

SB 2369 - HB 2588

FISCAL NOTE



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SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to offer students in any of the grades five through twelve (5-12) a hunter education course as part of physical education, health, or safety instruction. Requires an offered hunter education course to be approved by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) as a hunter education course pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-2-108.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- LEAs are currently required to offer courses in physical education and health education and lifetime wellness pursuant to standards established by the State Board of Education (SBE).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1016, LEAs and public charter school are required to annually provide students with age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction on firearm safety beginning with the earliest appropriate grade.
- The proposed legislation authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to offer a hunter education course approved by TWRA in any of the grades 5-12 as a part of physical education, health, or safety instruction.
- TWRA offers a free in-person hunter education course to individuals interested in becoming a volunteer instructor. In order to receive a certificate of completion, individuals must complete a minimum of eight hours of instruction, pass a written test, and participate in a live-fire session or a firearm handling demonstration.
- It is assumed that LEAs and public charter schools that elect to offer and incorporate a hunter education course will be able to get prospective instructors certified for free through TWRA's hunter education course and will be able to utilize free materials and instructional programs on hunter education readily found on the internet, as needed, to provide the instruction.
- LEAs and public charter schools will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The Department of Education and SBE will be able to amend any curriculum standards, rules, or policies as needed within existing resources and during the normal course of business such that any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

- TWRA will be able to utilize existing hunter education trainers and increase current class sizes, if necessary, within existing personnel and resources such that any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Bojan Savic, Executive Director