

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2142 - SB 2365

February 9, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the parents, guardians, or legal custodian of a student who has been adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses to provide the school principal information concerning the adjudication, upon request from the principal. Requires the school principal to submit such request in writing within 30 days from the date in which the student first enrolled in the respective school.

Increases, from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor, the offense for a parent or guardian to knowingly fail to report information regarding adjudication of a student to the school principal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3051 requires the parents, guardians, or legal custodians, including the Department of Children's Services (DCS) acting in any capacity, of a student who has been adjudicated for certain offenses to provide information to the school's principal regarding the adjudication. Failure to report such information is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by fine only.
- The proposed legislation will not have any significant impact on operations of the DCS.
- School principals will be able to request and obtain information pursuant to a student's adjudication for delinquent offenses within existing resources and during the normal course of business.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there have been zero Class C misdemeanor convictions for failure to provide the required notification.
- Increasing the offense to a Class B misdemeanor will not result in a significant increase in convictions or a significant increase in local revenue related to fines.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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