



TENNESSEE
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ABBREVIATIONS

Ag	Agriculture	Fail	Failed	PAm	Passed as Amended
Am	Amended	FWM	Finance, Ways & Means	Ref	Referred
Bud	Budget	GO	Government Operations	S	Support
Cap	Caption Bill	GSC	Placed on General Subcommittee	S/Am	Support with Amendment
C	Comment	HW	Health & Welfare	SC	Placed on Subcommittee
CE	Conservation & Environment	HD	Placed on House Desk	SD	Senate Desk
CEA	Consumer & Employee Affairs	HHR	Health & Human Resources	SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
CFA	Children & Family Affairs	HJR	House Joint Resolution	SLG	State & Local Government
CLA	Commerce, Labor, & Agriculture	HR	House Resolution	SR	Senate Resolution
Com	Commerce	Intro	Introduced	Tran	Transportation
CR	Calendar & Rules	Jud	Judiciary	W	Withdrawn
Def	Deferred	O	Oppose	NPA	No Position As Amended
ECT	Environment, Conservation & Tourism	Off	Bill taken off notice		
Ed	Education	Pass	Passed		

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CRIMINAL LAW	Failure to report missing children.	2123	Ketron	2162	Shipley	C	Jud	off	Jud/SC	off
CRIMINAL LAW	Failure to report missing children.	2124	Stewart	2163	Fitzhugh	C	Jud	Ref	Jud/SC	off
CRIMINAL LAW	Removes statute of limitations for rape of a child.	2182	Watson	2278	Floyd	S	PC 1027		PC 1027	
CRIMINAL LAW	Failure to report death of child by parent.	2188	Overbey	2502	B. Ramsey	C	Jud	Ref	Jud/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Repeal date for TN Transitioning Youth Empowerment Act.	2199	Norris	2337	McCormick	S	PC 653		PC 653	
CRIMINAL LAW	Second offense for domestic assault.	2251	Norris	2389	McCormick		PC 987		PC 987	
CRIMINAL LAW	Enhanced punishment for crimes of force or violence.	2252	Norris	2390	McCormick		PC 725		PC 725	
CRIMINAL LAW	Civil right action for victims of human trafficking.	2369	Marrero	2489	Coley	C	PC 613		PC 613	
CRIMINAL LAW	Development of plan to assist victims of human trafficking.	2370	Marrero	2492	Coley	C	PC 963		PC 963	
CRIMINAL LAW	Trafficking in commercial sex acts - offense created.	2371	Marrero	2493	Coley	C	PC 1075		PC 1075	
CRIMINAL LAW	Persons under 21 cannot enter liquor store without adult.	2544	Massey	2459	Eldridge		PC 899		PC 899	
CRIMINAL LAW	Offense of harassment revised.	2555	Ketron	2640	Curtiss	S	Jud	Ref	Jud/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Images used to harass and bully.	2556	Ketron	2641	Curtiss	S	PC 992		PC 992	
CRIMINAL LAW	Immunity - victims of human trafficking.	2590	Marrero	2823	Coley		PC 891		PC 891	
CRIMINAL LAW	Displaying sexual activity to minor by electronic means.	2605	Beavers	2856	Maggart		PC 876		PC 876	
CRIMINAL LAW	Sexual exploitation of a minor.	2675	Faulk	2656	Dennis		PC 732		PC 732	
CRIMINAL LAW	Eligibility for drug court treatment programs.	2697	Bell	2890	Watson		PC 889		PC 889	
CRIMINAL LAW	Child sexual abuse offenders - custody and visitation.	2741	Johnson	2847	Sargent		PC 1042			PC 1042
CRIMINAL LAW	Failure to report a missing child.	2749	Bell	3363	Rich	C	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Report on missing child.	2817	Massey	2986	R. Haynes		PC 856		PC 856	
CRIMINAL LAW	Child abuse - mother's ingestion of drugs during pregnancy.	2874	Southerland	3028	Hawk	O	Jud	Def	Jud/SC	off
CRIMINAL LAW	Evaluating best interest of child in juvenile court.	2892	Berke	2895	S. Jones	S	PC 888		PC 888	
CRIMINAL LAW	Failure to protect child from severe child abuse.	2981	Burks	2898	S. Jones	O	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Sentencing for first time offender of domestic assault.	2988	Burks	2990	S. Jones	S/Am	PC 931		PC 931	
CRIMINAL LAW	Promoting prostitution - sex offender registry.	2997	Marrero	2853	Maggart		PC 753		PC 753	
CRIMINAL LAW	Definition of dependent and neglected child revised.	3014	Marrero	2894	S. Jones	O	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Domestic assault a Class A misdemeanor.	3036	Marrero	3154	S. Jones		Jud	Ref	Jud/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Domestic violence reporting and consent provisions revised.	3145	Burks	3579	S. Jones		PC 1093		PC 1093	
CRIMINAL LAW	Inpatient psychiatric evaluation of child.	3146	Marrero	3256	S. Jones		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
CRIMINAL LAW	Sexual offender registry revised to give judge options.	3154	Marrero	3283	Maggart		PC 883		PC 883	
CRIMINAL LAW	Fetus as victim of criminal homicide.	3412	Beavers	3517	Evans		PC 1006		PC 1006	
CRIMINAL LAW	Forfeiture of personal property by sexual offender.	3635	Roberts	3398	Maggart		PC 882		PC 882	

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EDUCATION	Teaching of sexuality in elementary and middle schools.	49	Campfield	229	Hensley	O	Floor	P/Am 5/20/2011	CR	Ed P/Am 4/17
EDUCATION	Promotion of students.	2156	Kelsey	3269	White		PC 909		PC 909	
EDUCATION	Summer school for students who score below on TCAP Test.	2164	Campfield	2943	Dennis		Ed/SC	Def	Ed/SC	Ref
EDUCATION	Revises provisions governing school accountability.	2208	Norris	2346	McCormick		PC 962		PC 962	
EDUCATION	Students eligible for special education.	2209	Norris	2347	McCormick		Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	Ref
EDUCATION	Revises provisions regarding pupil-teacher ratios.	2210	Norris	2348	McCormick		Ed	Ref	Ed	Ref
EDUCATION	Restructuring of funds for pre-K classrooms.	2375	Berke	2319	Fitzhugh		Ed	4/4	Ed 4/10	Ed/SC P/Am 4/4
EDUCATION	Interest assessments given to certain students.	2591	Marrero	2167	Coley		PC 918		PC 918	
EDUCATION	Payment of school fees is voluntary - notification required.	2629	Johnson	2565	Casada		Ed	Ref	Floor	4/18
EDUCATION	Pre-K and Kindegarten entrance ages revised.	2630	Johnson	2566	Casada		PC 991		PC 991	
EDUCATION	Prohibits promotion of certain third grade students.	2786	Kelsey	3268	White		Ed	off	Ed	off
EDUCATION	Parental involvement pilot program established	2893	Kelsey	2994	Parkinson	C	PC 1044		PC 1044	
EDUCATION	Service learning requirement.	3013	Marrero	2866	Camper		Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	off
EDUCATION	Elected office of school superintendent re-established.	3030	Campfield	3382	Keisling		Ed	Fail	Ed	off
EDUCATION	Protection of first amendment rights in schools.	3060	Summerville	3266	Johnson		PC 690		PC 690	
EDUCATION	Relocation of students for safety reasons.	3116	Gresham	3241	H. Brooks		PC 701		PC 701	
EDUCATION	Teachers addressing disruptive students in class.	3122	Gresham	2932	Hensley		Floor	P/Am 3/19	Ed	Fail
EDUCATION	Minimum length of kindegarten day.	3139	Ford	3340	L. Miller		Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	Ref
EDUCATION	Full funding of pre-K for certain students.	3156	Kelsey	3273	Parkinson		FWM	off	FWM/SC	4/27
EDUCATION	Promotion of third grade students.	3229	Burks	3470	H. Brooks		Ed	off	Ed	off
EDUCATION	Use and availability of anti-seizure medication.	3235	Overbey	3557	Casada		Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	Ref
EDUCATION	Entitlement to legal counsel in truancy proceedings.	3246	Berke	3502	H. Brooks		Jud	Ref	Ed/SC	off
EDUCATION	Offering of preschool programs.	3249	Ford	2316	Cooper		Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	off
EDUCATION	Education of children in mental health facilities.	3270	Tracy	3496	Hensley		PC 1099		PC 1099	
EDUCATION	Abstinence centered sex education.	3310	Johnson	3621	Gotto	C	PC 973		PC 973	
EDUCATION	Textbooks that include religion.	3444	Southerland	3745	Hawk		Ed	Ref	Ed	Ref
EDUCATION	Prohibits attire that exposes underwear or body parts.	3558	Ford	3679	Towns		PC 781		PC 781	
EDUCATION	School attendance and truancy - broad caption.	3563	Gresham	3611	D. Miller		FWM	off	FWM/SC	4/27
EDUCATION	Dangers of texting while driving - broad caption.	3588	Kelsey	3636	White		PC 762		PC 762	
EDUCATION	Partnerships between LEAs and parents.	3606	Haynes	3505	Gilmore	S	PC 784		PC 784	
EDUCATION	Student conduct on school buses.	3640	Roberts	2789	McDonald		PC 687		PC 687	
EDUCATION	Tracking students expelled for zero tolerance violations.	3686	Kyle	3662	Fitzhugh	S	Ed	Ref	Ed/SC	off

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ENVIR & NATURE	Reorganization of TCCY and other governmental entities.	2249	Norris	2387	McCormick	O	PC 986		PC 986	
FAMILY LAW	Modification of child custody decree of parent in military.	2163	Campfield	2451	Hardaway		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Rules revised for placement of chld outside of parent.	2200	Norris	2338	McCormick	O	Jud	off	CFA	off
FAMILY LAW	Mediation required for certain orders of protection.	2388	Campfield	2532	Hardaway		CR	Jud Pass 4/10	CR	Fail 4/27
FAMILY LAW	Medical bills left unpaid to result in suspended visitation.	2404	McNally	2421	E. Watson		Jud	Ref	W	3/29
FAMILY LAW	Considerations in making custody determinations.	2489	Bell	2620	Forgety		PC 897		PC 897	
FAMILY LAW	Parenting plans to incorporate a residential schedule.	2512	Bell	2667	Faison		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	off
FAMILY LAW	Domestic assault committed in presence of a child.	2800	Faulk	2992	Jones	S	Jud	off	CFA/SC	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Open adoption or visitation	2835	McNally	3197	Ragan	S/Am	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	off
FAMILY LAW	Child custody when parent convicted of violent crime.	2842	Gresham	2991	S. Jones		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
FAMILY LAW	New active duty term to be used in child visitation statute.	2844	Barnes	2188	Johnson		PC 770		PC 770	
FAMILY LAW	Training for guardian ad litem.	2957	Barnes	3071	J. DeBerry	S	PC 1016		PC 1016	
FAMILY LAW	Adoption - preference to relative over foster parent.	3033	Marrero	2897	S. Jones	S	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Adoption - children placed by an unlicensed party.	3243	Barnes	3654	M. Stewart		Jud	Ref	CFA	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Post-adoption services.	3244	Barnes	3652	M. Stewart		Jud	Ref	CFA	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Child support collection - public awareness campaign.	3257	Ford	3178	Camper		PC 861		PC 861	
FAMILY LAW	Ordering of child support for postsecondary education.	3279	Kelsey	3468	H. Brooks		Floor	Fail 4/24	Floor	Pass 4/5
FAMILY LAW	Termination of parental rights.	3376	E. Stewart	3206	Alexander	O	Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Reports of physical child abuse.	3402	Gresham	3577	S. Jones		Jud	Ref	CFA	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Juvenile records taks force - broad caption.	3414	Marrero	3669	J. Turner		Jud	Ref	CFA	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Biological father to recover child support.	3466	Tate	3511	Hardaway		Jud	Ref	CFA	off
FAMILY LAW	Recovery of child support when man is not biological father.	3493	Tate	2251	Hardaway		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	off
FAMILY LAW	Dependent of neglected child.	3582	Berke	3773	Fitzhugh		Jud	Ref	CFA	Ref
FAMILY LAW	Child curfew ordinances permitted.	3746	Gresham	3791	Dennis		SLG	off	SLG	off
GOVERNMENT	Eligibility for temporary assistance.	2224	Norris	2362	McCormick		PC 912		PC 912	
GOVERNMENT	Drug testing for TANF applicants and recipients.	2272	Tracy	3099	Hensley	O	HW	Ref	HHR/SC	Ref
GOVERNMENT	Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.	2312	Bell	2509	J. Cobb		PC 530		PC 530	
GOVERNMENT	Department of Children's Services - sunset.	2315	Bell	2507	J. Cobb	S	PC 569		PC 569	
GOVERNMENT	Second look commission - sunset.	2316	Bell	2538	J. Cobb	S	GO	Ref	GO	off
GOVERNMENT	Sunset - department of human services.	2462	Bell	2508	J. Cobb	S	PC 871		PC 871	
GOVERNMENT	Drug screening applicants for TANF benefits.	2580	Campfield	2725	Hurley	O	PC 1079		PC 1079	
GOVERNMENT	Reduction in TANF payments - kids not doing well in school.	2583	Campfield	2807	Dennis	O	HW	off	HHR	Ref

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GOVERNMENT	Adds language to Children's Service Dept. Mission.	3032	Marrero	2893	S. Jones		PC 831		PC 831	
GOVERNMENT	Statutory revisions in commission on children & youth.	3143	Marrero	3342	L. Miller		HW	Ref	CFA/SC	off
GOVERNMENT	Family support program to report to HHR committees.	3189	Overbey	3797	Harrison		HW	Ref	HHR	Ref
GOVERNMENT	Child care agency age groups and ratios modified.	3421	Marrero	3510	Kernell		HW	Ref	HHR/SC	Ref
HEALTH CARE	In-home visitation programs funding criteria revised.	2241	Norris	2379	McCormick	S	PC 873		PC 873	
HEALTH CARE	TN Prescription Safety Act of 2012.	2253	Norris	2391	McCormick		PC 880		PC 880	
HEALTH CARE	Titles for alcohol and drug abuse counselors.	2387	Crowe	2233	Casada		HW	Ref	HHR/SC	off
HEALTH CARE	Aids studies for public outreach and education.	2506	Marrero	2414	Gilmore		PC 585		PC 585	
HEALTH CARE	Reporting of injuries from female genital mutilation.	2559	Ketron	2664	Faison		PC 817		PC 817	
HEALTH CARE	Reporting requirements - department of health.	2926	Overbey	2758	Casada		HW	Ref	HHR/SC	Ref
HEALTH CARE	Newborns tested for lysosomal.	3375	E. Stewart	3651	Harmon		FWM	4/27	FWM/SC	4/27
HEALTH CARE	Threats of suicide create duty to warn and report.	3546	Crowe	3764	Hill		HW	Ref	HHR	Ref
INSURANCE	Revising obsolete language - clinical social workers.	2674	Faulk	2728	Pitts		PC 595		PC 595	
INSURANCE	Coverage of neuropsychological testing of children.	2980	Burks	2881	Casada		CLA	Ref	Com/SC	Ref
INSURANCE	Termination of health insurance for dependent children.	3668	Kyle	2320	Fitzhugh		CLA	off	Com/SC	Ref
INSURANCE	Constitutional amendment - health insurance for youths.			HJR 579	M. Turner				HHR	Ref
JUDICIARY	Competency of a criminal defendant.	2186	Overbey	2504	Dennis		Jud	Ref	Jud/SC	Ref
JUDICIARY	Makes changes to the appointment of counsel and guardians.	2728	Faulk	2984	Dennis	S	PC 857		PC 857	
JUDICIARY	Expunction of court files and juvenile records.	2956	Barnes	3069	J. DeBerry	S	Jud	off	CR	P/Am 4/11
JUDICIARY	Listing parents names in juvenile court petitions.	2958	Barnes	3070	J. DeBerry	S	PC 1017		PC 1017	
JUDICIARY	Defendants in termination of parental rights cases.	3245	Barnes	3653	M. Stewart		Jud	Ref	CFA/SC	Ref
JUDICIARY	Rehearing of matter that was before juvenile magistrate.	3354	Ketron	3033	Carr		Jud	off	CR	off
JUDICIARY	Drug use that affects child in utero - broad caption.	3584	Marrero	3634	S. Jones	O	Jud	Ref	Jud	Ref
LABOR LAW	Prohibits discrimination on basis of sexual orientation.	2365	Marrero	2896	S. Jones		SLG	Ref	SLG/SC	Ref
MISCELLANEOUS	Urging funding for Taft Development Center.			HJR 604	Sexton				SLG	Ref
PROPERTY & HOUS	Termination of lease by victim of domestic abuse.	3290	Tate	2262	Hardaway		Jud	Ref	Com/SC	off
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	TN Excellence, Accountability and Management Act of 2012.	2246	Norris	2384	McCormick		PC 800		PC 800	
PUBLIC FINANCE	Appropriations - FY 2011-2012.	3768	Norris	3835	McCormick		PC 1029		PC 1029	
PUBLIC FINANCE	Statutory revisions required for appropriations act.	3771	Norris	3839	McCormick	SI/Am	PC 1026		PC 1026	
TAXES PROPERTY	Increasing inheritance tax exemption maximum.	3762	Norris	3760	McCormick		PC 1057		PC 1057	
TAXES SALES	Decreasing state sales tax and fixing local option taxes.	3763	Norris	3761	McCormick	C	PC 1058		PC 1058	