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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014118): Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes and averages in grades six through eight (6-8), if the CTE classes do not exceed the maximum class size and average set for general education classes in grades 7-12.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- CTE classrooms currently operate with an average of 20 students and a maximum of 25 students, and LEAs have purchased equipment to meet that demand.
- The CTE program has 16 career clusters with approximately 57 different programs of study. Each program of study has various equipment and/or supply requirements to operate effectively.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-104(g) authorizes LEAs to extend CTE class sizes in grades 9-12 under certain conditions.
- The proposed legislation would allow CTE classes in grades 6-8 to expand to an average of 30 students and a maximum of 35 students.
- It is assumed that LEAs will not increase CTE class sizes unless they have sufficient equipment to do so. It is also assumed that LEAs will not increase the number of full-time employees if middle school CTE class sizes are permitted to increase.
- Any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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