

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 364 - SB 348

March 14, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005698):** Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to allocate sufficient funds to each local education agency (LEA) to employ one full-time, licensed professional school counselor position for every 250 student members of the LEA, or one full-time position for each LEA and public charter school within the LEA, whichever is greater.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$127,812,900/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There are currently 1,854 schools in Tennessee and the minimum number of counselors to be funded by the proposed legislation would be 1,854.
- The average position cost is estimated to be \$68,939.
- It is estimated that the total cost to fund the number of proposed counselors would be \$127,812,906 in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- DOE does not currently have funds that are budgeted for this purpose. In order to fund the counselor positions, DOE would require an appropriation by the General Assembly.

**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

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