

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 587 - SB 596**

February 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes, instead of requires, excess instructional time to accumulate and be applied toward meeting instructional time requirements missed due to weather conditions. Authorizes excess instructional time to be applied during serious outbreaks of illness, without needing the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 authorizes school districts to extend the school day by 30 minutes each day to accumulate up to 13 stockpiled days that may be used for meeting missed instructional time due to severe weather, sickness, natural disasters, or dangerous structural conditions.
- Schools are currently required to obtain approval from the Commissioner of DOE before accumulated excess instructional time may be used in case of serious outbreaks of illness; the proposed legislation will remove that requirement and make it easier to use their accumulated instructional time for such purposes.
- Providing schools more flexibility with when and how they choose to apply accumulated instructional time will not significantly impact processes or procedures of schools or DOE. Any fiscal impact will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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