



SB 353 - HB 472

March 14, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the governing body of a public charter school to select group insurance plans for teachers and other full-time permanent employees, and authorizes teachers and employees to participate in such insurance plans. Authorizes the governing body of a public charter school to elect to participate in the state group insurance if the school meets the requirements to be considered a quasi-governmental entity at the time of application and throughout enrollment on the plan.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004235): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes: (1) remove language requiring the governing body of a public charter school to select group insurance plans for teachers; and (2) clarify that such provisions also apply to public charter schools within achievement school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-13-119 requires teachers and full-time permanent employees to participate in any group insurance plan selected by the public charter school, and authorizes public charter schools to participate in the state group insurance plan.
- Currently no public charter school participates in the state group insurance plan; however, all are assumed to provide insurance to teachers and full-time permanent employees.
- The proposed legislation codifies the current interpretation of the law and clarifies that the governing body of a public charter school is authorized to select a group insurance plan or the state group insurance plan and that teachers and other full-time employees employed by the public charter school are eligible to participate if they choose to do so.

- Clarifying the decision-making authority and conditions necessary to participate in the state group insurance plan will not significantly impact processes or procedures of public charter schools. Any fiscal impact will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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