

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2009 – SB 2011

February 20, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires directors of schools to report certain convictions by an educator to the State Board of Education (SBE). Requires the SBE to reprimand the educator for failure to report convictions and to adopt a policy governing discipline of licensed personnel for misconduct. Authorizes the SBE to adopt policies governing reprimands of educators for violations of the teacher code of ethics.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013345): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to include charter and other non-public schools in the provisions of the legislation; (2) to require local education agencies (LEAs) to report suspended, dismissed, or employees that have resigned following allegations of conduct, including sexual misconduct, which, if substantiated, would warrant consideration for license suspension or revocation under SBE rule; (3) to include more detailed information about the types of prohibited sexual misconduct; and (4) to change from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2018, the date in which parts of the legislation become effective.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current SBE rules, directors of schools are required to report educators who have been suspended or dismissed, or who have resigned, following allegations of conduct which, if substantiated, would warrant consideration for license suspension or revocation.
- The SBE will be able to implement the reprimand requirement in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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- No significant impact to local government operations.

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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