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RESEARCH RECAP: A GUIDE TO OREA PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

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Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA): First-year implementation (*February 2025*) | The General Assembly created TISA in 2022 to replace the Basic Education Program (BEP) as the state's funding formula for K-12 education. This report is an evaluation of TISA following its first year of implementation. This publication presents conclusions and recommendations based on the research and analysis conducted.

Alongside the report, you'll find a comprehensive TISA resource collection that includes an interactive dashboard, a video tutorial, a flowchart, infographics, and various supporting documents.

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Informal Removal of Students with Disabilities in Tennessee (*March 2025*) | OREA received a legislative request to research the informal removal of students with disabilities covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in Tennessee public schools. This publication presents conclusions and recommendations based on the research and analysis conducted.

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Review of the Tennessee Literacy Success Act (TLSA): Third-year implementation (*October 2024*) | OREA has completed its third annual review of the implementation of TLSA. Passed during the General Assembly's 2021 Special Session on Education, TLSA seeks to ensure that students are on track to meet grade-level reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade. This publication presents conclusions and policy options based on the research and analysis conducted.

Accompanying the annual review is a collection of publications that explore various aspects of the TLSA.

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An Overview of K-12 Capital Infrastructure and Investment in Tennessee and Other States (*November 2024*) | OREA received a legislative request to conduct a review of K-12 school infrastructure in Tennessee. The legislative brief details the condition and needs of Tennessee's K-12 school facilities, accounts for current funding of K-12 school facilities, and assesses how other states provide capital funding to school districts for school construction and renovation.

In addition to the report, an addendum was prepared in response to a 2025 legislative request. It provides information on the condition and needs of K-12 public charter school facilities, outlines current funding mechanisms, and examines how other states support charter school capital funding.

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An Overview of Registered Apprenticeships in Tennessee (*July 2024*) | This OREA report provides an overview of registered apprenticeships in Tennessee – what they are, how they work, and how many individuals participate in them. This publication presents conclusions and policy considerations based on the research and analysis conducted.

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Tennessee Promise Evaluation (*January 2024*) | OREA is required by state law to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program every four years. Established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2014, the Tennessee Promise Scholarship gives recent high school graduates the opportunity to earn an associate degree or technical diploma free of tuition and mandatory fees. This publication presents conclusions and policy options based on the research and analysis conducted.

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Criminal Justice

Shelby County Criminal Justice System (*March 2025*) | On February 28, 2024, Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally sent a letter requesting the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) investigate the criminal justice system in Shelby County. This report analyzes General Sessions and Criminal Court processes through a combination of case observations and a review of aggregate data. This publication presents conclusions and recommendations based on the research and analysis conducted.

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An Overview of Caseload Studies and Case Filings in Tennessee (*April 2025*) | State law requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to maintain and update a weighted caseload study for the state trial court judges, district attorneys, and public defenders. It also includes an analysis of criminal and civil case filing trends from 2016 to 2023. Reports, briefs, maps, and memos from previous years are also available.

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Other Topics

Workers' Compensation for Local Government Entities in Tennessee (*February 2025*) | This OREA report analyzes the process for local government entities to obtain workers' compensation policies, compares rates and rate setting policies between insurance pools and commercial insurance providers, and reviews two key solvency indicators for insurance pools and one for commercial insurance providers. This publication presents conclusions and policy considerations based on the research and analysis conducted.

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Evaluation of Tennessee's Retail Accountability Program (*October 2024*) | In 2012, the Tennessee General Assembly created Tennessee's Retail Accountability Program (RAP) to improve sales tax compliance among retailers and wholesalers of certain products. The Tennessee Department of Revenue (TDOR) administers RAP.

A 2022 law requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to “determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.” This report fulfills that requirement by explaining how the program works, examining its financial impact, and presenting feedback from the business community about the program. This publication presents conclusions and policy options based on the research and analysis conducted.

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