



April 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005942, 007536): Establishes that a private school student is eligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity or an event where membership in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association is required only in accordance with the student's sex as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-802. Establishes that this section does not prohibit a student whose sex, as defined in § 49-2-802, is female from participating on a team designated for male students if the school does not offer a separate team for female students in that sport. Expands the definition of a private school, from kindergarten (K) through 12 to pre-kindergarten (pre-K) through 12, for purposes of authorizing the board, governing entity, or chief administrative officer of a private school to establish a handgun carry policy for any property on which the school is located that is owned or operated by the school and for any building or structure located on the school property.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation only applies to private schools.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-2-802 defines "sex" as a person's immutable biological sex as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth. Evidence of a person's biological sex includes, but is not limited to, a government-issued identification document that accurately reflects a person's sex listed on the person's original birth certificate.
- Private schools serving students in grades K-12 can currently establish a handgun policy. The proposed legislation will authorize private schools serving pre-K to also adopt a handgun policy. Private schools that decide to implement handgun policies as a result of this legislation will be able to do so within the normal course of business.
- Any fiscal impact associated with this legislation will be borne by private organizations; therefore, any fiscal impact on state or local government will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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