

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1494

March 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes proof of immunization requirements for children to be permitted to attend any public school, nursery school, kindergarten, preschool, or child care facility. Removes proof of immunization requirements for homeschool students, dual enrollment students, students of public institutions living on campus, emergency rescue workers, funeral directors, and embalmers. Removes disqualification from the presumption that certain infectious diseases were obtained by emergency rescue workers while in the line of duty when such emergency rescue workers refuse to be immunized against such diseases.

Removes the General Assembly's intent to have a statewide, uniform minimum vaccination and immunization program. Removes the Class C misdemeanor relative to refusal of being vaccinated, and from a physician giving fraudulent certificates of vaccinations. Authorizes a citizen to refuse vaccination, immunization, inoculation, or recommended medical treatment for any reason.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health and Department of Education, any policy or procedures related to the provisions of the bill can be accommodated within existing resources; therefore, there will not be a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of Class C misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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