

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 89 - SB 149

March 19, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a background check of potential school bus drivers to include inquiry into whether the candidate has committed a serious traffic violation. Prohibits local education agencies (LEAs) from issuing a certificate to drive a school bus to an applicant who has committed a serious traffic violation within the previous three years. Prohibits private schools from employing an individual to drive a school bus who has committed a serious traffic violation in the previous three years. Requires LEAs and private schools to investigate complaints made against school bus drivers. Prohibits the issuance of a school bus endorsement to a person who has in the previous five years been convicted of DUI; vehicular assault; vehicular homicide; aggravated vehicular homicide; or the manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession of a controlled substance. Prohibits the issuance of a school bus endorsement to a person who has committed a serious traffic violation within the past three years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Annotated § 49-6-2117, LEAs are currently required to check a bus driver applicant's driving record for the last five years.
- Based on information provided by various local government sources, any impact from the investigation requirements of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information from the Department of Safety and the Comptroller of the Treasury, there is no significant fiscal impact from the additional restrictions on the issuance of a school bus endorsement.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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