

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 884 – SB 1341

February 20, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a valid handgun carry permit holder to carry a firearm at any time and in all places in Tennessee, unless the permit holder has been consuming or is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, is attending a judicial proceeding, is on school grounds and does not notify the principal or appropriate administrative staff person, is in violation of federal law, or the lawful order from a court of competent jurisdiction has ordered the location gun free.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Passage of the bill could put the Departments of Education and Children’s Services out of compliance with federal regulations. The amount and timing of federal funding that could be jeopardized is unknown. Annual federal funding for both departments totals approximately \$436,179,800.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Education (DOE) reports that provisions of the bill could put the state out of compliance with federal guidelines regarding guns on school campuses resulting in the loss of certain federal funding as the bill specifies authorized procedure for carrying a firearm on school grounds.
- DOE receives approximately \$300,552,691 in annual federal funding. The precise amount of federal funding that could be withheld is dependent on federal ruling and cannot be reasonably determined.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), the presence of firearms will jeopardize the plan for establishing and maintaining standards for foster homes and child care institutions and could subject the state to the loss of federal Title IV funds. DCS reports that the department receives approximately \$135,627,100 in annual Title IV federal funding.
- Section 1, subsection 2 of the bill states that federal law will continue to restrict carrying firearms; therefore, it is reasonably assumed that other federal funding would not be jeopardized.
- The provisions of the bill are not expected to significantly impact handgun carry permit applications or fee revenue.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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