

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 463 - HB 727**

March 13, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each public school to have at least one student-accessible water bottle filling station within the school. Authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to determine the location of each water bottle filling station. Requires the act to take effect July 1, 2022.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$61,200/FY21-22**

**\$1,700/Each Year FY22-23 through FY27-28**

**\$5,200/FY28-29 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$2,655,000/FY21-22\***

**\$73,800/Each Year FY22-23 through FY27-28\***

**\$248,800/FY28-29 and Subsequent Years\***

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will require at least one water bottle filling station to be located within each public school, effective July 1, 2022.
- Schools will purchase water bottle filling stations during FY21-22.
- Based on FY19-20 data there were 1,844 Tennessee local public schools; there were also 34 state schools (27 Achievement School District (ASD) schools, 3 State Board of Education (SBE) schools, and 4 state special schools).
- The total number of public schools that already have water bottle filling stations is unknown. However, based on Fiscal Review Committee staff research of various public sources, it is estimated that up to 20 percent, or 369 (1,844 x 20%) of Tennessee schools currently have water bottle filling stations installed or are in the process of installing them; the remaining 1,475 (1,844 - 369) schools will be required to install new water bottle station units as a result of this legislation.
- It is estimated that the average cost for each unit plus installation will be \$1,750 (\$750 per unit + \$1,000 installation).
- It is estimated that annual filter and maintenance costs will be approximately \$50 per unit.

- Beginning in the eighth year, or FY28-29, at least 100 units will need to be replaced or installed in local schools annually; within the 34 state schools, 2 units will also need to be replaced or installed in each year beginning FY28-29.
- Total local expenditures each year are as follows:

	New Units	Install Cost	Total Units	Maintenance	Total
FY21-22	1,475	\$1,750	1,475	\$50	\$2,655,000
FY22-23 through FY27-28			1,475	\$50	\$73,750
FY28-29*	100	\$1,750	1,475	\$50	\$248,750
*and subsequent years					

- Total state expenditures each year are as follows:

	New Units	Install Cost	Total Units	Maintenance	Total
FY21-22	34	\$1,750	34	\$50	\$61,200
FY22-23 through FY27-28			34	\$50	\$1,700
FY28-29*	2	\$1,750	34	\$50	\$5,200
*and subsequent years					

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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