



2026 Legislative Report

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This report includes all legislation impacting pre-K-12 education passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in the 2026 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.



Public Chapter (PC)	Senate/House Sponsors and Bill Number	Topic	Summary	TDOE Point of Contact
<p>PC 533 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Cepicky SB0016/HB0025</p>	<p>Interscholastic Athletics</p>	<p>Prohibits a public school from using public funds to have a membership with an association that regulates interscholastic athletics and prohibits a student from participating in an interscholastic athletic competition due to the student transferring no more than once from a school at which the student previously participated in an interscholastic athletic competition regulated by the association.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 543 Effective Date: February 25, 2026</p>	<p>Jackson/Lafferty SB1527/HB1585</p>	<p>Local Education Insurance Committees</p>	<p>Extends the local education insurance committee to June 30, 2032</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 579 Effective Date: March 6, 2026</p>	<p>White/White SB1582/HB2011</p>	<p>Advisory Committee on Innovations in K-12 Education</p>	<p>Extends the reporting deadline for the advisory committee on innovations in K-12 education from December 31, 2025, to June 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Rica Douglas, Chief of Staff, Rica.Douglas@tn.gov</p> <p>Emily Cornute, Director of Legislative Affairs, Emily.Cornute@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 596 Effective Date: January 1, 2027</p>	<p>Briggs/Wright SB624/HB618</p>	<p>Elected Officials Holding Multiple Elected Offices</p>	<p>Prohibits an individual holding an elected office of a local government from holding another elected office in this state at the same time; grandfathers individuals holding more than one office presently until the terms expire; clarifies that such prohibition does not apply to an office in a political party's state executive committee.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 598 Effective Date: March 18, 2026</p>	<p>Watson/Cepicky SB1979/HB1466</p>	<p>Presidential Fitness Test</p>	<p>Requires each LEA and public charter school to administer the Presidential Fitness Test to students to assess their strength, endurance, and flexibility.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 601 Effective Date: March 18, 2026</p>	<p>Powers/McCalmon SB1669/HB1546</p>	<p>Commercial Driver License</p>	<p>Removes intrastate and other restrictions on the holder of a commercial driver license with certain medical conditions if the license holder is certified as being medically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle by a medical examiner certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to federal regulations.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 619 Effective Date: March 25, 2026</p>	<p>Crowe/Reneau SB2423/HB1853</p>	<p>Food and Beverage Restrictions</p>	<p>Expands from only those containing Allura Red AC, also known as Red 40, to those containing other listed petroleum-based synthetic dyes, the food or beverage items an LEA or public charter school is prohibited from selling, offering for sale, or providing to students on school property through the school nutrition program or through a third party authorized by the LEA or public charter school.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 620 Effective Date: March 26, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Davis SB0178/HB0022</p>	<p>Public Comments During Open Meetings</p>	<p>Requires a governing body subject to the open meetings laws to reserve a period of public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on any matter germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body, regardless of whether the matter is listed on the agenda for the meeting.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 621 Effective Date: January 1, 2027</p>	<p>Rose/Slater SB0938/HB1271</p>	<p>Paid Leave for Fostering a Minor Child</p>	<p>Grants eligible state employees mandatory paid leave for fostering a minor child.</p>	<p>Rica Douglas, Chief of Staff, Rica.Douglas@tn.gov</p> <p>Amanda R. Treat, HR Director, Amanda.R.Treat@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 629 Effective Date: March 26, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Reneau SB1953/HB2395</p>	<p>Civics Instructional Video</p>	<p>Requires LEAs and public charter schools to include with their social studies curriculum the presentation of a civics instructional video approved by the state board of education at least once to students in grades six through eight and at least once to students in grades nine through 12.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 630 Effective Date: March 26, 2026</p>	<p>Rose/Todd SB2369/HB2588</p>	<p>Hunter Education</p>	<p>Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to offer students in any of the grades five through 12 a hunter education course that is approved by the wildlife resources agency as part of physical education, health, or safety instruction.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 632 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Taylor/Doggett SB0273/HB0369</p>	<p>Altering Educational Document</p>	<p>Clarifies that a school employee does not commit the criminal offense of falsifying educational and academic documents for altering, creating, or duplicating the grade of a student in an educational or academic document if the alteration, creation, or duplication is due to the student obtaining the grade through a program that allows students to retake a failed course, exam, or assignment and earn credit.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 655 Effective Date: April 1, 2026</p>	<p>Bowling/Bricken SB1891/HB1927</p>	<p>One-time Teacher Bonus</p>	<p>Allows a local board of education or public charter school governing body that has not received funding from TDOE for purposes of awarding its teachers the bonus authorized in the Education Freedom Act of 2025 to pass the required resolution and notify TDOE of same no later than twenty-one calendar days from the effective date of this act, to receive funding from TDOE to award bonuses to teachers employed in the 2024-2025 school year.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 656 Effective Date: April 13, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Rudd SB1951/HB1856</p>	<p>School Bus Mileage and Age</p>	<p>Extends from 18 years with no more than 200,000 miles to the later of 20 years or 300,000 miles, the period for which a conventional or Class D school bus that is used exclusively to transport students from school to an after-school program may be in service; requires such buses to be inspected at least twice annually by the commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 679 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Roberts/Kumar SB2637/HB2573</p>	<p>Child Care Teacher Age</p>	<p>Prohibits an individual from serving as a teacher or assistant teacher in a child care program for children who are four or younger unless the individual is at least 18.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Misty Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, Misty.Moody@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 685 Effective Date: April 14, 2026</p>	<p>Akbari/Clemmons SB1213/HB0030</p>	<p>English Learners & TCAP/EOC Courses</p>	<p>Empowers a student who is an English language learner and who received language assistance services in the classroom during the school year to receive the same language assistance services while taking a Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test or an end-of-course assessment, as long as the receipt of language assistance services does not invalidate the assessment.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>David Laird, Assistant Commissioner of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, David.Laird@tn.gov</p> <p>Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports Programs, Jennifer.Jordan@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 699 Effective Date: April 14, 2026</p>	<p>Gardenhire/Lynn SB1775/HB1797</p>	<p>Open Meetings</p>	<p>Adds the governing body of an LEA and certain other local governing bodies of a public body with the authority to make binding decisions or the ability to appropriate funds to the list of governing bodies that are required to make meeting agendas available to the public in advance of such meetings.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 700 Effective Date: April 14, 2026</p>	<p>Campbell/Freeman SB1819/HB1747</p>	<p>Civic Engagement Field Days</p>	<p>Requires public high schools to provide students who are enrolled in a United States government and civics course the opportunity to participate in three civic engagement field days and similar opportunities, one for each branch of government, to observe each branch of government.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of Postsecondary, Workforce, CTE, and Military Readiness, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 701 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Rose/Cochran SB1828/HB1822</p>	<p>Religion and American History</p>	<p>Enacts the "Charlie Kirk American Heritage Act." Specifies that LEAs, public charter schools, public school teachers, and faculty or other instructors employed at public institutions of higher education may provide instruction on the positive impacts of religion on American history whenever instruction in American history is being provided.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 708 Effective Date: April 14, 2026</p>	<p>Bowling/Barrett SB1890/HB1805</p>	<p>History of Communism</p>	<p>Requires, beginning with the next adoption of academic standards in the subject of social studies, the standards recommendation committee to include in their final recommendations of academic standards in the subject of social studies to the state board of education, and the state board, to adopt, grade-appropriate academic standards on the history of communism.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 710 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Pody/Eldridge SB1957/HB1834</p>	<p>Tennessee Religious Freedom Act</p>	<p>Enacts the "Tennessee Religious Freedom Act," which authorizes a local board of education to open a meeting of the board with a prayer led by a member of the board as long as the prayer does not require participation of any person in attendance at the meeting and no person is harassed or coerced to participate in the prayer.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 720 Effective Date: April 14, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/Lamberth SB2206/HB2187</p>	<p>Federal Tax Scholarship/Education Freedom Scholarship Program</p>	<p>Enacts the "Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Act." Requires the Commissioner of Education to elect to participate in the federal tax credit established under Section 70411 of Pub. L. No. 119-21 for individuals who make qualified contributions to scholarship granting organizations and identify scholarships granting organization located in this state.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 735 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Hatcher/Cochran SB2535/HB2125</p>	<p>Driver Education</p>	<p>Requires TDOE to collaborate with the Department of Safety to develop guidelines for LEAs and public charter schools providing a driver education and training course that include certain criteria.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 744 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/McCalmon SB1710/HB1527</p>	<p>Child Trafficking Awareness and Prevention</p>	<p>Requires public schools and public charter schools to provide instruction in child trafficking awareness and prevention to students in grades kindergarten through 12 through health education, instead of being provided through a family life curriculum; requires school boards and public charter school governing bodies to adopt a plan to implement these requirements by August 1, 2026, and, upon request of the commissioner of education, provide the plan to TDOE.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 748 Effective Date: October 1, 2026</p>	<p>Rose/Maberry SB1664/HB1665</p>	<p>Healthcare Gender-related Questions to Minors</p>	<p>Prohibits certain healthcare providers from knowingly or willfully asking a minor, or a health insurance issuer, managed care organization, or entity providing reimbursement for healthcare services from requiring or requesting a healthcare provider or facility to ask, certain gender-related questions for any purpose; makes other related changes.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 757 Effective Date: April 16, 2026</p>	<p>Yager/Powers SB2168/HB2089</p>	<p>Victims of Communism Day</p>	<p>Requires LEAs and public charter schools to recognize Victims of Communism Day to honor the people who have fallen victim to communist regimes by providing high school students enrolled in a world history and geography course with at least 45 minutes of instruction on such topic.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 760 Effective Date: April 16, 2026</p>	<p>Crowe/Jones SB2433/HB2149</p>	<p>Disciplinary Investigations when Student Withdraws</p>	<p>Authorizes an LEA or public charter school to continue a disciplinary investigation of a student who, during the investigation, withdraws from the LEA or public charter school; authorizes, if the student later reenrolls, the LEA or public charter school to discipline the student in accordance with the LEA's or public charter school's policy based on the results of the investigation.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 764 Effective Date: April 13, 2026</p>	<p>Taylor/Howell SB2258/HB2356</p>	<p>Camera Evidence on School Bus Exteriors</p>	<p>Requires an LEA that installs cameras on the exterior of school buses for the purpose of recording images of motor vehicles that fail to stop upon approaching a school bus to either enter into a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement that includes the review of evidence from a camera and overall enforcement, or authorize school safety personnel to review evidence from a camera to determine whether a violation has occurred.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 767 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/Lamberth SB2230/HB2536</p>	<p>Members of Insurance Committees</p>	<p>Replaces certain members of the state insurance committee, the local education insurance committee, and the local government insurance committee.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 768 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Rose/Cochran SB0377/HB0548</p>	<p>Tennessee Procurement Protection Act</p>	<p>Enacts the "Tennessee Procurement Protection Act." Prohibits a foreign adversary company from bidding on or submitting proposals for a contract with a state agency or political subdivision of this state for information and communications technology except under certain conditions.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 772 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Briggs/Rudd SB1922/HB1705</p>	<p>Employee Verification using the E-Verify Program</p>	<p>Beginning July 1, 2026, requires all state and local governmental employers to verify the work authorization status of each prospective employee through the federal E-Verify program prior to employment; authorizes the attorney general and reporter to enforce compliance with the requirement against local governments and subjects a noncompliant local government to the withholding of all funds of this state allocated to the local government via grant, contract, or statute, including, but not limited to, state-shared taxes.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 778 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Haile/Carringer SB0400/HB0640</p>	<p>Tennessee Accelerating Literacy and Learning Corps</p>	<p>Requires TDOE to develop guidance for Tennessee accelerating literacy and learning corps (TALLC) members on how to align tutoring services for students with the remediation the student needs and with the academic standards adopted by the state board of education for the student's grade level; requires TDOE to provide LEAs with a list of secure data management systems that utilize platforms capable of tracking the effectiveness of intervention methods, resource allocation, and student progress in real time across all schools in the LEA; makes other related changes.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports Programs, Jennifer.Jordan@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 780 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Haile/Doggett SB0591/HB1273</p>	<p>Threats of Mass Violence</p>	<p>Clarifies that a person is required to report a threat of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity only if the threat of mass violence is credible; defines a credible threat of mass violence as a threat that causes another to reasonably expect the commission of an act of mass violence.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 795 Effective Date: July 1, 2027</p>	<p>Pody/Cepicky SB2047/HB1960</p>	<p>Progressive Tiered Interventions for Priority Schools</p>	<p>Changes the party responsible for selecting the intervention option for priority schools receiving tier three interventions through the progressive tiered intervention system from TDOE to the state board of education upon the recommendation of TDOE.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Robin Copp, Assistant Commissioner of School Turnaround, Robin.Copp@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 798 Effective Date: April 23, 2026</p>	<p>Watson/Moody SB2077/HB1735</p>	<p>TISA Review Committee</p>	<p>Authorizes all voting members of the TISA review committee to assign a designee to attend committee meetings as nonvoting members.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Caryn Burkholder, Director of Operational Data Strategy, Caryn.Burkholder@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 804 Effective Date: April 21, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/Moody SB2207/HB2275</p>	<p>Safe School Design Advisory Board</p>	<p>Creates a safe school design advisory board to recommend to the commissioner of commerce and insurance safe school design guidelines for LEAs and public charter schools to consider when constructing or remodeling K-12 public school facilities.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 808 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Hensley/Reneau SB2310/HB2393</p>	<p>Digital Devices Policy</p>	<p>Requires each LEA and public charter school serving students in any of the grades K-5 to adopt a policy governing the age-appropriate and instructional use of digital devices by students to minimize unnecessary screen time while preserving instructional effectiveness.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 812 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Crowe/McCalmon SB2426/HB2048</p>	<p>Voluntary Pre-K Program Enrollment</p>	<p>Authorizes LEAs who operate a voluntary pre-K program who have not met the enrollment capacity to enroll students who are not "at-risk" if (1) the student is three-years-old on or before August 15 and the student has a parent employed by the LEA, (2) the student is five-years-old on or before August 15 and the student is eligible for an IEP, or (3) the student is five-years-old on or before August 15 and the student has not previously been enrolled in a pre-K program.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Misty Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, Misty.Moody@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 818 Effective Date: April 21, 2026</p>	<p>Taylor/White SB0712/HB0664</p>	<p>LEA Rights of Action Against the State</p>	<p>Prohibits an LEA or public charter school from using public funds to initiate or maintain any civil action or proceeding against the state or an agency or officer of the state to challenge a school or district accountability measure established under state law.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 828 Effective Date: April 27, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/McCalmon SB1712/HB1697</p>	<p>Flags</p>	<p>Authorizes a county mayor and the chief executive officer of a municipality to order the flags flown on county or municipal property to be lowered to half-staff to honor the death of a prominent citizen of that county or municipality.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 834 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Powers/Maberry SB1817/HB1725</p>	<p>Children of Service Members</p>	<p>Establishes various requirements for LEAs to provide enrollment and services to certain students who are the dependent children of service members.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 842 Effective Date: April 27, 2026</p>	<p>Haile/Slater SB1931/HB1934</p>	<p>Charter Schools</p>	<p>Requires TDOE to annually collect and report certain data for opportunity public charter schools on TDOE's website. Requires a director of schools, juvenile court judge, or Department of Children's Services caseworker who has knowledge that a student is at-risk and eligible to attend an opportunity public charter school to provide the student and their parent or legal guardian with information regarding their eligibility to enroll in the opportunity public charter schools located in or adjacent to the student's county of residence.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 844 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Raper SB1968/HB1823</p>	<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Requires a director of schools to refer a student to juvenile court who was formerly enrolled in the LEA, who was receiving tier three truancy interventions, who withdrew from the LEA, and who did not transfer to another LEA; establishes that unexcused absences accumulated by a transfer student at their former school or LEA during the school year in which they transfer follow the student to the receiving school or LEA to determine habitual truancy, to implement a progressive truancy plan, and to identify cases of educational neglect.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 850 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Crowe/Maberry SB2087/HB1895</p>	<p>Parental Notification of Classroom Evacuation</p>	<p>Requires the principal or the principal's designee to provide notification to the parent or legal guardian of each student who was in the classroom or instructional area at the time that a classroom evacuation occurred by the end of the day in which the classroom evacuation occurred unless the event that prompted the classroom evacuation is an ongoing emergency or is otherwise under investigation by a state or local law enforcement agency.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 852 Effective Date: April 27, 2026</p>	<p>White/White SB2139/HB2096</p>	<p>Electronic Local Board of Education Meetings</p>	<p>Authorizes a board meeting to be conducted electronically without a quorum of board members being present if inclement weather or a natural disaster makes the physical presence of a quorum of board members impractical or unsafe; limits the number of board meetings conducted electronically without a quorum being physically present to three times per year.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 853 Effective Date: January 1, 2027</p>	<p>Haile/Jones SB2201/HB2146</p>	<p>Loss of Driving Privileges Due to Truancy</p>	<p>Specifies that if a student is referred to juvenile court for being unlawfully absent from school and is ultimately adjudicated to be unruly, that the disposition made by the juvenile judge or magistrate may include the suspension of the student's driving privileges or ability to obtain a driver license for a period of up to one year.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 862 Effective Date: April 27, 2026</p>	<p>Briggs/White SB2285/HB1974</p>	<p>Student Safety Plan</p>	<p>Requires the school principal and the building-level school safety team, with input from the parent or legal guardian of the student who is named as the petitioner in the order of protection, to develop and implement a student safety plan within five school days of receiving an order of protection between two students enrolled in the same public school.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 864 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Watson/Martin SB2348/HB2423</p>	<p>Library Staff Requirements</p>	<p>Requires the state board of education, in consultation with TDOE, to qualify an advanced degree in media and technology as an advanced degree that leads to a library information specialist endorsement; establishes certain staffing requirements for libraries in public schools that serve students in any combination of grades 9-12 based on current student enrollment.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 867 Effective Date: April 27, 2026</p>	<p>Hensley/Jones SB2371/HB2148</p>	<p>Temporary Teaching Permits</p>	<p>Clarifies that tenure and the process for dismissing a nontenured, licensed employee by a director of schools does not apply to individuals who hold a temporary academic permit or temporary clinical permit.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 868 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Crowe/Jones SB2434/HB2147</p>	<p>Drones Over School Grounds</p>	<p>Establishes that a person commits a Class C misdemeanor if the person knowingly uses an unmanned aircraft over the grounds of a public school with the intent to conduct surveillance of the school grounds without permission of a school administrator, the director of schools, or the director's designee commits.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 873 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Hatcher/Stinnett SB2525/HB2398</p>	<p>Minors Working in Child Care</p>	<p>Allows a high school student who is 16-years-old or older to work in a child care center outside of school hours or during school hours through a work-based learning program if the student meets certain criteria.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 883 Effective Date: May 5, 2026</p>	<p>Pody/Reneau SB0259/HB0853</p>	<p>Access to Healthcare Records of Minors</p>	<p>Clarifies that a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may access and review all prescription, rehabilitation, and treatment records of the child, including those records related to treatments available to unemancipated minors without parental consent, unless the treating professional is required to report abuse of the unemancipated minor.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 892 Effective Date: May 5, 2026</p>	<p>Powers/Lankford SB1670/HB1989</p>	<p>Space Force</p>	<p>Recognizes the United States Space Force as a distinct branch of the United States Armed Forces by adding the Space Force to definitions and provisions related to the military.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p> <p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of Postsecondary, Workforce, CTE, and Military Readiness, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 893 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/Reeves SB1822/HB1785</p>	<p>Interscholastic Athletics & Private Schools</p>	<p>Requires an LEA that operates a public high school to permit a high school student who resides within the geographic boundaries of the LEA and who is enrolled in a private school that is located in the LEA and that serves fewer than 200 students to participate in interscholastic athletics at the public high school that the private school student is zoned to attend.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 894 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Lowe/McCalmon SB1823/HB1696</p>	<p>Payments for Property or Services</p>	<p>Requires a state department, agency, or official who contracts with a business to acquire property or services to make payments under the contract to the business within 30 days rather than 45 days after receipt of the invoice from the business; requires such state departments, agencies, and officials to annually report to the chairs of the appropriate standing committees of the senate and house of representatives the number and aggregate amount of late payments made for the preceding calendar year and the amount of interest paid and outstanding on such late payments.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 895 Effective Date: May 5, 2026</p>	<p>Briggs/Wright SB1944/HB1858</p>	<p>Community Meetings via Electronic Communication</p>	<p>Authorizes local governmental bodies to conduct certain community meetings via electronic means of communication.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 898 Effective Date: May 5, 2026</p>	<p>White/White SB2106/HB1973</p>	<p>Educator Licensure Discipline</p>	<p>Prohibits an educator from engaging in any sexually related behavior with students who are currently enrolled in the educator's school or LEA, or students who have graduated or withdrawn from the educator's school or LEA in the last twelve months; requires violations to be reported to the state board of education.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 899 Effective Date: May 5, 2026</p>	<p>White/White SB2141/HB2095</p>	<p>Changes to Higher Education Provisions</p>	<p>Removes various dates by which various reports must be submitted by various entities; makes various changes to the Tennessee Student Assistance Award; requires new and existing transfer pathways to be reviewed on a rotating basis; authorizes the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to conduct private meetings for certain purposes; makes various other changes related to financial aid and higher education.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of Postsecondary, Workforce, CTE, and Military Readiness, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 901 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Hensley/Cepicky SB2375/HB2276</p>	<p>Math Instruction</p>	<p>Revises law concerning math education; requires the state board of education, in developing and adopting a uniform grading system for students in grades 9-12, to include in such system the high school course grades achieved by students in eighth grade; specifies that the uniform grading system for students in grades K-8 must include K-8 course work.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 902 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Akbari/White SB2377/HB2257</p>	<p>Dyslexia Intervention Endorsement</p>	<p>Requires the State Board of Education to establish a qualified dyslexia interventionist endorsement to allow an educator to provide targeted instructional intervention, academic support, behavioral support, or related services to students demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p> <p>Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports Programs Jennifer.Jordan@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 905 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Powers/White SB2441/HB2420</p>	<p>Virtual School Closures</p>	<p>Requires an LEA to close a virtual school not meeting certain requirements for continued operation; requires TDOE to maintain and publish on TDOE's website a list of providers that operated or managed a virtual school that was closed for not meeting the requirements for continued operation; makes other related changes.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 909 Effective Date: May 1, 2026</p>	<p>Seal/Farmer SB0687/HB0656</p>	<p>Compensation for Accrued Annual and Sick Leave Upon Employee's Death</p>	<p>Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to compensate the estate of an employee who died on or after September 1, 2024, while employed by the LEA or public charter school, for the employee's unused and accrued annual and sick leave.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 912 Effective Date: May 1, 2026</p>	<p>Roberts/Slater SB2636/HB1729</p>	<p>Classic Learning Test</p>	<p>Allows student performance on the Classic Learning Test to be used alongside the ACT and SAT for various purposes; makes various changes to home school testing requirements and opportunities available to home school students.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>David Laird, Assistant Commissioner of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, David.Laird@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 924 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Pody/Hale SB0303/HB0047</p>	<p>Ten Commandments</p>	<p>Authorizes LEAs and public charter school governing bodies to allow schools in the LEA or the public charter school, as applicable, to display the Ten Commandments, the first sentence of the second paragraph of the preamble to the Declaration of Independence, and the preamble to the United States Constitution in a prominent location in a school building.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 938 Effective Date: May 7, 2026</p>	<p>Rose/Cochran SB0936/HB1271</p>	<p>Biological Sex</p>	<p>Requires each governmental entity to revise any existing ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, and procedure that includes a reference to a natural person's sex or gender to state that those terms are defined as the immutable characteristics of the person's reproductive system that identify the person as male or female, as determined by anatomy and genetics testing at the time of birth; makes related changes.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 947 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Hensley/Davis SB1716/HB1550</p>	<p>Epinephrine Policy</p>	<p>Expands the prescribed forms of epinephrine that an LEA or nonpublic school is authorized to administer when a student is believed to be experiencing a life-threatening allergic or anaphylactic reaction to any prescribed form of epinephrine, not just epinephrine auto-injectors.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 955 Effective Date: May 7, 2026</p>	<p>Bailey/Cochran SB1901/HB1709</p>	<p>License Eligibility</p>	<p>Specifies in various provisions that for a person to be eligible for a particular license, certificate, permit, or authorization, the person must be a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 962 Effective Date: May 7, 2026</p>	<p>Pody/Rudd SB1960/HB1857</p>	<p>Fourth of July Instruction</p>	<p>Requires each director of schools for an LEA and each director of a public charter school to annually ensure that students in grades K-12 enrolled in the LEA or public charter school observe the Fourth of July during the school year by receiving age- and grade-appropriate instruction on the founding of the United States, the separation of the original 13 colonies from Great Britain, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the fundamental rights and freedoms enjoyed by American citizens.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Christy Wall, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Instructional Strategy, Christy.Wall@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 963 Effective Date: May 7, 2026</p>	<p>Johnson/Lamberth SB2247/HB2532</p>	<p>Education Freedom Scholarship Program</p>	<p>Increases, from 25,000 to 35,000, the maximum number of education freedom scholarships that may be awarded to eligible students in the 2026-27 school year; Establishes requirements for how TDOE awards education freedom scholarships; Revises various subsections related to TISA allocations; Establishes reporting requirements for TDOE regarding the number of eligible students who applied for education freedom scholarships, with the first report due to the education committee of the senate and the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over K-12 education by June 1, 2026 for the 2025-26 school year; by October 1, 2026 for the 2026-27 school year; and by each October 1 thereafter for the immediately preceding school year.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 976 Effective Date: May 13, 2026</p>	<p>Massey/Alexander SB2361/HB2129</p>	<p>TACIR Study</p>	<p>Requires TACIR, with the assistance of relevant state agencies, to conduct a comprehensive study on public school administered early childhood education programs in this state.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Misty Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, Misty.Moody@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 992 Effective Date: July 1, 2027</p>	<p>Cepicky/Hensley HB1886/SB1912</p>	<p>Acceptable Use Policies</p>	<p>Makes various changes to the requirements for locally adopted internet acceptable use policies; establishes certain authorizations and prohibitions for an LEA or public charter school with regard to email addresses for students in grades pre-K-5; requires an annual audit of each LEA's and public charter school's compliance with its adopted internet acceptable use policy.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 994 Effective Date: January 1, 2027</p>	<p>Boyd/Johnson HB1913/SB2199</p>	<p>Regulatory Freedom Act</p>	<p>Enacts the "Regulatory Freedom Act of 2026," which imposes new requirements on state agencies when adopting rules that affect regulated businesses, industries, trades, and licensed professionals. Agencies must provide advance notice to affected trade groups, prepare fiscal impact statements estimating compliance costs, and annually report the cumulative impact of new regulations.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 997 Effective Date: May 19, 2026</p>	<p>White/Watson HB1979/SB2062</p>	<p>Promising Futures Act</p>	<p>Enacts the "Promising Futures Act"; redirects certain revenues collected from taxes, fees, and assessments for vapor and hemp-derived cannabinoid products to a promising futures fund to support a variety of programs administered by the Department of Human Services to provide child care assistance to working families, including eligible child care workers.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Misty Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, Misty.Moody@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1007 Effective Date: May 19, 2026</p>	<p>Watson/Williams HB2121/SB2072</p>	<p>Better Spending, Better Schools Act</p>	<p>Requires each LEA and public charter school to submit an expenditure report to the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller of the treasury and to TDOE by August 1 each year; requires TDOE to make the expenditure report submitted by each LEA and public charter school available to the public by posting the report on the state report card.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1012 Effective Date: May 19, 2026</p>	<p>Slater/Watson HB2177/SB2351</p>	<p>Charter Schools and School Funds</p>	<p>Allows certain schools to be exempt from conducting separate audits of certain school funds; establishes that if an LEA fails to submit a financial report before December 1 of the following fiscal year, then the per pupil funding allocated to the public charter school shall not decrease; changes the enrollment lottery process for public charter schools; changes the requirements for public charter school replication applications; makes various other changes.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1022 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Harris/Akbari HB2343/SB2669</p>	<p>Personal Leave for Teachers</p>	<p>Increases from one to two, the number of days of personal and professional leave a teacher accumulates for each one-half year employed.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1030 Effective Date: May 21, 2026</p>	<p>G. Martin/Watson HB2422/SB2317</p>	<p>Local Assessments</p>	<p>Requires TDOE to implement a pilot program to evaluate whether administering fewer district- and state-mandated assessments results in students achieving greater academic success; adds an additional method by which a student who is not proficient in ELA, as determined by the student's achieving a performance level rating of "approaching" on the ELA portion of the student's most recent TCAP test, may be promoted.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>David Laird, Assistant Commissioner of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, David.Laird@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1032 Effective Date: May 21, 2026</p>	<p>Haston/Hensley HB2485/SB2385</p>	<p>Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement Funding</p>	<p>Requires the TISA review committee to study and include in its annual report recommendations for how this state may revise the ways in which it identifies economically disadvantaged students to ensure this state is accurately identifying the students in need of additional resources and recommendations for how this state may better support economically disadvantaged students through the TISA.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p> <p>Caryn Burkholder, Director of Operational Data Strategy, Caryn.Burkholder@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1040 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Lamberth/Johnson HB2533/SB2228</p>	<p>TDOE Clean Up Bill</p>	<p>Makes various revisions to education law, including, but not limited to, prohibiting parents from using funds deposited in a participating student's IEA to make contributions to an achieving a better life experience account for purposes of the "ABLE Act," and requiring the Title VI coordinator for a LEA or public charter school to investigate certain complaints of antisemitic discrimination and harassment reported to the LEA or public charter school before formally reporting the incidents and complaints to the Title VI coordinator designated by TDOE.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1048 Effective Date: May 21, 2026</p>	<p>Moon/Briggs HB2616/SB2162</p>	<p>Governing Bodies</p>	<p>Authorizes governing bodies to conduct executive sessions for the purpose of considering employment of director-level staff for such governing body without providing public notice of such session.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1056 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Cochran/White HB0545/SB0677</p>	<p>Professional Development for Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom</p>	<p>Requires TDOE to provide at least one professional development course that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom and that is made available, at no cost, to teachers in grades 6-12; requires such teachers to complete at least one department-approved professional development course on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom by the later of August 1, 2028, or within two years of becoming licensed as a teacher in this state.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p> <p>Deborah Knoll, Assistant Commissioner of Postsecondary, Workforce, CTE, and Military Readiness, Deborah.Knoll@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1057 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>White/Taylor HB0662/SB0714</p>	<p>Turnaround Bill</p>	<p>Requires an educational oversight board to be created for an LEA that meets certain criteria and is established to annually conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of the LEA to determine the factors that may be contributing to the LEA meeting such criteria; requires the oversight board to develop a transformation plan that identifies performance and operational goals for the LEA and benchmarks for assessing the LEA's progress toward meeting such goals; makes other related changes.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Robin Copp, Assistant Commissioner of School Turnaround, Robin.Copp@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1069 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Slater/Johnson HB1881/SB1585</p>	<p>Education Savings Account Program Testing Requirements</p>	<p>Revises the assessment testing requirements for students who participate in the Education Savings Account (ESA) program.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1071 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Moon/Hatcher HB1516/SB1592</p>	<p>Municipal LEA Budgets</p>	<p>Creates a process for continuing funding for a municipal LEA when the municipal legislative body and the governing body for the LEA cannot agree on a budget; provides a process for continuing funding of municipal operations when a municipal legislative body has not adopted a budget by the first day of a fiscal year.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Pearcy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1076 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Maberry/Rose HB1666/SB1665</p>	<p>Honorifics</p>	<p>Clarifies that the same immunities from civil liability, adverse action, and disciplinary action, and duties, that apply to this state, state employees, public schools, LEAs, public school students, public school teachers, public school employees, public school contractors with regard to the use of a pronoun consistent with an individual's sex applies when using an honorific that is consistent with an individual's sex.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1081 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Eldridge/Massey HB1677/SB1692</p>	<p>Military Families Licensing Recognition Act</p>	<p>Enacts the "Military Families Licensing Recognition Act" which requires Tennessee licensing boards to quickly recognize occupational licenses and work experience obtained through military service or in other states for active-duty military members, veterans, and their families. Eligible applicants who meet specified qualifications can receive a comparable Tennessee license.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1093 Effective Date: July 1, 2026</p>	<p>Moody/Rose HB1733/SB1774</p>	<p>Bullying</p>	<p>Creates a criminal offense for a school employee who intentionally engages in bullying or cyberbullying of a student; clarifies that a teacher or school employee of an LEA who is found to have committed an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying is subject to dismissal or suspension.</p>	<p>Christy Ballard, General Counsel, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1112 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>B. Martin/Walley HB2327/SB2055</p>	<p>Private Pay Services Received in School</p>	<p>Requires LEAs and public charter schools to allow a private pay provider who is under contract with a parent or legal guardian of a student with autism spectrum disorder or developmental delays who is enrolled in the LEA or public charter school, access to the student during the school day to provide the student with private pay services in educational settings as long as the educational settings in which private pay services are provided do not conflict with the student's educational placement; makes other related changes.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports Programs, Jennifer.Jordan@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1114 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>G. Hicks/Watson HB2270/SB2061</p>	<p>Digital Protection Fund</p>	<p>Creates a children's digital protection fund in the treasury for various purposes including education relating to the impact of social media and technology on the mental health and wellbeing of minors.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Lori Paisley, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School Health, Lori.Paisley@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1128 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Cepicky/Hensley HB2000/SB2318</p>	<p>Public Charter Schools</p>	<p>Allows private postsecondary institutions, including those that are religiously affiliated, to operate a public charter school; allows such institutions to apply to the local board of education or directly to the Tennessee public charter school commission to open a public charter school and to give an enrollment preference to children of the institution's employees or members of its governing body in the same manner afforded to public institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>Trudy Hughes, Assistant Commissioner of Choice, Trudy.Hughes@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1132 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Cepicky/White HB2277/SB2403</p>	<p>Local Assessments</p>	<p>Requires each public school to annually submit to TDOE a list of all local assessments administered to students, requiring TDOE to publish the percentage of students who attain proficiency for the English language arts portion of the TCAP, and establishing the assessment review board to annually review the TCAP tests administered to students in the most recent school year.</p>	<p>Jonathan Criswell, Chief Program Officer, Jonathan.Criswell@tn.gov</p> <p>David Laird, Assistant Commissioner of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, David.Laird@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1133 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>White/White HB2426/SB2404</p>	<p>Early Educator Workforce Development Resource Task Force</p>	<p>Creates an early educator workforce development resource task force and pathway to evaluate Tennessee's existing workforce, education, and training resources for early childhood educators, identify gaps in the workforce pipeline, and recommend strategies to strengthen recruitment, training, credential attainment, and career advancement for early educators; requires the State Board of Education to establish a pathway allowing eligible private child care programs and agencies to serve as approved clinical practice sites for educator preparation programs that include registered apprenticeships leading to a birth-to-kindergarten teaching endorsement.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Misty Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, Misty.Moody@tn.gov</p>

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<p>PC 1134 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Stevens/White HB2305/SB2407</p>	<p>Educator Preparation Program Clinical Practice</p>	<p>Clarifies that an individual who has begun, but not completed, the amount of clinical practice required by the educator preparation program (EPP) in which the individual is enrolled may receive a temporary clinical permit if all other requirements for the permit are satisfied; allows such an individual who is issued a temporary clinical permit to meet the clinical practice requirements of the EPP in which the individual is enrolled by combining the amount of clinical practice the individual completed before being issued a temporary clinical permit with the amount of time the individual taught under the temporary clinical permit.</p>	<p>Kristy Brown, Chief of Academics, Kristy.Brown@tn.gov</p> <p>Brooke Amos, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital, Brooke.Amos@tn.gov</p>
<p>PC 1142 Effective Date: May 22, 2026</p>	<p>Lamberth/Johnson HB2631/SB2690</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Sam Percy, Deputy Commissioner, Sam.Percy@tn.gov</p> <p>Maryanne Durski, Chief Financial Officer, Maryanne.Durski@tn.gov</p>