



HB 782 - SB 769

March 8, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (Commission) from publishing a list of, and the State Board of Education (SBE) from approving, textbooks and instructional materials aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Prohibits a teacher or principal from using or permitting to use textbooks or instructional materials aligned with the Common Core State Standards within any public school in the state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004479): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the substantive changes: (1) clarify that the prohibition only applies to textbooks and instructional materials created to align exclusively with Common Core state standards which are marketed or identified as common core textbooks or materials; and (2) require the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to withhold a portion of state education finance funds from a local education agency (LEA) employing a teacher or principal who intentionally violates the prohibition against the use of such textbooks or materials.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-310 required the SBE to replace Common Core State Standards with a new set of standards in the 2017-2018 school year.
- SBE has currently adopted the Tennessee Academic Standards in math, English language arts, science, and social studies and each subject area is reviewed at a minimum of every six years.
- It is assumed that all schools currently use textbooks and instructional materials that align with the Tennessee Academic Standards.
- It is further assumed that a local education agency, school, or individual teacher currently using materials aligned with Common Core will be able to substitute teaching

materials to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

- LEA employees will not intentionally violate prohibitions pertaining to the use of such materials, in order to prevent the withholding of state education finance funding; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimate to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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