/HB372**

Sen. Ketron, Bill  
Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Requires each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least twice per week for no less than 60 minutes total. Requires that the teacher of these classes be licensed with an endorsement in physical education. Allows students with medical conditions or disabilities to be excused from this requirement by a physician's certification in writing. Requires each LEA to file an annual report verifying that it has met these requirements.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures \$253,600\*

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 03/01/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

**SB929/HB914 EDUCATION: Mandatory amount of physical activity for students per week.**

Sen. Ketron, Bill  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Requires each local education agency to integrate a minimum of 150 minutes of physical activity per week for elementary school students and 90 minutes of physical activity per week for middle and high school students.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 4, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

## **SB222/HB410 EDUCATION: Physical activity requirements for students.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Removes the requirement of a minimum of three 15-minute periods of non-structured physical activity per day for students in grades K-1. Also removes the requirement of a minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days a week for grades 2-6. Requires LEAs with elementary school students to integrate a minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days each week. Clarifies that the definition of "non-structured physical activity" means a temporary withdrawal or cessation from usual school work or sedentary activities during which an opportunity for rigorous physical activity is provided and does not mean walking to and from class. Also defines "physical education program."

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/06/17

*Senate Status:* 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee

*House Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

## **ELECTIONS:**

### **SB508/HB475 EDUCATION: Election of the director of schools.**

Sen. Gardenhire, Todd  
Rep. Gravitt, Marc

*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) in the office of the comptroller of the treasury to examine the effectiveness of allowing LEAs to elect a director of schools instead of allowing the local board of education to appoint a director of schools. Requires the OREA to report findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by February 1, 2019. Specifies several questions to be addressed in the report. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB340/HB570 EDUCATION: Creation of the Local School District Empowerment Act.**

Sen. Niceley, Frank  
Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Creates a pilot program called the "Local School District Empowerment Act," which reestablishes the office of elected school superintendent. Requires the department of education to study the efficiency of the new program. Adjusts duties of local boards of education in systems in which the office of elected school superintendent is reestablished to correlate with the superintendent.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 2, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB582/HB1039 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Nonpartisan election requirements revised for cities greater than 100,000.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires partisan elections in municipalities with a population of 100,000 or greater. Also requires partisan elections in all school board elections.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 6, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY18-19 and Every Two Years Thereafter\* \$35,000/FY18-19 and Every Two Years Thereafter/Permissive \$900,000/FY19-20 and Every Two Years Thereafter/Permissive \$45,000/FY20-21 and Every Two Years Thereafter/Permissive

*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Local Government Subcommittee 03/14/17.



## **SB1292/HB964 EDUCATION: Establishing of school board districts.**

Sen. Crowe, Rusty  
Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Permits county boards of education in counties that have at least one city school system and a population of 120,000 or more to establish the school board districts from which the members of the board are elected.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS:**

### **SB1102/HB1360 EDUCATION: Transparency in Charter School Finance Act.**

Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Requires charter schools and their management organizations to be subject to open records law. Requires charter schools to disclose salaries of employees, contracts to pay salaries with third parties, the amount and description of all contract payments exceeding \$10,000, the amount and explanation of all monies received including from the BEP, and payments by charter schools to any business entity exceeding \$1,000 in any fiscal year along with any conflicts of interest between charter management organization members and those business entities.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

### **SB263/HB267 EDUCATION: Payment of chartering authority application fee.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Authorizes a chartering authority to require a charter school sponsor to pay an application fee of \$2,500. Authorizes an LEA to receive an annual authorizer fee of up to three percent of the charter school's per student state and local funding if the LEA is the public charter school's chartering authority.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Instruction and Programs Committee Amendment 1 (003823) deletes and rewrites the bills, allows a chartering authority to require an application fee payment of up to \$2500 per application filed from a charter school sponsor.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 28, 2017) Increase Local Revenue – \$8,162,600

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/15/17.

## **BEP:**

### **SB859/HB441 EDUCATION: Instructional supplies provided to first year teachers.**

Sen. Dickerson, Steven  
Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and annually thereafter, requires the Tennessee basic education program to give five hundred dollars to every first year teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve, subject to available appropriations. The entire five hundred dollars shall be given to each first year teacher by October 31 of each school year so that the teacher may spend it at any time during the school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – \$690,600/FY17-18/Permissive Exceeds \$690,600/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB401/HB457 EDUCATION: Money teachers receive for classroom instruction materials.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Increases the money teachers receive for classroom instruction materials from \$200 to \$400.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/08/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB481/HB501 EDUCATION: Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:* Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school to the BEP calculation.  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB534/HB503 EDUCATION: Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions.**

Sen. Southerland, Steve  
Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one for every 3,000 students to one for every 750 students. Increases the number of full-time public school nurses considered sufficient for the public-school nurse program to adequately provide services from one nurse for every 3,000 students to one nurse for every 750 students.  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**Guns:**

**SB147/HB40 CRIMINAL LAW: Creation of the Open Carry Firearms Freedom Act.**

Sen. Beavers, Mae  
Rep. VanHuss, James

*Summary:* Enacts the Open Carry Firearms Freedom Act. Under this bill, no permit would be required for the open carrying of a handgun. The existing permit provisions would still apply to carrying a concealed handgun.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/01/17 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee

**SB1151/HB409 EDUCATION: Employees carrying concealed weapons on the property of schools in distressed rural counties.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Clarifies that the curriculum required before an employee is permitted to carry a handgun on the property of schools in distressed rural counties may be adapted by the instructing law enforcement agency from an existing curriculum approved by POST.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/06/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**SB131/HB493 CRIMINAL LAW: Amends various firearms provisions.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Allows a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm to possess a firearm either openly or concealed. Clarifies that a person commits an offense who possesses a firearm and has been convicted of a dangerous felony unless such individual has had his or her civil rights restored. Specifies that a person possessing a firearm who has been convicted of a dangerous felony commits a Class E felony offense. Removes private educational institutions from the statute prohibiting the possession or carrying of firearms or weapons on school property. Clarifies that the board of directors or other managing body of a private school may elect to prohibit possession or carrying of weapons on campus by posting signage in conformity with the signage required for public schools. Adds additional language to the statute regarding affirmative defense to carrying weapons on school property to include a person demonstrating that the required signage was not posted in conformity with the requirements of state law. Deletes language prohibiting the carrying of weapons in public parks, playgrounds, civic centers and other public buildings. Amends various other firearms provisions. (16 pp.)

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1341/HB884 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by the holder of a valid handgun carry permit.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. Matheny, Judd

*Summary:* Allows the holder of a valid handgun permit to carry firearms at all times and places within Tennessee unless the permit holder is consuming an alcoholic beverage, is under the influence of a controlled substance, is attending a judicial proceeding, or is on school grounds and has not notified school administration.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – Passage of the bill could put the Departments of Education and Children’s Services out of compliance with federal regulations. The amount and timing of federal funding that could be jeopardized is unknown. Annual federal funding for both departments totals approximately \$436,179,800.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 03/08/17 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/22/17.

**MISCELANIOUS BILLS:**

**SB9/HB12 EDUCATION: Community service hours for blood donation for TN Promise Scholarship recipients.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Gives one hour of community service credit to recipients of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship who make a blood donation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation required in order for a student to obtain community service credit for a blood donation.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 12, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/10/17, H: 01/10/17

*Senate Status:* 02/15/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee

*House Status:* 02/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Committee

**SB248/HB22 EDUCATION: Postsecondary credit courses for high school students.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Requires, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each LEA to offer students in each of its high schools the opportunity to take at least six early postsecondary credit courses, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit courses. Specifies that these opportunities may be provided through traditional classroom instruction, online or virtual instruction, blended learning, or other educationally appropriate methods.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Instruction and Programs Committee amendment 1 (002687) adds "dual enrollment" to the post-secondary credit options listed in the bill.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 01/11/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB577/HB42****EDUCATION: Department of education bicycle safety curriculum.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:*

Urges the department of education to include the proper use and positioning of bicycle helmets in its pilot bicycle safety curriculum. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated January 20, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB578/HB75****EDUCATION: Notice for construction of or additions to school buildings.**

Sen. Bell, Mike  
Rep. Rogers, Courtney

*Summary:*

Rewrites language to require a records custodian that requires a request for copies of public records to be in writing, to accept handwritten request, mail request, email request, and provide an electronic form request that shall be developed by the office of open records counsel, as expeditiously as possible. Also requires persons who wish to view or copy public records, to present a valid form of identification to a records custodian.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House State Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (003739) specifies that a records custodian may require a request for copies of public records to be on a form developed by the agency. Also requires the records custodian to provide such form in the most expeditious means possible when the form is requested.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 11, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/14/17.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/14/17.

**SB584/HB63****EDUCATION: Annual report by commissioner of education on conflict resolution intervention programs.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:*

Changes from "February 15" to "the second Tuesday in January" the date by which the commissioner of education is to make the annual report on conflict resolution intervention programs. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated January 20, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB250/HB67****EDUCATION: Use of alternative growth models by LEAs.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:*

Requires LEAs, by the 2018-2019 school year, to use at least one appropriate alternative growth model that has been approved by the state board of education. Requires the department of education to work to develop valid and reliable alternative student growth models for the grade levels and subjects that do not have models.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated January 30, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

03/06/17 - House passed.

**SB46/HB68****EDUCATION: Minors withdrawn from secondary school applying for a motor vehicle license or permit.**

Sen. Massey, Becky  
Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:*

Adds HiSET® to the courses a minor student may be enrolled and making satisfactory academic progress in to obtain a driver's license or permit.

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/17/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB574/HB72****EDUCATION: Standards review and development committees and advisory teams.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Eldridge, Jimmy

*Summary:*

Requires the standards review and development committees and advisory teams appointed by the state board of education to review the academic standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies every seven years, beginning in 2022.

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB578/HB75****EDUCATION: Notice for construction of or additions to school buildings.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:*

Changes the number of days' notice that must be given by an LEA before accepting bids for construction of or additions to school buildings from 10 days to 10 business days.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated January 23, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**HB76****EDUCATION: Assessments required for home school students.**

Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:*

Requires home school students to take an assessment in grade 11 to graduate, which is the same as the current assessment requirement for traditional public high school students.

*Intro Dates:*

H: 01/30/17

*House Status:*

02/08/17 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB158/HB94****EDUCATION: AEDs- The Lovin Law.**

Sen. Watson, Bo  
Rep. Gravitt, Marc

*Summary:*

Requires LEAs to place at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) device in each school. Enacts the "Lovin Law" which requires an owner or operator of a public or private facility that occupies 500 or more people, to make available at least one functional AED for emergency use, and ensure that at least one employee of the establishment is properly trained on how to operate and inspect the AED.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated March 5, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$452,000/FY17-18 \$289,600/FY18-19 \$292,900/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures - \$360,000/FY17-18\* \$42,800/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years\*

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB249/HB97****EDUCATION: Offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:*

Requires the department of education to form a partnership with a national nonprofit education organization to increase the offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college and that provide college credit through examination. Specifies that the partnership shall be known as the Tennessee College Credit Partnership (TCCP). Also specifies that the partnership shall make available professional development to enable teachers of postsecondary credit courses to have the necessary content knowledge and instructional skills to prepare students for success on the course examinations and mastery of postsecondary course content. Requires, subject to appropriations, the state to fund payment of college credit examination fees and career and technical certification or licensure examination fees.

*Amendment Summary:*

House Education Instruction and Programs Committee amendment 1 (004090) removes language requiring the state to pay for all college credit examinations that are to be created under this partnership to language allowing the Department of Education to partner with selected schools and districts to give grants in accordance with the provisions established. Also gives authority for the Department of Education to partner with schools and districts to improve post-secondary readiness by creating its own partnership program

without partnering with a national nonprofit educational organization. House Education Instruction and Programs Committee amendment 2 (004076) deletes and rewrites Section 3 of the bill to create an early post-secondary exam and certification program to provide financial assistance to cover the cost of examination fees. The amount appropriated outside the BEP for this purpose cannot exceed \$10,000.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 7, 2017) Increase State Expenditures — Exceeds \$7,044,700/Recurring Decrease State Expenditures - \$400,000/One-Time Other Fiscal Impact – Some portion of the industry certification or licensure examination fees may be paid to the respective state licensing boards; however, any such amounts cannot be reasonably determined.

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB661/HB111**

**EDUCATION: Duties and powers of commissioner of education.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:*

Removes the prohibition on the commissioner of education's ability to waive regulatory or statutory requirements related to licensure of employees upon application by an LEA.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/13/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB245/HB112**

**EDUCATION: Career and technical education - soft skills.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:*

Requires the state board of education to develop standards for a one-semester elective course in career and technical education in soft skills, needed for the workplace for students in grades nine through twelve. Soft skills means attributes that enable a person to build effective interpersonal relationships and to interact successfully with others in the business community. Requires each LEA to include an elective soft skills course in its career and technical education program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Students outside of the career and technical education program can enroll in the soft skill course, if space is available.

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/09/17 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB246/HB118**

**EDUCATION: Possession of pagers by students.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim

Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:*

Deletes language pertaining to students having an electronic pager without permission, which is a violation of the School Security Act of 1981.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 7, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB117/HB121**

**EDUCATION: Permitting the administration of medications for adrenal insufficiency in schools.**

Sen. Briggs, Richard

Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:*

Requires the state board of education, in consultation with the department of health, the board of nursing, and the board of pharmacy, to adopt rules for the administration of medication that treats adrenal insufficiency by trained school personnel trained to a student on school premises. Specifies that the rules adopted include guidelines on the designation and training of school personnel who will be responsible for administering medication. Also state that the rules adopted specify that an LEA is only required to train school personnel when the LEA has been notified by a parent or guardian that a student in a school of the LEA has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency. Requires each local education agency board to adopt policies and procedures that provide for the administration of medications that treat adrenal insufficiency

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

House Education Administration and Planning Committee amendment 1 (004349) adds the Department of Children's Services to the departments with which the State Board of Education must consult when

adopting rules for the dispensation of medication for students suffering from adrenal insufficiency. It also limits the liability of the LEA employee that administers the medication for adrenal insufficiency as well as the boards of education that authorize the dispensation of medication.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:* 02/27/17 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/15/17.

**SB247/HB124 EDUCATION: LEAs to survey students regarding availability of internet access in their homes.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires each LEA to survey students, within one month of the start of the 2017-2018 school year, as to the availability of internet access in their homes and report results to the department of education. Requires the department of education to report the results to the governor, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives by December 15, 2017. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB809/HB125 EDUCATION: Time frame for release of the teacher preparation training report.**

Sen. Tate, Reginald  
Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Changes the deadline for the state board of education to release the teacher preparation training report from November 1 of each year to February 1 of each year.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Amendment 1, House Education Administration and Planning Committee Amendment 1 (004039) rewrites the original bill such that the amended bill extends from November 1 to February 15 the date by which LEAs and teacher training institutions are required to issue their annual report to the State Board of Education on the effectiveness of teacher training programs.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 03/02/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004039).

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/16/17.

**SB168/HB131 EDUCATION: LEAs- Audit reports.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Changes the time period an LEA must submit a copy of their audit report on school funds to the commissioner of education, from ten days to fifteen business days.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB217/HB147 EDUCATION: Policies regarding patrol area of school resource officers.**

Sen. Tate, Reginald  
Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Allows an LEA to file annually with the commissioner of education written policies and procedures developed and adopted by the board, in consultation with local law enforcement, to authorize a school resource officer to patrol within a three-mile radius of the officer's assigned school.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1 (004768) lessens the radius a school resource officer has to patrol outside their assigned school from three miles to one mile.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

**SB52/HB164****EDUCATION: Reporting on driver education courses in public schools.**

Sen. Dickerson, Steven  
Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:*

Requires the department of education to annually report on the availability and content of driver education and training courses in public schools to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated January 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB156/HB166****PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: TCRS members employed as substitute teachers.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:*

Removes the 90-day limitation on a retired member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system working as a substitute teacher. The 90-day limitation is currently an extension of the original 120 days' limit for a retired teacher to return to teaching in a school system.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 10, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:*

03/01/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to 3/22/17.

*House Status:*

02/14/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

*Executive Status:*

03/10/17 - Set for Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance 03/13/17.

**SB14/HB174****EDUCATION: Creates a list of rights and protections afforded to educators.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:*

Creates a list of rights and protections afforded to educators. Specifies that an "educator" means any teacher, principal, supervisor or other individual required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in the public schools.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated March 10, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$374,400/FY17-18 Exceeds \$242,800/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$220,400/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/10/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:*

01/30/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB136/HB192****EDUCATION: Fire drills in public schools.**

Sen. Jackson, Ed  
Rep. Sanderson, Bill

*Summary:*

Requires fire drills to occur during the first 14 full days of the school year instead of the first 30 days. Also, subsequently requires one every two months onward to maintain four fire drills a year.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Education Administration & Planning Committee amendment 1 (003810), which changes the requirement of one subsequent fire drill every two months to one every 30 school days.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 10, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:*

02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/13/17.

**SB271/HB219****EDUCATION: ROTC and Hope Scholarship requirements.**

Sen. Green, Mark  
Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:*

Specifies that semester hours for ROTC courses do not count towards the credit hour limitations for the TN Hope Scholarship. Excludes grades earned in ROTC courses from being used to calculate HOPE eligibility.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Education Administration and Planning Committee Amendment 1 (004113) makes a technical change of the word "is" to "shall."

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 12, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – \$532,000/Lottery for Education Account This funding will not be included in the annual statutory transfer of excess lottery funding from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Endowment Fund.



*Intro Dates:* S: 02/02/17, H: 02/01/17  
*Senate Status:* 03/01/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to 3/22/17.  
*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB1262/HB230 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Tax revenue redistribution of liquor-by-the-drink proceeds.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hulseley, Bud

*Summary:* Extends the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 2, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/14/17.

*House Status:* 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**HB272 EDUCATION: Meningococcal vaccination exemption.**

Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Requires that the written statement to exempt a student from a Meningococcal vaccination for religious reasons be signed by the person authorizing the exemption.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/01/17

*House Status:* 02/08/17 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB202/HB283 EDUCATION: Educational funding for children in state custody.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Johnson, Curtis

*Summary:* Adds language to provide residential mental health facilities that contract with the department of children's services for children in state custody, to receive educational funding from DCS. Outlines that a residential mental health facility can only receive educational funding if the facility is; approved to operate as a Category I special purpose school pursuant to the state board of education rules and regulations, and the facility provides a minimum of sixteen and a half hours per week of educational instructional services. Also adds language that if a child in state custody receives services from a contracted residential mental health facility but continues to attend their local school, then the contracted facility shall not receive the educational funding for that child from DCS.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Committee.

**SB1152/HB287 EDUCATION: Designation of "Celebrate Freedom Week" in public schools.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Designates the week of September 17 as "Celebrate Freedom Week" in public schools. Requires the state board of education to adopt rules in regard to Celebrate Freedom Week.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB400/HB288 EDUCATION: Creating the Leader in Me® pilot program.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Creates a three-year pilot program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, to provide grants to elementary and middle schools to implement the Leader in Me® pilot program. Allows schools to apply to the department of education for a grant until January 1, 2018. Limits the total amount of grants provided by the department to \$2,000,000 in the 2018-2019 school year, \$2,000,000 in the 2019-2020 school year, and \$1,000,000 in the 2020-2021 school year. Requires the department to give the grants to no more than 50 schools and in in all 3 grand divisions of the state equally, with preference first to priority schools, then to schools in LEAs with a fiscal capacity in the lowest 50% of all LEAs, and finally to all other schools that

apply to participate. Requires that the grant given to each participating school be in an amount sufficient to pay for the full implementation of the Leader in Me® program. Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) to study the pilot program and issue a report to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives on the effectiveness of the pilot program after the second year of the pilot program by no later than December 31, 2020. Gives instruction for the format of the report to the OREA.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000,000/FY18-19 \$2,000,000/FY19-20 \$1,000,000/FY20-21

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee 03/15/17.

### **SB1195/HB307 EDUCATION: Education of students incarcerated in detention centers.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to promulgate rules to ensure the education of students incarcerated in detention centers licensed by the department of children's services by the LEA in which the detention center is located. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1, Senate Amendment 1 (003941) requires rules developed by the Department of Education regarding incarcerated student education to be in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 25, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 03/06/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003941).

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

### **SB1198/HB308 EDUCATION: Changes to student accountability measures.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Makes various revisions to student accountability measures due to the implementation of The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), such as revising the way the state board of education and the department of education determine school performance level. Redefines priority school from being a school representing the bottom 5 percent of schools in overall achievement to a school in the bottom 5 percent of schools in performance. Part of Administration Package.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 10, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

### **SB1196/HB309 EDUCATION: The use of assessment data.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Updates present law concerning the use of assessment data to correlate with the new 2017-2018 school year. Part of Administration Package.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

### **SB34/HB329 EDUCATION: Eligibility for HOPE teacher's scholarship.**

Sen. Harris, Lee  
Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Decreases the amount of time that teachers are required to teach math or science in a public school in order to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship from two years to one year.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 13, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000/Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact – Recurring funding in an amount estimated to exceed \$10,000 will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account as a result of additional scholarships being awarded through the Tennessee HOPE Teacher's Scholarship program.

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

**SB335/HB353 EDUCATION: Regulations for the achievement school district.**

Sen. Harper, Thelma  
Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Prohibits the ASD (achievement school district), or select charter schools, from including grades other than those the school served before its assignment to the ASD. Bans the ASD from recruiting students zoned for another school if a school is assigned to the ASD.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 22, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – The amount of state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding that is retained by the Achievement School District may change beginning in FY17-18, if Achievement School District funding is required to be transferred back to the regular LEA. These amounts cannot be quantified and are dependent upon multiple unknown factors.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB334/HB354 EDUCATION: Assigning of schools or grade configurations to the ASD.**

Sen. Harper, Thelma  
Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Permits the commissioner of education to assign certain schools or grade configurations within certain schools to the ASD unless the parents of 60 percent of the children enrolled at the school object by signing a petition, at which time the LEA may agree to certain alternate interventions for the school.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact – Less state and local Basic Education Program funding (BEP) will transfer to the ASD than under current law if a parent petition is successful and the LEA agrees to implement one of the alternative school restructuring models.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB404/HB356 EDUCATION: Payroll deduction of dues to professional employees' organizations.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Adds language that allows a local board of education to provide its professional employees payroll deduction for dues of professional employees' organizations, but does not require an LEA to do so. If an LEA makes available to its professional employees payroll deduction for the dues of one professional employees' organization, then the LEA shall make available to its professional employees payroll deduction for the dues of any professional organization; provided, that the requested deduction is made in writing from the professional employee. A professional employee who authorizes a deduction of dues of a professional employees' organization, may at any time, revoke the authorization for payroll deduction. If an LEA provides payroll deduction of dues of a professional employees' organization for its professional employees, then the LEA may withhold up to ten percent of the dues deducted for administrative expenses.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 24, 2017) Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to 3/21/17.

**SB4/HB357 EDUCATION: Board of education prohibited from adopting standards for character learning.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Prohibits board of education from establishing standards or competencies regarding social or emotional learning in public schools.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 12, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/10/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 01/30/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB653/HB363 CRIMINAL LAW: Possession of firearms in certain places.**

Sen. Niceley, Frank

Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Authorizes a handgun carry permit holder to carry a handgun into government-operated buildings unless there are metal detectors and armed security guards stationed at all public entrances.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive Exceeds \$1,000,000/Recurring/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact – Passage of this bill could put the Departments of Education and Children’s Services out of compliance with federal regulations. The amount and timing of federal funding that could be jeopardized is unknown. Annual federal funding for both departments totals approximately \$436,179,800. Other federal funding to other state agencies could be impacted as well. To the extent state agencies elect to purchase additional metal detectors or employ additional armed security guards, the one-time increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 and the recurring increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB368/HB369 TAXES SALES: Materials purchased by a local education agency.**

Sen. Overbey, Doug

Rep. Carr, Dale

*Summary:* Exempts contractors and subcontractors from the sales or use tax on construction materials if the materials are purchased by a local education agency and are used in the construction or improvements of such entity.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2017) Decrease State Revenue –\$7,346,200 Decrease Local Revenue –\$2,997,800 Decrease Local Expenditures –\$10,344,000

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 02/22/17 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

**SB598/HB388 EDUCATION: Immunizations for school children.**

Sen. Haile, Ferrell

Rep. Brooks, Kevin

*Summary:* Requires that both LEAs and nonpublic schools provide parents and guardians with information on the influenza disease and the effectiveness of the vaccination at the beginning of every school year.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Committee Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (003980) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to require the Department of Education (DOE), in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), to provide information to local education agencies and private schools to assist these entities in providing influenza information to parents and guardians.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Floor 03/13/17.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/13/17.

**SB399/HB414 EDUCATION: State board of education's duties over teacher preparation programs.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores

Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Requests that the Tennessee Code Commission copy the language in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, having to do with the jurisdiction of the state board of education, and add it to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3 as a new, appropriately designated section.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Amendment 1, House Education Administration and Planning Committee Amendment 1 (003718) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the duties and power of the state board of education pursuant to TCA 49-1-302(a) to issue professional teacher licenses based upon work done in standard teacher-training institutions, colleges and universities that shall be approved by the board after inspection as may be provided by the board.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 9, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/06/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003718)

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/13/17.

**SB394/HB444 EDUCATION: Revises state law to account for changes to SAT scoring.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Gant, Ron

*Summary:* Changes all references to numerical SAT scores in state law to recognize a "concordant equivalent score" instead.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 10, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

**SB458/HB448 EDUCATION: Schools to maintain an opioid antagonist in secure, unlocked location.**

Sen. Bell, Mike  
Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education, in consultation with the department of health, to develop guidelines for the management of students presenting with a drug overdose for which administration of an opioid antagonist may be appropriate. Authorizes each school within an LEA and each nonpublic school to maintain an opioid antagonist at the school in at least two unlocked, secure locations, including, but not limited to, the school office and the school cafeteria so that an opioid antagonist may be administered to any student believed to be having a drug overdose.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1, Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (004084) fixes a clerical error by changing the phrase "epinephrine auto-injector" to "opioid antagonist" in (c)(3).

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures - \$135,100/Permissive

*Senate Status:* 03/07/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee recommended with amendment. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

**SB536/HB449 EDUCATION: Report on Response to Instruction and Intervention framework.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability to study the Response to Instruction and Intervention framework and submit a report on its implementation in elementary schools to the members of the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than July 1, 2018. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB196/HB483 EDUCATION: Establishes a progressive truancy intervention program in K-12 schools.**

Sen. Overbey, Doug  
Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Establishes a progressive truancy intervention program in K-12 schools that involves tiers of pre-juvenile court programs designed to keep a truant child out of the juvenile court system. Specifies additional

interventions that may consist of school-based community services, participation in a school-based restorative justice program, referral to a school-based teen court, or Saturday courses designed to improve attendance and behavior. Prohibits in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension from being used as part of the progressive truancy interventions adopted by schools for unexcused absences from class or school.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/01/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:*

02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB535/HB524**

**EDUCATION: Administrative hearing procedures available to LEAs.**

Sen. Tracy, Jim  
Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:*

Authorizes the commissioner of education to determine if a local education agency is not in compliance with state law or the rules and regulations governing the LEA's administration or operation, to withhold state funds from the LEA as a form of penalty, punishment, or sanction. The commissioner must submit written notice to the LEA of the commissioner's decision within five (5) business days. The LEA is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the commissioner's decision, which must be conducted by an administrative judge employed in the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state. A decision of the administrative judge constitutes a final order that is not reviewable by the department of education, and may be directly appealed to the chancery court of Davidson County or to the chancery court in the county in which the LEA is located.

*Senate Status:*

02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB1215/HB529**

**UTILITIES: Creates a grant program for promoting the deployment and adoption of broadband internet access services.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:*

Creates a grant program for promoting the deployment and adoption of broadband internet access services. Provides certain standards that must be met by a local community to benefit from such grants. Allows an electric cooperative to provide broadband service within or without the cooperative's service area, subject to certain requirements. Provides a tax credit for qualified broadband internet access equipment. Part of Administration Package.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 21, 2017) Decrease State Revenue - \$5,000,000/FY18-19 \$5,000,000/FY19-20 \$5,000,000/FY20-21 Increase State Expenditures - \$10,291,600/FY17-18 \$10,275,700/FY18-19 \$10,275,700/FY19-20 Other Fiscal Impact – Of the \$10,000,000 grant funding in increased state expenditures above, \$500,000 will go to ECD and \$9,500,000 will go for broadband grants in FY17-18, FY18-19, and FY19-20. Due to multiple unknown variables, the precise impact to state government revenue from additional F&E taxes paid by electric cooperatives cannot reasonably be determined. Any increase in local government expenditures is considered permissive. Other secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary economic impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. A non-recurring appropriation of \$10,000,000, a recurring appropriation of \$300,000, and a non-recurring decrease in revenue of \$5,000,000 is included in the Governor's Recommended Budget Document for FY17-18 (page A-38). HB 529 – SB 1215

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/09/17, H: 02/08/17

*Senate Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/14/17.

*House Status:*

03/09/17 - Set for House Business & Utilities Committee 03/15/17.

**SB490/HB565**

**EDUCATION: Certified copy of financial report of LEA.**

Sen. Briggs, Richard  
Rep. Thompson, Dwayne

*Summary:*

Deletes requirement that the county trustee, treasurer, or other fiscal agent of an LEA annually submit a complete certified copy of the financial report of the LEA to the commissioner of education.

*Amendment Summary:*

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 17, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/27/17 - Senate passed.  
House Status: 03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/13/17.

**SB1256/HB681 EDUCATION: Community service credit for volunteering with Keep Tennessee Beautiful program.**

Sen. Norris, Mark  
Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Grants one hour of community service credit to a recipient of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship for each hour that the recipient volunteers with the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program, which is sponsored by the department of transportation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation that the student must obtain from the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program in order to obtain community service credit.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB341/HB720 EDUCATION: Referrals to private counselors by school counselors.**

Sen. Niceley, Frank  
Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Authorizes school counselors to refer students to private counselors with parental consent. Prohibits the LEA or counselor from covering the cost of the student's referral or services.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Committee Amendment 1, Senate Amendment 1 (004315) allows school counselors to refer or help parents find outside counselors for additional mental health assessment or services. If such a referral happens, neither the school system nor LEA is responsible for the cost of the outside counselor.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 24, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/06/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004315).

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Floor 03/13/17.

**SB442/HB732 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Open records - law enforcement body camera video.**

Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Whitson, Sam

*Summary:* Creates exceptions to open records requests for law enforcement video that depicts interactions with minors, the interior of a healthcare or mental health facilities, or the interior of a private residences where no crimes have occurred.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate State & Local Government Committee Amendment 1 (004687) adds language to the bill establishing a date of July 1, 2022, for which the provisions of the bill are to expire and no longer be effective. Senate State & Local Government Committee Amendment 2 (004612) rewrites language in the bill to specify that video taken of minors in a school that serves any grades from kindergarten through grade twelve shall be treated as confidential.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 17, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/07/17 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendments 1 (004612) and 2 (004687). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 03/15/17.

**SB1344/HB767 EDUCATION: Prohibition on coming into direct contact with school children.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Exempts employers and employees who have been convicted of disqualifying offenses that occurred twenty (20) or more years between the date of the person's last conviction and the date on which the criminal history records check is conducted on the person, from the prohibition of coming into direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Committee.  
**SB731/HB793 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Provisions on director of schools salary.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Prohibits a local board of education from approving a raise in salary or compensation for the director of schools that is higher than the salary of the governor.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 2, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – Local funding that would have otherwise been used for director salary increases may be reallocated to other local budget items; the extent and timing of any such reallocations are dependent on unknown factors and cannot be reasonably quantified.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

**SB1166/HB915 EDUCATION: Changes to the advertisement of the sale of surplus property by local school systems.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Allows the local board of education to decide the method of advertisement of surplus property for at least seven days prior to its sale to the highest bidder.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/06/17 - Withdrawn in Senate.

*House Status:* 03/02/17 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB232/HB918 EDUCATION: Educator license endorsements.**

Sen. Harris, Lee  
Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to create an endorsement in computer science for all teachers who hold a valid license and demonstrate sufficient content knowledge in the course material, as determined by the state board of education.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee Amendment 1 (004617) specifies that the state board of education shall create an endorsement in computer science for all teachers who demonstrate sufficient content knowledge in the course material.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 4, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Floor 03/13/17.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Committee 03/14/17.

**SB720/HB980 EDUCATION: Creates the Tennessee middle college scholarship.**

Sen. Yager, Ken  
Rep. Calfee, Kent

*Summary:* Creates the Tennessee middle college scholarship, funded by net lottery proceeds. Specifies eligibility requirements for students to receive scholarship. Specifies that a student who received an associate degree through middle college shall be eligible for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the student reaches a terminating event. Clarifies that a student receiving a Tennessee middle college scholarship shall not be eligible for a dual enrollment grant.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/15/17.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB393/HB1002 EDUCATION: Forwarding of high school immunization records.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Changes the requirements for a dual enrollment high school to forward immunization records to a post-secondary institution from a written request to a signed written statement.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1, Senate Amendment 1 (004362) rewrites the bill such that the amended bill authorizes the governing boards of each public institution of higher education, in consultation with the department of health, to promulgate rules and regulations regarding immunization requirements for students enrolled within each respective institution. Requires all rules promulgated to be in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.



*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 03/06/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004362).  
*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Committee 03/14/17.

**SB990/HB1104 EDUCATION: Home-Rule LEA Act.**

Sen. Niceley, Frank  
Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Enacts the Home-Rule LEA Act. Allows local boards of education greater control and governing authority over their school districts. County school systems or city school systems shall be eligible to convert to a home-rule LEA if the system meets or exceeds state average on academic and other standards for three successive years.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 4, 2017) Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact – If home-rule LEAs chose to adopt their own curriculum standards and purchase their own standardized tests, federal funding may be placed in jeopardy as a result of the state being out of compliance with federal regulations and statute, specifically the Every Student Succeeds Act, regarding state standardized testing and curriculum. Any withholding of federal funding will be at the discretion of the U.S. Department of Education. The state is estimated to receive \$1,188,327,500 in federal funds for K-12 education in FY17-18.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB1007/HB1129 EDUCATION: Transition for commissioner of education to local education agency from achievement school district.**

Sen. Yarbro, Jeff  
Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Creates a timeline for the commissioner of education to transition schools from the operation of the achievement school district back to the local education agency if the achievement school district-operated school fails to improve student achievement.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – Depending on the joint management agreement between an LEA and the ASD, state and local BEP funding may shift from the ASD back to the LEA. The extent and timing of any shifting BEP funds is unknown and dependent upon several unknown factors.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

**SB762/HB1136 EDUCATION: ASD operated charter school to be operated by the state board of education.**

Sen. Stevens, John  
Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Allows an achievement school district operated charter school to be operated by the state board of education if benchmarks agreed upon by the achievement school district and charter school in the original charter application are met or exceeded.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB729/HB1196 EDUCATION: Tennessee Educators Protection Act.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Specifies that an educational entity is not liable for taking any action related to the control, grading, suspension, expulsion, or discipline of a student unless that action violates a law, rule or school policy and that action occurs while the student is on the property of the educational entity or under the supervision of the educational entity or its employee. Also specifies that an educational entity or employee is not liable for making a report consistent with federal or state law to the appropriate law enforcement authorities or to an official an educational entity if the person making the report has reasonable grounds to suspect the student to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, involved in the sale or distribution of drugs or alcohol or involved in another illegal activity. Defines "educational entity" to mean the state board of education, the department of education, and any other body, board, or agency that governs a public or private school,

including LEAs and local boards of education. Creates other liability protections for educational entities and employees.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/17/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

### **SB1404/HB1242 EDUCATION: Prohibits school board member from working in another school district in Shelby County.**

Sen. Tate, Reginald  
Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Allows only persons who are residents of the area served by a local education agency to be eligible to serve on the school board of education in Shelby county, but prohibits any person seeking to serve on the Shelby county board of education who is an employee of another school district within the county, from serving on the county board of education. Does not apply to persons already serving but does apply, if the criteria in bill fits, once a person's current term has ended.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/09/17 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 03/14/17.

### **SB1389/HB1256 EDUCATION: Authorizes LEAs flexibility for innovations.**

Sen. Tate, Reginald  
Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Permits LEAs the same authority and power to exercise all flexibility granted to public charter schools, including applying for waivers of laws and state board rules. Encourages LEAs to exercise the given flexibility to develop and implement creative and innovative school programs that meet the specific needs of its students.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB1124/HB1258 EDUCATION: Prohibits an LEA from closing a school.**

Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Beginning July 1, 2017, prohibits an LEA from closing a school. Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA), with the assistance of the department of education, to conduct a five-year study on the impact of closing a school in a community. Requires OREA to report to the education committees of the senate and house no later than March 1, 2022.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB1030/HB1340 EDUCATION: BEP instructional salary unit cost for the 2017–2018 fiscal year.**

Sen. Yarbro, Jeff  
Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Sets the dollar value of the BEP instructional positions component for the 2017–2018 fiscal year at the statewide average licensed teacher salary as determined for the 2015-2016 school year by the BEP review committee.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

### **SB897/HB1379 EDUCATION: Threshold at which an LEA must seek competitive bids for purchases.**

Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Sargent, Charles

*Summary:*

Increases expenditure limit that requires an LEA to seek competitive bids from \$10,000 to \$25,000 solicited by advertisement on local board of education's website, in cases where LEA's have a separate purchasing division the expenditure limit is raised from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Requires that all LEA purchases under the limit can be made in the open market but have to be based on at least three competitive bids. If LEA doesn't follow procedure, the board is required to hold open bids for construction of school buildings and additions.

*Intro Dates:*

S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:*

02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:*

02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB121**

**EDUCATION: Licensure for retired teachers.**

Sen. Briggs, Richard

*Summary:*

Authorizes a retired teacher with a minimum of 20 years' experience teaching to receive an automatic certification or licensure for an additional 20 years, or until the teacher reaches the age of 75. Requires the retired teacher purchase liability insurance.

*Intro Dates:*

S: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:*

02/06/17 - Withdrawn in Senate.