

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2089 – SB 2268

February 16, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Designates records generated as a result of a Handle With Care Program notification as confidential and not open to public inspection or release. Establishes a repeal date of July 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Handle With Care Program is an effort to support children exposed to trauma and violence through improved communication and collaboration between law enforcement, schools, and mental health providers. Through the program, when a child is exposed to violence or trauma, a law enforcement officer or Child Protective Services worker will contact identified school personnel to inform them of the child's exposure. The information is then passed on to relevant teachers and school personnel so that they may be more attuned to the child's mental and emotional health needs, monitor the child's behavior and academic performance, and help ensure the child receives the support and services they need to heal and be successful.
- The proposed legislation establishes that any records generated as a result of a program notification are considered confidential and not open to public inspection or release.
- Designating these records as confidential and closed to public inspection will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director