

The Power of *Plyler* in Tennessee

The guarantee of equal access to public K-12 education for *all* children enshrined in *Plyler v. Doe* has grown Tennessee's economy, strengthened its workforce, and advanced public health. FWD.us estimates that Tennessee's combined past and future GDP is \$25 billion more over the lifetimes of adult beneficiaries of *Plyler* because they had equal access to K-12 education. Tennessee also gained almost 15,000 workers requiring at least a high school diploma and saved \$300 million in public health costs.

**Current Number of
ADULTS Who Benefited
from *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

33,000

**Current Number of
CHILDREN Benefiting
from *Plyler***

(In School 2023)

28,000

Fiscal Impact

Net Fiscal GAIN

(Income Tax Revenue over Lifetime minus Cost to Educate)

+\$7 Billion

Economic Impact

**Total Past and Future Economic GAINS from Adult
Beneficiaries of *Plyler* over Their Lifetimes**

(In School 1982–2022)

+\$25 Billion

**Future Economic LOSSES without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

-\$13 Billion

Workforce Impact

**Past Workforce GAINS from Adult Beneficiaries
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

**+2,600 Workers in Occupations
Requiring Some College Education
+12,000 Workers in Occupations
Requiring a High School Diploma**

**Future Occupational LOSSES without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

**-3,700 Workers in Occupations Requiring
Some College Education**

Top Three Jobs Requiring At Least a High School Diploma: Other Business Specialists, Musicians, Sales Engineers
Top Three Industries Requiring Workers with at Least a High School Diploma: Artists & Performers, Offices of Dentists, Gen. Medical Hospitals

Health Impact

**Past Healthcare SAVINGS from Adult Beneficiaries
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

+\$300 Million

**Future Healthcare COSTS without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

-\$400 Million