



2024 Legislative Report

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This report includes all legislation impacting pre-K-12 education passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in the 2024 legislative session. This report also contains a link to the Public Chapter and the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) contact who may provide helpful information related to each new law.



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<p>PC 523 Effective Date: March 1, 2024</p>	<p>Swann/Russell SB1177/HB1188</p>	<p>PC 523 requires that beginning in the 2026-27 school year, each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school must require 5th grade students to complete one semester of Tennessee history in the students' first semester of 5th grade.</p>	<p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 537 Effective Date: March 7, 2024</p>	<p>Crowe/Martin SB1959/HB1785</p>	<p>PC 537 renames the "uniform accounting policy manual" to be the "internal school funds manual" and removes the requirement for the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to approve the internal school funds manual so that only the Comptroller of the Treasury's approval is required.</p>	<p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 543 Effective Date: March 7, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	<p>Lowe/Hicks, T. SB1853/HB2059</p>	<p>PC 543 increases from three to six the number of work-based learning credits a student may earn in one school year. It also specifies that at least one credit must be earned through related classroom experience which must include a minimum of two periods per week of classroom instruction. A minimum of five hours of supervised work experience is required for each additional credit earned.</p>	<p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of College, Career, and Technical Education, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 548 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	<p>Haile/Slater SB1680/HB1700</p>	<p>PC 548 requires each LEA to post a notice in a conspicuous place on each school bus to notify others that no person shall enter onto school buses except students assigned to that bus or school, the staff of the school, parents of students, and other persons with lawful and valid business on the bus or school premises. It also requires training developed by the Tennessee Department of Safety and TDOE for new school bus drivers and transportation supervisors to include procedures concerning persons improperly on school buses.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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PC 549 Effective Date: March 11, 2024	Pody/Carringer SB1691/HB1797	PC 549 specifies that the appointed student member of the State Board of Education (SBE) must be counted as present by the student’s high school for attendance purposes for the time the student spends performing their duties on the SBE.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 550 Effective Date: March 11, 2024	Hensley/Cepicky SB1711/HB1630	PC 550 requires each local board of education, public charter school governing body, and higher education institution to adopt a policy on the use of artificial intelligence by students, teachers, and staff for instructional and assignment purposes. Local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies are required to implement the policy in the 2024-25 school year and report annually to TDOE starting July 1, 2024 of compliance with adopting a policy on the use of artificial intelligence.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 551 Effective Date: March 11, 2024	Hensley/Cepicky SB1712/HB1655	PC 551 enacts the “Mathematics Supports Act” which requires TDOE to conduct a landscape analysis on math instruction across Tennessee. The Act also requires TDOE to identify and approve at least one standards-aligned professional development course on mathematics instruction at no cost to K-8 teachers. Finally, the Act requires TDOE to revise the Teaching as a Profession (TAP) course standards to include standards-aligned mathematics instruction skills in alignment with the identified professional development course.	Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov
PC 563 Effective Date: March 12, 2024	Haile/Lamberth SB1697/HB1644	PC 563 requires each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school to develop a procedure for determining the cause of a fire alarm activation, including the potential for an active	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov

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		shooter event. It also requires each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school to train its staff and school volunteers on the procedure.	
<p>PC 571 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	Taylor/Doggett SB2582/HB2687	PC 571 requires that instruction as part of a family life curriculum include instruction on the prevention of internet crimes against children involving sexting, sextortion, and the exploitation of a minor. It also requires the Department of Children Services' (DCS) Tennessee Joint Task Force on Children's Justice and Child Sex Abuse and the Children's Services Advisory Council to annually recommend to TDOE age-appropriate curricula that LEAs and public charter schools may use to provide family life instruction.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
<p>PC 573 Effective Date: March 15, 2024</p>	Johnson/McCalmon SB1836/HB1649	PC 573 requires public schools and public charter schools to close on the date of the presidential primary election if the school is used as a polling place, in addition to the regular November presidential election.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
<p>PC 577 Effective Date: March 15, 2024</p>	Powers/Slater SB1701/HB1789	PC 577 requires automatic revocation of an educator license by the SBE in cases of no contest pleas, guilty pleas, and similar convictions in other states of certain offenses specified in the law. It also expands the duty of a Director of Schools, director of a public charter school, and director of a non-public school to report to SBE when they receive knowledge of a conviction, no contest, guilty plea, or equivalent conviction of one of their licensed educators to the SBE.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov

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PC 583 Effective Date: March 15, 2024	Lundberg/Hicks, T. SB1947/HB2058	PC 583 requires SBE, in collaboration with TDOE and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to conduct a study to identify math courses that may be substituted for Algebra II for the purpose of satisfying graduation requirements.	Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov
PC 625 Effective Date: March 27, 2024	Hensley/Cepicky SB2175/HB2251	PC 625 enacts the "Smart Heart Act" and establishes various requirements for automatic external defibrillators (AED) in public and non-public schools and response protocols for cardiac-related medical emergencies.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 629 Effective Date: March 27, 2024	Reeves/Baum SB2141/HB2311	PC 629 specifies that public and non-public schools cannot prohibit a student, employee, or visitor from possessing an opioid antagonist while the person is on school property or attending a school-sponsored activity held off school property. If a principal or head of a school maintains an opioid antagonist, they must ensure that it is stored in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 639 Effective Date: April 4, 2024	White/Stevens SB1663/HB1697	PC 639 removes the requirement that LEAs administer a pre-test for students participating in an after-school learning mini-camp, learning loss bridge camp, or summer learning camp.	Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov
PC 658 Effective Date: April 9, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	Niceley/Faison SB1979/HB1861	PC 658 specifies that if a public school offers students the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletic competition without the school being a member of an association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition, then the LEA must allow home school students who are zoned to attend the school to participate in interscholastic athletics.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov

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<p>PC 675 Effective Date: April 11, 2024</p>	<p>Hensley/Ragan SB1721/HB1633</p>	<p>PC 675 requires the Department of Safety to create a de-escalation training for teachers, administrators, and other school personnel. It also requires LEAs and public charter schools to ensure that the LEA's or public charter school's teachers, administrators, and other school personnel annually receive the de-escalation training.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 676 Effective Date: April 11, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	<p>Lamar/Camper SB1726/HB2826</p>	<p>PC 676 requires TDOE, using existing resources, to develop a conflict resolution program that may be adopted and implemented by LEAs and public charter schools to assist K-12 students in developing the skills necessary for nonviolent conflict resolution.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 681 Effective Date: April 11, 2024</p>	<p>Niceley/Cochran SB1914/HB2480</p>	<p>PC 681 enacts the "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act," which authorizes local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies to establish policies to offer students whole milk options through bulk milk dispensers.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 693 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	<p>Powers/White SB2214/HB2242</p>	<p>PC 693 specifies that the requirement for middle school students to take one course in computer science education for a minimum of one grading period for one full school year only applies to students enrolled in the lowest grade level offered at a middle school in the 2024-25 school year or in a subsequent school year.</p>	<p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of College, Career, and Technical Education, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 710 Effective Date: April 11, 2024</p>	<p>Gardenhire/Bricken SB2741/HB2934</p>	<p>PC 710 requires a state governing body or a local government legislative body to make available to the public, at no charge, the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting in a place accessible to the public at least 48 hours prior to a regular meeting. It also</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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		authorizes such bodies to deliberate or act upon matters not listed on the agenda of its regular meeting if the body follows its bylaws or properly adopted rules and procedures and complies with all other applicable state laws.	
<p>PC 712 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	Bowling/Bricken SB2764/HB2388	PC 712 authorizes LEAs to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes and averages for CTE classes in grades 6-8 provided that the class size does not exceed the maximum class size and average class size for general education classes in grades 7-12. The maximum class size for general education classes in grades 7-12 is 35 students and the average class size for general education classes in grades 7-12 is 30 students.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
<p>PC 721 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	Watson/Martin SB2365/HB2142	PC 721 increases from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor the penalty for a student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian failing to report an adjudication that the student committed certain delinquent acts to the school principal. It also specifies that a school principal shall ask a student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian whether there has been any such adjudication.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
<p>PC 722 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	Pody/Slater SB2106/HB2272	PC 722 requires TDOE to submit the U.S. Department of Education's interpretations and directives on the implementation of department rules that provide guidance to Tennessee to the chairs of certain Tennessee General Assembly legislative committees.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
<p>PC 727 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	White/Stevens SB1664/HB1698	PC 727 requires the juvenile court to include in the disposition for a juvenile who has been found to have made a threat to commit mass violence on	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov

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		school property or at a school-related activity, in addition to any other disposition authorized by law, the suspension of the juvenile's driving privileges or ability to obtain a driver license for a period of one year.	
PC 729 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Hensley/Warner SB1715/HB1664	PC 729 authorizes a law enforcement agency to assign a law enforcement officer to serve as a school resource officer (SRO) at a school if the school's local board of education has not entered in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a law enforcement agency to assign an SRO to the school.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 735 Effective Date: April 19, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	White/Steven SB2652/HB2464	PC 735 requires local boards of education to include school safety training in the training requirements for substitute teachers. It also clarifies that LEAs are prohibited from hiring a substitute teacher whose educator license in another state is revoked or suspended.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 738 Effective Date: April 22, 2024	Hensley/Bulso SB1708/HB1631	PC 738 authorizes a private school serving students in any of the grades pre-K-12 to adopt a handgun carry policy for the private school's property.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 752 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Pody/Lynn SB2312/HB2177	PC 752 requires a local board of education that provides electronic textbooks and instructional materials to provide a student reasonable access to a printed version of an electronic textbook or instructional material if the student or the student's parent or legal guardian submits a written request to the school's principal for a physical or hard copy of the textbook or instructional material.	Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov

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PC 770 Effective Date: April 23, 2024	Lundberg/Moody SB1938/HB2155	PC 770 names the law prohibiting an LEA from deducting dues from the wages of the LEA's employees for a professional employees' organization the "Michael Maren Paycheck Protection Act."	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 780 Effective Date: April 23, 2024	Bowling/Bulso SB2766/HB1634	PC 780 revises language in the Teacher Code of Ethics that prohibits educators from discriminating against students on certain bases to generally prohibit educators from discriminating against students on any basis.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 782 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Hensley/Yager SB1060/HB843	PC 782 amends the Age-Appropriate Materials Act to prohibit certain library material from being maintained in a school's library collection. It also outlines a timeline for a local board of education or public charter school governing body to review feedback submitted by a student, a student's parent or legal guardian, or a school employee on the age-appropriateness of a library material.	Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov
PC 791 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Hensley/Bulso SB1868/HB1909	PC 791 specifies that a public college or university shall not prohibit an adult person from carrying a non-lethal weapon for the purpose of self-defense on the university's property. It authorizes a public college or university to prohibit the carrying of non-lethal weapons on the grounds of any pre-K-12 school located on its campus.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 792 Effective Date: April 23, 2024	Roberts/Hicks, G. SB2874/HB1997	PC 792 redistributes \$75,000,000 in the K-12 mental health endowment account to be placed in the K-12 mental health special reserve account.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov

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			<i>Note: The K-12 Mental Health Trust Fund is administered by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.</i>
<p>PC 795 Effective Date: April 23, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.</p>	<p>Bowling/Bulso SB2767/HB2435</p>	<p>PC 795 enacts the “Baby Olivia Act” which requires a family life curriculum that directly or indirectly addresses human growth, human development, or human sexuality to include the presentation of a high-quality, computer-generated animation or high-definition ultrasound of at least three minutes in duration that shows the development of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal development.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 797 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	<p>Lowe/Russell SB1887/HB2590</p>	<p>PC 780 makes bullying and cyberbullying criminal offenses punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. It also requires law enforcement officers who have knowledge that a minor is a victim of bullying or cyberbullying to make an official report of the incident and provide the minor’s parent or legal guardian with notice of how to obtain a copy of the report.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 800 Effective Date: April 23, 2024</p>	<p>Bailey/Todd SB2923/HB2882</p>	<p>PC 800 requires, beginning in the 2025-26 school year, each LEA and public charter school to provide students with age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction on firearm safety. It requires TDOE and the Department of Safety, in consultation with the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission, to determine the earliest grade level in which it is appropriate for students to begin receiving instruction on firearm safety and to develop and</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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		approve a curriculum or program of instruction on firearm safety.	
PC 801 Effective Date: April 26, 2024	Bailey/Williams SB1325/HB1202	PC 801 authorizes a faculty or staff member employed by an LEA to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds as long as they meet certain requirements, including obtaining an enhanced handgun carry permit, receiving joint authorization from the LEA's Director of Schools, school principal, and local law enforcement, and completing background check and training requirements.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 809 Effective Date: April 29, 2024; applies to contracts and agreements entered, renewed, or amended on or after this date.	Massey/Howell SB2188/HB2384	PC 809 prohibits a governmental entity or local board of education from extending the immunity to governmental tort liability to independent school bus owners, operators, or other individuals or entities performing school-related transportation services. It also specifies that contracts or agreements between a local board of education and independent school bus owners and operators must require sufficient limits for tort liability exposures.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 810 Effective Date: April 29, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	Gardenhire/ Parkinson SB2202/HB2381	PC 810 requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a code of conduct for visitors for each school that describes the types of acceptable behavior from visitors on school grounds.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 829 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year	Lowe/Raper SB1688/HB1831	PC 829 authorizes a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in grades K-2 to choose to retain the parent's or guardian's student in the student's current grade level if the student has a documented academic or behavioral delay as determined by SBE	Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov

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and each school year thereafter.		rules and the parent or guardian believes that retention may benefit the student.	
<p>PC 832 Effective Date: May 1, 2024</p>	<p>Rose/Littleton SB1810/HB2165</p>	<p>PC 832 requires a request made by a student for an accommodation to affirm the student's gender identity to be reported by the employee of the LEA or public charter school to a school administrator and to the student's parent. It prohibits an employee of an LEA or public charter school from knowingly providing false or misleading information to a student's parent regarding the student's gender identity or intention to transition to a gender that differs from the student's sex at the time of birth and authorizes civil actions to be filed by parents and by the attorney general and reporter against a noncompliant LEA or public charter school.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 836 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	<p>Hensley/Cepicky SB1902/HB1928</p>	<p>PC 836 clarifies that for purposes of obtaining a school bus endorsement on a driver license and for other purposes, a school bus is a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver.</p>	<p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 839 Effective Date: July 1, 2024</p>	<p>Crowe/Alexander SB1943/HB1812</p>	<p>PC 839 allows all LEA and public charter school employees, instead of only teachers, to receive their full salary, or average pay, and full benefits in the event they sustain a personal injury as the result of a physical assault or other violent criminal act committed against them while they are acting in the course and scope of their employment.</p>	<p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 841 Effective Date: May 1, 2024</p>	<p>Jackson/Haston SB1998/HB2008</p>	<p>PC 841 prohibits an LEA or public charter school from participating in a school athletic activity hosted by an</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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		organizer that does not allow students to purchase tickets for the school athletic activity with cash.	
PC 843 Effective Date: May 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	Hensley/Hurt SB2032/HB2489	PC 843 authorizes the Commissioner of Education to issue temporary teaching permits to individuals teaching elementary physical education.	Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov
PC 863 Effective Date: May 1, 2024	Watson/Hakeem SB2366/HB2264	PC 863 amends the School Turnaround Pilot Program to allow certain schools to exit the program before the 2024-25 school year.	Robin Copp, Assistant Commissioner of School Turnaround, Robin.Copp@tn.gov
PC 864 Effective Date: May 1, 2024	Yarbro/Harris SB2406/HB2398	PC 864 adds local law enforcement officials to those who must be appointed to each district-wide school safety team and specifies that each district-wide and building-level school safety team is required to annually review the respective school safety plan.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 875 Effective Date: May 1, 2024; applies to leave taken on or after this date.	White/Moody SB2655/HB2697	PC 875 requires public charter schools, instead of only LEAs, to provide educators six work weeks of paid leave after the birth or stillbirth of the educator's child or after the educator's adoption of a newly placed minor child.	Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov
PC 876 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	White/Haston SB2674/HB2285	PC 876 authorizes the Commissioner of Education to issue temporary teaching permits to individuals teaching courses with an end-of-course examination provided that the individual is assigned a mentor teacher by the Director of Schools or director of the public charter school. It also specifies requirements for TDOE to report to the education committees of the Tennessee General Assembly on the number of	Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov

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		temporary teaching permits requested and granted for individuals to teach courses with an end-of-course examination.	
PC 882 Effective Date: May 1, 2024	Powers/Hurt SB2931/HB2487	PC 882 makes various changes related to threats of mass violence made on school property or at school-related activities.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 883 Effective Date: May 1, 2024	Powers/Hurt SB2932/HB2486	PC 883 authorizes a Director of Schools to delegate one or more of the duties assigned to the Director of Schools by the local board of education to another administrator or employee of the LEA if the local board of education has adopted a policy authorizing the respective duty to be delegated.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 884 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Powers/Hurt SB2933/HB2494	PC 884 revises certain enrollment, attendance, individualized education program (IEP), and resident requirements for certain education funding to follow a student who is admitted to a state-licensed or out-of-state mental health facility from the student's LEA to the facility.	Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov
PC 887 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to offenses committed on or after this date.	Lundberg/Mitchell SB2263/HB2198	PC 887 increases the penalty for the offense of threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 903 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Stevens/Grills SB1501/HB1016	PC 903 specifies the criminal penalties for communicating a death threat in schools.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 908 Effective Date: May 3, 2024	Lundberg/Haston SB1773/HB1936	PC 908 extends, beyond the 2023-2024 school year, the opportunity for each high school student to take nationally recognized career readiness assessments if the assessments meet certain criteria.	Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of College, Career, and

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PC 910 Effective Date: May 3, 2024	Southerland/Davis SB2703/HB2158	PC 910 clarifies that an LEA may use Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) funds to directly employ a school nurse or to contract for a school nurse. If an LEA does not employ or contract at least one school nurse for every 750 student members of the LEA in the 2024-25 school year or for a subsequent school year, the Director of Schools must submit a report to TDOE no later than June 1 of the respective school year.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 915 Effective Date: May 3, 2024	White/Raper SB2682/HB2472	PC 915 requires LEAs and public charter schools to advise an employee who is assaulted by a student of the employee's rights as a result of the assault. It also requires, instead of authorizes, the suspension of a student who commits an assault against an employee of the LEA or public charter school for at least one calendar year.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 918 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to reemployment of a retired member occurring on or after this date.	Bailey/Doggett SB2901/HB2682	PC 918 allows a retired member of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) to be reemployed as a law enforcement officer with a law enforcement agency for the sole purpose of serving full-time as a SRO without the loss or suspension of the retired member's retirement benefits.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 923 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Stevens/Williams SB135/HB1191	PC 923 revises requirements for LEAs in which one or more public charter schools operate to publish annually on the LEA's website, starting May 1, 2025, certain information about each building operated by the LEA. It also requires the LEA to submit a listing of	Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov

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		all underutilized or vacant property to TDOE and the Comptroller of the Treasury. It also grants public charter schools operating in the geographic boundaries of an LEA the right of first refusal to purchase vacant property or lease underutilized or vacant property for educational purposes.	
PC 936 Effective Date: May 6, 2024	Powers/Haston SB2215/HB2283	PC 936 specifies each LEA and public charter school may provide, in an electronic or digital format, school mapping data for each school building in the LEA, and for each school building being used by the public charter school, to assist first responder agencies in responding to emergencies occurring on school grounds.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 948 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Bowling/Hale SB2771/HB1623	PC 948 authorizes a county or municipality to hire employees or appoint volunteers to divert vehicular traffic within a marked school zone during the student drop off or pick up times. It also requires the county or municipality to post signage in advance to inform the diversion of traffic.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 954 Effective Date: May 9, 2024	Hensley/Bulso SB1867/HB1908	PC 954 enacts the “Beyond Ordinary Learning Opportunities (BOLO) Act” which requires TDOE to establish a one-year pilot program to place a therapy dog in five public schools in the 2024-25 school year.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 960 Effective Date: May 9, 2024	Taylor/White SB2593/HB2559	PC 960 authorizes local boards of education to contract for services with a non-profit or for-profit entity for the operation and management of an adult high school and specifies requirements for the contract between the local board of education and non-profit or for-profit entity.	Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov

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PC 966 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Johnson/Lamberth SB2942/HB2973	PC 966 makes state budget appropriations for the 2024-25 fiscal year.	Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov
PC 970 Effective Date: May 21, 2024	White/Baum SB1210/HB996	PC 970 prohibits instruction in topics related to sexual activity as part of a family life curriculum in grades K-5.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 982 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to scholarships awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year and each academic year thereafter.	White/White SB2659/HB2180	PC 982 expands student eligibility for a Tennessee Future Teacher scholarship to include students enrolled at Western Governors University.	Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov <i>Note: The Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship program is administered by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC)</i>
PC 989 Effective Date: May 21, 2024; applies to the 2023-24 school year and each school year thereafter.	White/Hicks, G. SB2183/HB2326	PC 989 revises the pathway for certain 4 th grade students to be promoted to the 5 th grade. It specifies that if a student who was promoted to the 4 th grade through a tutoring pathway does not demonstrate adequate growth on the 4 th grade English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the TCAP, then the student's LEA or public charter school may convene a conference of the student's parent, ELA teacher, and school principal to determine whether the student should be promoted to the 5 th grade or retained in the 4 th grade. If a majority of the categories of participants in the student's conference determines the student	Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov

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		should be promoted to the 5 th grade, the student must participate in tutoring for the entirety of 5 th grade based on requirements established by TDOE.	
PC 994 Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Johnson/Gant SB2156/HB2528	PC 994 requires TDOE to establish a school safety alert grant program to provide grants to two schools from each Grand Division of the state to purchase mobile panic alert systems.	Shannon Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, Shannon.Gordon@tn.gov
PC 1005 Effective Date: Varies based on section.	Lundberg/Cepicky SB191/HB390	PC 1005 revises various education laws related to new school building construction requirements, local grading policies, educator licensure validity periods, school improvement plan submissions, use of certain student data in school and district accountability, and chronic absenteeism policies.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
PC 1029 Effective Date: May 28, 2024	Akbari/Love SB1931/HB2224	PC 1029 requires TDOE to annually notify each LEA in writing of all state and federal grants available to assist the LEA in expanding mental health services and resources in schools.	Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov
PC 1053 Effective Date: May 28, 2024; applies to the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter.	Taylor/White SB2557/HB2678	PC 1053 establishes the “innovative school district” which is an LEA composed of schools serving students in grades pre-K-12 as training schools operated by a public university and approved by TDOE. It authorizes the University of Memphis to operate as the initial innovative school district and authorizes TDOE to approve additional public universities to operate as an innovative school district.	Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov
PC 1061 Effective Date: May 28, 2024	Faison/Haile SB2749/HB2936	PC 1061 enacts the “Families’ Rights and Responsibilities Act” and specifies certain parental rights regarding the parent’s child upbringing, education, health care, and mental health.	Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov

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<p>PC 1066 Effective Date: July 1, 2024; applies to opportunity public charter schools applying to open in the 2026-27 school year or in a subsequent year.</p>	<p>Haile/Sexton SB2820/HB2922</p>	<p>PC 1066 authorizes the creation of “opportunity public charter schools” that serve at-risk students in grades 6-12 and specifies the application, enrollment, and operational requirements of opportunity public charter schools. It also requires SBE to establish an annual evaluation of at-risk student enrollment in opportunity public charter schools and requires TDOE to recommend to the SBE for approval an opportunity public charter school accountability framework.</p>	<p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>

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