

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 122 – HB 1501

March 29, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *School Turnaround Pilot Program Act*. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a five-year school turnaround program and select 20 schools that are in need of intervention for participation, beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

Requires 10 local boards of education to establish turnaround committees on or before September 15th, 2021, and requires the turnaround committee to contract with an independent school turnaround expert, certified by DOE, for the development of a school turnaround plan. Requires the school turnaround committees to submit the recommended school turnaround plan to the local board of education by March 21st, 2021.

Requires DOE to provide grants to local boards of education with schools in need of an intervention that are assigned to the school turnaround group to facilitate the implementation of interventions and fund contracts with independent school turnaround experts. Requires DOE to submit a report evaluating the progress of the school turnaround pilot program to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by August 1st following the end of each school year in which the pilot program is in effect and at the end of the pilot program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,500,000/Each FY21-22 through FY25-26

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires DOE to identify schools in need of intervention, develop a school turnaround program, and monitor schools in need of intervention and progress on the school turnaround plan for a period of five years. DOE will randomly select 20 schools for the school turnaround pilot program; 10 will be in the control group and 10 will participate in the turnaround group.
- DOE will provide grants to facilitate the implementation of school turnaround plans and each grant award will be \$250,000. The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$2,500,000 in each year FY21-22 through FY25-26 (\$250,000 x 10 schools).
- The proposed legislation requires local boards of education to create a turnaround committee; it is estimated that the administrative costs related the committee and its activities would result in a mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures of

\$50,000 (\$5,000 per school x 10 schools) in FY21-22 through FY25-26. However, such expenditures are assumed to be funded with the state grants to local boards of education.

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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