



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES 2014 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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MENTAL HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION

SB1497 / HB2230 County medical examiners and coroners - subpoena rights.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. Kent Calfee

Description Authorizes an authorized post-mortem official, investigating pursuant to a court order or an order of a district attorney general, to obtain upon written request, or by subpoena through the appropriate district attorney general, medical and hospital records from licensed individuals under Title 63 and medical facilities licensed under title 68. Also, authorizes an authorized post-mortem official, investigating pursuant to a court order or an order of a district attorney general, to obtain by judicial subpoena or court order all records from facilities licensed under Title 33.

Public Chapter 944

T.C.A. Title 38, Chapter 7

SB1502 / HB1494 Certain physician assistants to perform duties of a physician.

Category Professions & Licensure

Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. Ryan Williams

Description Under present law, in regards to the involuntary admission of an individual to an inpatient mental health facility, the commissioner may designate a person to take any action authorized or duty imposed on a physician if the person is a qualified mental health official, is licensed or certified to practice in the state if required for the profession, and completes a training program on emergency commitment criteria and procedures that is approved and provided by the department. This bill adds a "licensed physician's assistant with a master's degree and expertise in psychiatry as determined by training, education or experience" to the persons the commissioner may so designate, if the person meets the other described requirements. Clarifies that the board will determine if the physician assistant has an expertise in psychiatry, based on the training, education or experience of the individual.

Public Chapter 688

T.C.A. Title 33

SB1782 / HB1495 Community mental health centers to employ physicians.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Rusty Crowe / Rep. Ryan Williams

Description Enables community mental health centers to employ certain physicians, not to include emergency department physicians, pathologists or radiologists.

Public Chapter 695

T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 6

SB2023 / HB1904 Inmates eligible for assistance.

Category Corrections

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Vince Dean

Description Authorizes suspension, but not termination, of eligibility for medical assistance during periods of actual incarceration. Authorizes inmates to be eligible for temporary reinstatement of medical assistance for care received outside of a jail or correctional facility in a hospital or other health care facility for more than 24 hours. Authorizes a public institution to make efforts to establish eligibility for or renew assistance for such individuals prior to their release from the institution.

Public Chapter 926

T.C.A. Title 71

SB2256 / HB2104 Extends pilot project for assisted outpatient treatment.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Becky Duncan Massey / Rep. Ryan A. Haynes

Description Extends the pilot project for assisted outpatient treatment until June 30, 2015.

Public Chapter 1000

T.C.A. Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 6

SB2390 / HB2204 Sunset Extension of Council on Children's Mental Health.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny

Description Sunsets the council on children's mental health care on June 30, 2018.

Public Chapter 552

T.C.A. Title 4

SB2479 / HB2441 Scope of practice for psychologists.

Category Professions & Licensure

Sponsors Sen. Stacey Campfield / Rep. Gary Odom

Description Changes the scope of practice for psychologists to include forensic psychological evaluation and parent coordination. Specifies that certain assessments are also within the scope of psychology practice. Adds that for forensic evaluation and parent coordination, a licensed person performing such services is considered to be acting within their lawful scope of practice and the practice is not exclusive to individuals licensed as psychologists. Adds telepsychology as the practice of psychology via electronic communications technology by persons licensed under the laws governing psychologists.

Public Chapter 809

T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 11

SB2485 / HB2317 Conservatorship - records and termination.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile / Rep. Gary Odom

Description Gives respondents in conservatorship hearings the right to present evidence from a physician, psychologist, or senior psychologist. Requires any protection order that places respondent's financial information under seal to allow access to such information relative to the fees and expenses of the conservatorship.

Public Chapter 799

T.C.A. Title 34

HR191 Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2013.

Category Miscellaneous

Sponsors Rep. G.A. Hardaway

Description Urges the United States Congress to pass the Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2013.

House Status 04/09/2014 - Signed by House speaker.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RELATED LEGISLATION

SB1391 / HB1295 Illegally taking a narcotic drug while pregnant.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver

Description Clarifies that a woman may be prosecuted for assault against her viable fetus for the illegal use of a narcotic drug under certain conditions. Creates an affirmative defense to such prosecution if the woman is actively enrolled in a recovery program before the child is born and completes other certain conditions. This bill has a sunset date of June 30, 2016.

Public Chapter 820

T.C.A. Title 39

SB1751 / HB1574 Limits on the purchase of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

Description Lowers the amount of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers that a pharmacy can sell and/or a person can purchase over the counter from 9 grams per month to 5.76 grams per month. Creates a yearly maximum amount of 28.8 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers that a pharmacy can sell and an individual can purchase in one year. Adds a prohibition against any person under 18 purchasing a product that contains any immediate methamphetamine precursor, except pursuant to a valid prescription issued by a licensed healthcare practitioner authorized to prescribe by the law of the state or a pharmacist generated prescription. Clarifies that the limits do not apply to a person who obtains the product pursuant to a valid prescription. (Safety Subcabinet Administration Bill for 2014-TDMHSAS, DOSHS, & TBI)

Public Chapter 906

T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

SB2021 / HB1661 Punishment for manufacturing and possessing methamphetamine.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mae Beavers / Rep. Timothy Hill

Description Requires convictions of manufacturing methamphetamine to include confinement of at least 180 days at 100 percent. Requires convictions of simple possession or casual exchange of methamphetamine to include confinement of at least 30 days at 100 percent. Specifies that the minimum mandatory sentences required by this bill will not prohibit persons who are convicted of methamphetamine offenses from participating in a drug or recovery court and receiving sentence credit for up to the full amount of the mandatory minimum sentence.

Public Chapter 970

T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

SB1596 / HB1456 Methamphetamine criminal charge.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. William G. Lamberth

Description Creates a new section in the criminal code through which certain methamphetamine drug charges must be brought.

Public Chapter 904

T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

SB1312 / HB1257 Clerk notification of meth conviction to the TBI.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Joey Hensley / Rep. Tony Shipley

Description Requires court clerks to forward a copy of a judgment and date of birth of any person who is convicted of a felony offense under Tenn. Code Ann. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for registration into the drug offender registry. Renames the methamphetamine registry as the "drug offender registry." Increases the amount of time, from seven to ten years, in which an individual convicted of a felony drug offense is required to be listed in the Registry, following the date of the most recent conviction.

Public Chapter 732

T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17

SB1503 / HB1397 Failure to alert police when meth is manufactured on property.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. William G. Lamberth

Description Creates a Class B misdemeanor criminal offense for any landlord, owner, manger, caretaker, agent of the owner or employee who knows or reasonably should know that methamphetamine has been manufactured or is being manufactured on real property or any building, structure, or room located on such property on or in which such person performs compensated labor or is employed to or has a duty or responsibility to care for or manage to intentionally fail to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24 hours of acquiring such knowledge. The offense will not apply to property that the person having a duty to report as described above owns or has a mortgage on, resides in and does not derive rental income from.

Public Chapter 640

T.C.A. Title 68

SB1904 / HB1858 Pharmacist - corrections to NPLEx.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile / Rep. Billy Spivey

Description Authorizes pharmacists to submit data entry corrections concerning errors in the submission of purchases of immediate methamphetamine precursors to the NPLEx. Further, prohibits stop sale orders with respect to cases where the correction applies.

Public Chapter 828

T.C.A. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-431

SB1633 / HB1429 Allows 2nd or 3rd time DUI offender to attend certain treatment.

Category DUI

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

Description Allows the judge, as a condition of probation, to order person convicted of a second or third offense of DUI to participate in a substance abuse treatment program following a clinical substance abuse assessment and up-front jail time (25 days for 2nd Offenders; 65 days for 3rd Offenders). Requires the substance abuse assessment to be administered by qualified alcohol and drug abuse treatment personnel. Requires sentence reduction credits to be awarded to persons ordered to attend such substance abuse treatment programs if those persons successfully complete the ordered treatment and specifies the amount of sentence reduction credits to be awarded. (TDMHSAS Administration Bill for 2014)

Public Chapter 902

T.C.A. Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4

SB1962 / HB1759 Use of an alcohol transdermal monitoring device-“Amelia’s Law”.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. William G. Lamberth

Description Clarifies that a transdermal monitoring device or other alternative alcohol or drug monitoring device may be ordered as a condition of pretrial diversion, parole, probation, judicial diversion or DUI probation if it is determined that the defendant's use of alcohol was a contributing factor in the defendant's unlawful conduct.

Public Chapter 567

T.C.A. Title 40 and Title 55

SB2547 / HB2400 Reporting dispensed controlled substances to the controlled substances monitoring database (CSMD)

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Joey Hensley / Rep. Barry Doss

Description Requires a dispenser to report the dispensing of a controlled substance to the CSMD within one business day. Excludes veterinarians.

Public Chapter 1011

T.C.A. Title 53, Chapter 10

SB1508 / HB1513 New hallucinogen added to Schedule I controlled substances.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Tony Shipley

Description Adds 25H-NBOMe as a new hallucinogen to controlled substances in Schedule I. Adds Quinolinyndolecarboxesters and 1-Aminocarbonyl propylindazolecarboxamides to synthetic cannabinoids.

Public Chapter 735

T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

SB1630 / HB1426 Controlled substances database report - health care providers.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

Description Includes in the list of persons who may receive patient-specific information from the controlled substance database a prescriber, healthcare practitioner or dispenser who may place a copy of a patient's report from that database in that patient's medical records. Provides that upon having been placed in the medical record, the report obtained from the database shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as other medical records under present law. Permits authorized committee, board of pharmacy, or department of health personnel and any designee appointed by the committee engaged in analysis of controlled substances prescription information as a part of the assigned duties and responsibilities of their employment may publish, or otherwise make available to dispensers, as well as prescribers and to the general public, aggregate unidentifiable personal data contained in or derived from the database for the purpose of educational outreach. (TDH Administration Bill for 2014)

Public Chapter 622

T.C.A. Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3

SB1631 / HB1427 Civil liability immunity - certain opioid drug overdoses.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

Description Authorizes a health care practitioner who is licensed to prescribe an opioid antagonist, acting in good faith, to provide an opioid antagonist prescription for a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose, or for a family member, friend, or a person who is in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose. Allows an individual who receives an opioid antagonist that was prescribed under this bill, to administer it to another person if they exercise reasonable care in administering the drug and in good faith believe that the other person is experiencing an opioid related overdose. Requires the commissioner of health to create and maintain an online education program with the goal of educating laypersons on the administration of opioid antagonists and the techniques for dealing with opiate-related drug-overdoses. Provides immunity from civil liability for the practitioner and the person administering the drug, unless there is a showing of gross negligence or willful misconduct, and gives the practitioner immunity from disciplinary or adverse administrative actions. (TDH Administration Bill for 2014)

Public Chapter 623

T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1

SB2000 / HB1939 Pain clinics.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Defines "chronic non-malignant pain treatment" and redefines "pain management clinic" in statute and the type of services offered by a pain management clinic. Specifies that the urine drug screening conducted by providers in accordance with a written drug screening compliance plan are to be pursuant to the rules promulgated by the department of health.

Public Chapter 700

T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 1

SB1832 / HB1466 Identification requirements - certain drugs are dispensed.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Bob Ramsey

Description Requires dispensers to request identification for Schedule II-IV opioid, benzodiazepine, zolpidem, barbiturate, and carisoprodol medications for greater than a 7 day supply. Exceptions to ID requirements are specified. Violations will be subject to a civil penalty assessed by the provider's licensing board.

Public Chapter 872

T.C.A. Title 53

SB1663 / HB1512 Dispensing of controlled substances.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Tony Shipley

Description Requires any healthcare practitioner to notify such practitioner's licensing board within 10 days of starting or ending work at a pain management clinic. Provides for certain environments in which a medical practitioner may prescribe opioids or benzodiazepines. Requires practitioners that are no longer able to prescribe opioids or benzodiazepines to, within 10 days after the effective date of this act, ensure that the undispensed inventory of opioids and benzodiazepines purchased under the prescriber's drug enforcement administration number for dispensing is returned to a licensed third party reverse distributor or local law enforcement agency. Requires wholesalers to buy back any undispensed opioids or benzodiazepines that are in the manufacturer's original packaging, unopened, and in date, in accordance with the established policies of the wholesaler or the contractual terms between wholesaler and the practitioner concerning returns. Requires wholesalers to design and operate a system which tracks suspicious orders of controlled substances. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

Public Chapter 983

T.C.A. Title 53 and Title 63

SB2113 / HB2072 Access to controlled substance monitoring database by judge of a recovery court treatment program-pilot project.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Andrew Farmer

Description Authorizes the judge of a drug court treatment program to request information from the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database (CSMD). Any information from the CSMD which is provided to such a judge must also be provided to the district attorney general of the judge's district. Requires the information to be confidential. Requires the pilot project be limited to three judicial districts as selected by the Commissioner of the Department of Health. Requires the CSMD Committee or the Committee's designee to report to the Commissioner's district selections to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate.

Public Chapter 791

T.C.A. Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3

SB2302 / HB1657 Prescribers dispensing non-narcotic schedule V controlled substances.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Cameron Sexton

Description Authorizes licensed prescribers who work at a pain management clinic to dispense without charge a sample of a nonnarcotic schedule V controlled substance in an amount adequate to treat a patient for a maximum of 14 days.

Public Chapter 842

T.C.A. Title 63

SB2531 / HB2461 Cannabidiol research.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors Sen. Todd Gardenhire / Rep. Mike Carter

Description Adds to the definition of "marijuana" pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-402. Exempts cannabis oils containing the substance cannabidiol when transferred, dispensed, possessed or administered as part of a clinical research study regarding the treatment of intractable seizures when conducted under the supervision of a physician practicing at a hospital or associated clinic affiliated with a university having a college or school of medicine or when conducted by a four-year public institution of higher education located in Putnam County. Requires any clinical research study on the treatment of intractable seizures to be reported to the Commissioner of Health and the Speakers of the House and Senate by January 15, 2018

Public Chapter 936

T.C.A. Title 39

SR5 Methadone clinics to participate in prescription drug programs.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally

Description Urges Congress to amend the Public Health Service Act to require methadone clinics to participate in prescription drug monitoring programs.

Senate Status 02/26/2013 - Signed by Senate speaker.

GENERAL HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION

SB804 / HB937 Prohibits Medicaid expansion under new federal health care law without authorization by joint resolution of the TGA.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Jeremy Durham

Description Prohibits the governor from making any decision or obligating the state in any way with regard to the expansion of optional enrollment in the medical assistance program, pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, unless authorized by joint resolution of the general assembly.

Public Chapter 662

T.C.A. Title 4 and Title 71

SB1885 / HB1766 Requirements for in loco parentis decision-making for a minor child.

Category Family Law

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Vince Dean

Description Authorizes the power of attorney for care of a minor child to be signed by two witnesses instead of a notary public. Defines "health care", "health care decisions", "health care institution", "health care provider", and "reasonably available" as currently defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-1802. Authorizes non-custodial parents, grandparents, adult siblings, stepparents, or other adult family members when standing in loco parentis to make health care decisions for an unemancipated minor in the absence of a guardian or legal custodian, or an individual who has been given a power of attorney for the care of the child. Prohibits the treating health care provider or employee, an operator or employee of a health care institution, or an employee of the operator of a health care institution from standing in loco parentis. Requires the adult standing in loco parentis to sign an affidavit stating that the person has taken responsibility for the health care of the child. Authorizes a

person standing in loco parentis to exercise existing parental rights to obtain medical records and information. Prohibits a person standing in loco parentis from consenting on behalf of the minor to withhold or withdraw life sustaining procedures; to an abortion; to sterilization; to psychosurgery; to admission to a mental health facility for a period longer than the durational limits in statute; or to mental health treatment for a minor 16 years of age or older. Grants immunity for a person standing in loco parentis from being liable for damages except for acts of willful misconduct or gross negligence. Grants health care providers immunity from civil liability, criminal culpability, or professional disciplinary actions for treating an unemancipated minor without legal consent when relying on a written instrument that is consistent with the requirements set forth in the bill.

Public Chapter 696
T.C.A. Title 34, Chapter 6

SB1908 / HB1950 Annual Coverage Assessment of 2014.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Michael Harrison

Description Enacts the Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2014, which establishes an annual coverage assessment on hospitals of 4.52 percent of a covered hospital's annual coverage assessment base and is required to be paid in equal quarterly installments. The Bureau of TennCare will send a notice of payment and a return form to each covered hospital 30 days prior to the payment date. A penalty of \$500 a day is imposed on a hospital that does not pay the assessment by the due date. The covered hospital is also subject to disciplinary action under the licensing laws applicable to the hospital. A covered hospital is prohibited from increasing charges or adding surcharges based on or as a result of the annual coverage assessment. A TennCare managed care organization is prohibited from implementing across the board reductions in rates that are in existence on July 1, 2014, for hospitals and physicians by category or type of provider, unless mandated by the CMS. A Maintenance of Coverage Trust Fund (the Fund) consisting of all annual coverage assessment collections and investment earnings credited to the assets of the Fund is established. Assessment payments, investment earnings, and federal matching funds are required to be available to the Bureau and only expended for benefits and services that would have been subject to reductions or eliminations from the FY13 – 14 TennCare budget; for refunds to hospitals for payments of assessments or penalties to the Bureau through error, mistake, or a determination that the payment was invalidly imposed; and for reimbursements to hospitals to offset losses for services provided to TennCare enrollees (assessment payments only). The implementation of the annual coverage assessments is dependent upon approval of additional hospital payments by CMS and a determination by CMS that the payments will not reduce federal participation in the TennCare program. Critical access hospitals, state mental health hospitals, rehabilitation and long term care acute hospitals, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the state and local government hospitals are exempt from the annual coverage assessment. Beginning September 1, 2014, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, TennCare is required to report the status of the determination and approval by CMS, the balance of the Fund, and the extent to which the funds have been used, to both of the Finance, Ways and Means Committees, the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, and the House Health Committee.

Public Chapter 877
T.C.A. Title 71, Chapter 5

SB2050 / HB1895 Telehealth insurance coverage.

Category Insurance Health

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Kelly Keisling

Description Requires that a health insurance carrier provide coverage under a health insurance policy for healthcare services delivered through telehealth. Establishes that "telehealth" does not include an audio-only conversation between a licensed healthcare provider and a patient; an electronic mail message between a licensed healthcare provider and a patient; or a facsimile transmission between a licensed healthcare provider and a patient. Adds the definition of "qualified site." Adds the definition of "store and forward telemedicine services." Expands the definition of telehealth to include store and forward telemedicine services. Requires the provider to be a qualified site and that the patient be

at a qualified site or at a school clinic equipped to engage in telemedicine. Makes telehealth providers subject to the same contractual requirements as other providers in the network. Clarifies that the insurer is not required to reimburse an amount that exceeds the amount paid for in-person services. Excludes certain insurance policies from the provisions of the bill. Deletes the requirement that the telehealth service be in the presence of another healthcare provider.

Public Chapter 675
T.C.A. Title 56

SJR541 General Assembly support of patient-centered palliative care.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Rusty Crowe

Description States that the General Assembly recognizes the importance of coordinated palliative care, both as a patient quality of life issue and as a way to more effectively spend limited healthcare dollars, and encourages health professionals, patients, public and private payers, and state health officials, including, but not limited to, members of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Health and the Tennessee Cancer Coalition, to convene for discussions to develop solutions, tools, and model best practices for providing better patient-centered care to individuals with chronic disease in Tennessee.

Senate Status 04/10/2014 - Signed by Senate speaker.

Public Chapter 04/10/2014 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status 04/14/2014 - Signed by Governor.

STATE GOVERNMENT RELATED LEGISLATION

SB1603 / HB1673 Continues permanent rules-Secretary of State after January 1, 2013.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny

Description Continues the permanent rules of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act that are filed with the Secretary of State and those filed after January 1, 2013, and declares that they must remain in effect until they are repealed or amended. TDMHSAS did not engage in rulemaking activity in 2013.

Public Chapter 948
T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 5

SB1769 / HB1672 Sunset Extension of Dept. of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny

Description Extends the sunset provision for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to June 30, 2018. Clarifies requirements for background checks for employees of state-operated intermediate care facilities for individuals who apply to work with persons receiving developmental disability services.

Public Chapter 668
T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 4, Chapter 3 and Title 33, Chapter 2

SB1831 / HB1732 UAPA - calculation of time related to rules.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors Sen. Janice Bowling / Rep. Curtis Halford

Description Requires a proposed agency rule to be posted on the Secretary of State's website within seven days of receipt rather than five. Requires the statement that is posted with the proposed rule to specify that the agency will adopt the rule without a public hearing unless within 60 days after filing of the proposed rule a petition for a public hearing is filed by 25 persons who will be affected by the rule, an association of 25 or more members, a municipality or by a majority vote of any standing committee of the general assembly. Current law specifies a time frame of 90 days.

Public Chapter 782

T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 5

SB2045 / HB1940 TEAM Act - revised provisions.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Steve Southerland / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Authorizes the parties involved in a Step I appeal to make an audio tape recording of the proceeding and have a non-lawyer representative participate in the appeal if the state has more than one representative in attendance at the Step I appeal.

Public Chapter 701

T.C.A. Title 8, Chapter 30, Part 3

SB2389 / HB2203 Sunset Extension of Department of Children's Services.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny

Description Sunsets the department of children's services on June 30, 2017.

Public Chapter 680

T.C.A. Title 4

SB2596 / HB2501 Appropriations - Fiscal years beginning July 2013 and July 2014.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

Description Makes appropriations for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014.

Public Chapter 919

T.C.A. None

SB2597 / HB2500 Implementation bill.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

Description Implementation Bill.

Public Chapter 917

T.C.A. Various

SB2600 / HB2502 Bond Issuance.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

Description Authorizes the state to issue and sell bonds and bond anticipation notes.

Public Chapter 813
T.C.A. None

MISCELLANEOUS

SB276 / HB1109 Certificate of Employability

Category Judiciary

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Karen D. Camper

Description Allows a person convicted of a felony to petition the court for a certificate of employability under certain circumstances. Provides immunity for businesses based on claims of negligent hiring if certain conditions are met. Boards that are responsible for licensing health care occupations will not be required to extend licenses to holders of certificates of employability. Specifies that the present law provisions requiring express language to be present to create or confer the right of a private right of action applies to this bill.

Public Chapter 815

T.C.A. Title 40, Chapter 29

SB1047 / HB1279 Creates the Tennessee behavior and analyst licensing board.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Mark White

Description Creates a behavioral analyst board that would exist under the board of examiners of psychology.

Public Chapter 04/16/2014 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

T.C.A. Title 4 and Title 63

SB2538 / HB2257 Creation of Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Steve McManus

Description Creates the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve access to programs and services for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The task force will have 16 members and will meet quarterly. Non-legislative members will serve without compensation.

Public Chapter 1010

T.C.A. None
