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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
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SUBJECT: House Bill 971/Senate Bill 1075 (Local Revenue and Services)—Panel
Discussion on K-12 Funding and Requirements

During discussion of House Bill 971 by Representative Sargent, the House Finance Ways and Means Committee asked the Commission to study the duties of cities and counties mandated by law and the funds from the state to each group to comply with the law. The Commission decided to initially focus on internet sales tax, and a report on that topic—the first interim report on local revenue and services—was approved during its January Commission meeting. The Commission’s local government members met on January 31, 2019, and recommended that the second interim report should focus on K-12 education funding in Tennessee, an approach that the full Commission approved.

The Commission will hear from a panel of experts who are knowledgeable on issues related to K-12 education funding and program requirements:

- Chris Henson, Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
- Randy Frazier, Director of Weakley County Schools and Treasurer of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS)
- Ben Torres, Deputy General Counsel and Director of Government Relations, Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA)
- Representative from the Tennessee Education Association (TEA)

Staff of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education were invited to attend the panel but declined to do so.