



Department of  
**Mental Health &  
Substance Abuse Services**

## 2015 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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### “PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS” RELATED LEGISLATION

#### **SB871 / HB1036 Addiction Treatment Act of 2015/Good Samaritan Legislation.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Enacts the "Addiction Treatment Act of 2015." Enacts a Good Samaritan law in Tennessee, which prohibits arresting, charging, or prosecuting any individual who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for a drug overdose themselves, or seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing or believed to be experiencing a drug overdose. Limits the immunity available to the person experiencing a drug overdose to the person's first such drug overdose. Prohibits (1) penalties for a violation of a protective or restraining order, and (2) sanctions for a violation of a condition of pretrial release, probation, parole. Specifies various limitations of the law. Additionally, allows certain products containing buprenorphine to be prescribed under various situations and sets limitations for the drug. **(Prescription For Success Goal; p. 67 of Prescription For Success Full Report)**

**Public Chapter** PC396

**Citations** Title 53, 56 & Title 63

**SB409 / HB229 Pharmacy Drug Disposal Programs Act of 2015.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Enacts the "Pharmacy Drug Disposal Programs Act of 2015." Authorizes any Tennessee licensed based pharmacy located within the state to voluntarily participate in a pharmacy drug disposal program. Designates the pharmacist in charge as the person responsible for deciding whether the pharmacy participates in a pharmacy drug disposal program. Exempts the pharmacy practice from liability regarding any theft, robbery, or other criminal activity related to the participation in the program. Requires the board of pharmacy to maintain a list of Tennessee licensed pharmacies located within this state that participate in the pharmacy drug disposal program. **(Prescription For Success Goal; p. 73 of Prescription For Success Full Report)**

**Public Chapter** PC40

**Citations** Title 63, Chapter 10

**SB1266 / HB1157 Pain management clinic requirements for medical directors and others.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Establishes that all advanced practice nurses and physician assistants who practice in a certified pain clinic shall be supervised by a pain medicine specialist. Requires the commissioner of health, by January 1, 2016, to develop recommended treatment guidelines for prescribing opioids that can be used by prescribers as a guide for caring for patients, and to develop, by January 1, 2017, recommended pain clinic standards for the operation of a pain management clinic. Provides that the guidelines shall be submitted to the appropriate prescribing boards and the board of pharmacy, and each board shall notify its licensees of the existence of the standards. Provides that anyone with an ownership interest in a pain management clinic shall be eligible to be the certificate holder. Redefines "medical director" to include an individual who is a pain management specialist on or after July 1, 2016. Redefines "pain management specialist" to provide further qualifications to be eligible. **(Prescription For Success Goal; p. 71 of Prescription For Success Full Report)**

**Public Chapter** PC475

**Citations** Title 63

**SB157 / HB31 Deletes Intractable Pain Treatment Act.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Deletes the "Intractable Pain Treatment Act (IPTA)." Establishes that the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Osteopathic Examination and the Board of Nursing must repeal any rules promulgated as a result of the IPTA. **(Prescription For Success Goal; p. 70 of Prescription For Success Full Report)**

**Public Chapter** PC26

**Citations** Title 63, Chapter 6

**MENTAL HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION**

**SB886 / HB1304 Petitioning for relief from firearms disability.**

**Category** Judiciary

**Description** Establishes procedures by which a person, who was previously judicially committed or adjudicated as a mental defective, can petition the court that entered the judicial commitment or adjudication order for relief from the resulting firearms disabilities three years from the date of the person's release from commitment or the date of the adjudication order, whichever is later. Requires district attorney general of district where commitment or adjudication occurred to be notified of the petition to restore firearms rights. Requires court to notify TBI when a person's petition is granted. Specifies records to be updated or destroyed by TBI upon granting a person the requested relief.

**Public Chapter** PC459

**Citations** Title 16

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RELATED LEGISLATION

### **SB318 / HB287 Scheduling of controlled substances.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Updates the state's controlled substances schedules I-V. **(TDMHSAS Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC302

**Citations** Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

### **SB932 / HB1173 Illegal drugs - additional synthetic cannabinoids.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Adds certain synthetic cannabinoids to the list for which it is an offense to knowingly produce, manufacture, distribute, or possess with intent to produce, manufacture, or distribute.

**Public Chapter** PC401

**Citations** Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

### **SB97 / HB86 Registration to store or provide logistics for controlled substances.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Updates pharmacy statutes to bring those statutes into line with recent federal legislation and preserves state regulatory authority over drug wholesalers and third party logistics providers. **(TDH Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC293

**Citations** Titles 53 & 63

### **SB1287 / HB1216 Explanations justifying amount of drugs prescribed.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Primarily, this legislation requires the top ten prescribers of controlled substances in all of the counties combined having a population of less than 50,000 according to the 2010 federal census to submit an explanation to the Department of Health (TDH) justifying the amounts of controlled substances prescribed and demonstrate that these amounts were medically necessary for the patients treated and that the supervising physician reviewed and approved the prescribing amounts of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants. Currently this requirement is limited to the top fifty prescribers of controlled substances in the state.

**Public Chapter** PC476

**Citations** Title 68

### **SB570 / HB403 Opioid Abuse Reduction Act**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Enacts the "Opioid Abuse Reduction Act." Requires the commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services to convene a working group to examine the problem of opioid abuse in this state, with a primary focus on persons enrolled in TennCare, and the potential impact of the use of FDA-approved abuse-deterrent opioids. The working group must include representatives of TennCare, the Tennessee department of safety, the Tennessee department of health, the healthcare insurance industry, manufacturers of abuse-deterrent opioids, law enforcement, the Tennessee medical association, and other persons whom the commissioner may deem appropriate. Any costs associated with participation in the working group will be borne by the individual participants or their respective associations or companies and not by the state of Tennessee, except for those who are employed by this state. No later than January 1, 2016, the working group must submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor, the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives, the health committee of the house of representatives, the commerce and labor committee of the senate, and the health and welfare committee of the senate, at which time the working group will cease to exist.

**Public Chapter** PC389

**Citations** None

**SB280 / HB197 Possession of low-THC cannabis oil.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Allows persons to possess cannabis oil with less than nine-tenths of one percent of THC legally obtained in another state. Requires proof that the person or the person's immediate family member has been diagnosed with intractable seizures or epilepsy by a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine licensed in Tennessee.

**Public Chapter** PC352

**Citations** Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4

**SB924 / HB959 No prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia in certain cases.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Grants immunity from prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia for possessing a hypodermic needle or other sharp object if the person alerts a law enforcement officer to the presence of the hypodermic needle or other sharp object on the person, the person's premises, or in the person's vehicle prior to being searched. Clarifies that this immunity from prosecution does not apply to any other drug paraphernalia that may be found during the search.

**Public Chapter** PC77

**Citations** Title 7

**SB681 / HB811 Return of child to parent when removed due to drug abuse.**

**Category** Family Law

**Description** Provides that, in a private custody case, when a child is removed from custody of parent due primarily to parent's drug abuse, the child cannot be returned to the parent until the parent has complied with certain criteria that demonstrates a commitment to responsible parenting.

**Public Chapter** PC236

**Citations** Title 36

**SB111 / HB100 Weight of immediate methamphetamine precursors.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Clarifies that the limits on the sale of immediate methamphetamine precursors shall only apply to the amount of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, rather than the to the overall weight of a product containing such substances. **(Public Safety Subcabinet Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC59

**Citations** Title 39, Chapter 17

**SB45 / HB39 Sale of products containing dextromethorphan to minors.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Creates a civil penalty for the retail sale of products containing dextromethorphan to persons who are under the age of 18 or for the purchase of such products by persons who are under the age of 18; provided that the purchaser is not an emancipated minor.

**Public Chapter** PC82

**Citations** Title 39

**SB374 / HB404 Sale of powdered or crystalline alcohol.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Creates class A misdemeanor offense for sale or offer for sale of powdered or crystalline alcohol for human consumption. Defines certain terms in relation to criminal offense. Specifies certain substances to which the offense does not apply.

**Public Chapter** PC311

**Citations** Title 57

**SB411 / HB309 Restrictions on sale of vapor products.**

**Category** Retail Trade

**Description** Renames the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes Act" the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act" and makes multiple changes throughout the existing statute for the purpose of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) being authorized to regulate vapor products as defined by the bill, in addition to tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. Such changes include, but are not limited to, a prohibition for persons under the age of 18 to purchase vapor products; and a requirement that child-resistant liquid nicotine containers be used with vapor products in conjunction with Federal Safety Standards. Requires the Department of Health (TDH) to develop and implement comprehensive tobacco prevention programs for Tennessee, and urges the DOA to study the effects of the sale and distribution of vapor products for persons under the age of 18 and is encouraged to make recommendations to the legislature with regards to reducing such sale and distribution. Requires the language concerning "liquid nicotine container" to be effective January 1, 2016.

**Public Chapter** PC353

**Citations** Title 39

**SB711 / HB854 Criminal Justice Veterans Compensation Act of 2015.**

**Category** Veterans & Military Affairs

**Description** Establishes the "Criminal Justice Veterans Compensation Act of 2015" or the "CJVC Act" for the purpose of creating specialized veterans' treatment court programs (VTCPs) to meet the specialized problems faced by veteran defendants.

**Public Chapter** PC453

**Citations** Title 16

**SB110 / HB99 Technical changes to DUI law.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Description** Makes technical corrections to the DUI statutes, including adding streets and alleys to the locations for which it is unlawful for any person to drive or to be in physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence. **(DOSHS Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC126

**Citations** Title 55, Chapter 10

**SB456 / HB134 Transdermal monitoring device as condition of bail agreement.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Establishes that if a person is charged with vehicular assault, vehicular homicide or aggravated vehicular homicide, and has a prior alcohol-related conviction, the use of a transdermal monitoring device is required as a condition of the person's bail agreement. Authorizes possible exception to the transdermal device requirement for persons with legitimate medical reasons. Allows judge to issue a capias for the person's arrest for violation of bond conditions if the person being monitored violates the conditions of release. Establishes that knowingly tampering with, removing, or vandalizing the monitoring device, or aiding or abetting someone in doing so is at Class B misdemeanor. Specifies that monitoring agency should notify appropriate court if it becomes aware that the defendant tampered, removed, or vandalized the monitoring device.

**Public Chapter** PC490

**Citations** Title 40

**SB986 / HB720 Seizure and forfeiture of vehicle after certain DUI convictions.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Description** Clarifies that seizure and forfeiture of vehicles is applicable after certain DUI convictions, rather than violations.

**Public Chapter** PC463

**Citations** Title 55

**SB829 / HB929 Definition of nonresidential treatment center for opiate addiction.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Revises the definition of nonresidential substitution-based treatment center for opiate addiction to require a certificate of need for certain centers offering treatment with products containing buprenorphine.

**Amendment** Senate amendment 1 (004470) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to specifically include stand-alone clinics and treatment resources and to define "physical location" as real property on which a physical structure, whether or not that structure is attached, is located containing one or more units if used as a site for prescribing or dispensing methadone, products containing buprenorphine, or products containing other controlled substances designed to treat opiate addiction. Specifies that the private practitioner exemption for licensure by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services does not apply to a private practitioner, prescriber, or prescribers operating a nonresidential substitution-based treatment center for opiate addiction.

**Senate Status** 03/26/2015 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

**House Status** 03/31/2015 - House Health Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

**Citations** Titles 33 & 68

**DIDD RELATED LEGISLATION**

**SB85 / HB75 Intermediate Care Facilities**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Extends the tax on intermediate care facilities to July 15, 2017. Changes references to "intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR)" to say instead "intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID)." (**DIDD Administration Legislation for 2015**)

**Public Chapter** PC340

**Citations** Titles 68

**SB17 / HB115 Services for people with intellectual disabilities.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Requires that persons with intellectual disabilities on the waiting list for services be enrolled in the self-determination waiver within six months when their custodial parent or custodial caregiver attains the age of 80.

**Public Chapter** PC430

**Citations** Title 33

**SB307 / HB894 DIDD to seek approval from the family support council.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Specifies that DIDD must adopt policies and procedures regarding the development of appropriations requested for the DIDD Family Support program.

**Public Chapter** PC301

**Citations** Title 33, Chapter 5

**GENERAL HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION**

**SB1223 / HB699 Establishes requirements and protections for practice of telehealth.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Establishes standards for the practice of telehealth in Tennessee. Establishes that a healthcare provider practicing telehealth use the same

standard of care of professional practice as a similar licensee of the same practice area or specialty who is providing the same healthcare services through in-person encounters. Specifies that the definition of healthcare provider with regards to the practice of telehealth includes any state-contracted crisis service provider employed by a facility licensed under Tenn. Code Ann. Title 33. Prohibits the board or licensing entity governing any healthcare provider from establishing more restrictive standards for professional practice of telehealth. Establishes that the requirements and protections regarding provided services through telehealth do not apply to pain management clinics and chronic nonmalignant pain treatment.

**Public Chapter** PC261

**Citations** Title 63

**SB113 / HB102 Amends the Access Tennessee Act of 2006.**

**Category** Insurance Health

**Description** Redefines "creditable coverage" to mean coverage of an individual that provides the minimum essential coverage required under 26 U.S.C. 500A. Gives Access Tennessee the power to purchase policies of insurance. Current law only gives Access Tennessee the authority to issue policies of insurance. Removes language that deems a person ineligible for coverage if the pool has paid out \$1,000,000 in benefits on behalf of the person over the lifetime of the person or if the person has or obtains health insurance coverage substantially similar or more comprehensive than a pool policy. Also removes language that deems a person ineligible for coverage if the person's premium are paid for or reimbursed under any government sponsored program or by any government agency or health care provider. Specifies that the program shall offer at least one form of coverage to each eligible person. Also specifies that coverage may be modeled after one of the healthcare options offered to state employees or may combine a health savings account with a high deductible plan. Further states that coverage may be obtained through the commercial market. Makes other changes to the "Access Tennessee Act of 2006" and limits eligibility for coverage through the AccessTN program to those who are currently enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of the act. **(TennCare Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC185

**Citations** Title 56, Chapter 7

**SB125 / HB151 Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2015.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2015." Establishes an annual coverage assessment on hospitals of 4.52 percent of a covered hospital's annual coverage assessment base.

**Public Chapter** PC276

**Citations** Title 71, Chapter 5

**SB112 / HB101 Licensure of settings for home-based and community-based services.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Authorizes the board for licensing healthcare facilities and certain departments to amend licensure rules to be consistent with federal regulations pertaining to home-based and community-based settings. **(TennCare Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC153

**Citations** Titles 33, 68, & 71

**SB319 / HB288 Personal support services agencies licensure.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Eliminates the requirement for dual licensing by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD). Requires licensed personal support service agencies to designate the population it proposes to serve at the time of licensing. Authorizes personal support agencies licensed by either department to serve individuals with physical or other disabilities. Requires the departments to work together to ensure that licensure standards for personal support services agencies are appropriate across all populations that may be served and are consistently applied. Specifies that the licensing entity will be determined based on the larger population served by the agency as of the effective date of the act, or the larger

population anticipated to be served by the agency at the time of the licensure application. **(TennCare Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC110

**Citations** Title 33

**SB532 / HB311 Certificate of need (CON) application - notification of local government.**

**Category** Health Care

**Description** Requires local government officials to be notified by certified mail within ten days when a certificate of need application is filed that involves a facility in which the county or municipality is a lessor of the healthcare facility or the real property on which it sits. Specifies that the certificate of need application shall not be deemed complete unless the applicant has provided proof of compliance with the notice provisions.

**Public Chapter** PC505

**Citations** Title 68

**STATE GOVERNMENT RELATED LEGISLATION**

**SB96 / HB85 Requirements for advertisement seeking to lease space for state use.**

**Category** Media & Publishing

**Description** Defines entity as any state agency, department, or institution of higher education of the state. Authorizes an entity's state procurement agency to publish advertisements for needed lease space on such entity's website at least two weeks before proposals are opened. Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the amount of a lease for which advertising is not required. Advertising is not required for (1) lease renewals where the right to renew and the rates for such renewal rate was included in the original lease (2) extensions to the term of a lease by one year or less beyond the expiration date set forth in the original lease; or (3) other amendments to the lease required by State Building Commission policies. **(DGS Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC382

**Citations** Title 12

**SB606 / HB647 Longevity payments for executive branch employees.**

**Category** Public Employees

**Description** Expands the list of state employees who are not eligible to receive longevity pay to include executive branch employees in state service hired after June 30, 2015. State employees employed by the state before June 30, 2015 will still receive longevity pay. State service is defined as all officers and positions of trust or employment in the service of state government in the executive branch and all boards, commissions and agencies of state government, except those specifically excluded in Tenn. Code Ann. §8-30-102. **(Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC364

**Citations** Title 8

**SB416 / HB193 Comptroller to be notified regarding breach of computer system.**

**Category** Public Employees

**Description** Requires state agencies to immediately notify the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury when any confirmed or suspected unauthorized acquisition of computerized data and any confirmed or suspected breach of a computer information system or related security system has occurred within a reasonable amount of time. Defines breach, computer information system, related system, and reasonable amount of time for the purposes of the bill.

**Public Chapter** PC42

**Citations** Title 8

**SB889 / HB714 Prohibits use of surveys generated by public agencies in certain situations; Establishes certain advertising standards.**



**Category** Tort Liability

**Description** The results of a survey, an inspection, or an investigation of a healthcare provider that is conducted by any state or federal department or agency, including any statement of deficiencies and all findings and deficiencies cited in the statement of deficiencies on the basis of the survey, inspection, or investigation, all proposed or implemented plans of correction submitted by the healthcare provider, and statements of or records of interviews with employees or independent contractors of the healthcare provider will not be admissible in evidence in any health care liability action in any court or arbitration proceeding on the basis that it satisfies an exception to the Tennessee rules of evidence governing hearsay. Does not prohibit the results of a survey, an inspection, or investigation being used in state or civil or criminal proceeding or a federal civil or criminal proceeding initiated by a state or federal department or agency or an appeal of any such proceeding. Establishes certain standards for use of the results of a survey, an inspection, or an investigation of a healthcare providers conducted by any state or federal department or agency in advertisements.

**Public Chapter** PC399

**Citations** Title 29

**SB99 / HB88 Revising registry of abused, neglected, or misappropriated property.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Defines "abuse" and "neglect" as used for the registry of persons who have abused, neglected, or misappropriated the property of vulnerable individuals. Directs commissioner of health to create rules for the administration of maintaining the registry. Extends time to appeal inclusion on registry to 60 days after notification of inclusion on registry. **(TDH Administration Legislation for 2015)**

**Public Chapter** PC94

**Citations** Title 68, Chapter 11

**SB727 / HB474 Certain employee medical records are not public records.**

**Category** Public Employees

**Description** Clarifies that certain medical records received and maintained by the Tennessee claims commission and the division of claims administration are confidential and not subject to public inspection. Defines "healthcare provider" and "medical record" as it relates to which records maintained by these agencies are confidential.

**Public Chapter** PC47

**Citations** Title 9

**SB160 / HB154 Codifies acts of the 2014 legislative session.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Codifies the acts of the 2014 legislative session.

**Public Chapter** PC27

**SB210 / HB344 Continues permanent rules filed with secretary of state.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state after January 1, 2014. Specifies that the board of optometry rule 1045-02-.17, relative to the prohibition upon the practice of optometry in or in conjunction with any retail store or other commercial establishment, expire on the effective date of the act.

**Public Chapter** PC349

**Citations** Title 4, Chapter 5

**SB467 / HB216 UAPA - government operations committee to review every rule.**

**Category** Government Regulation

**Description** Alters certain provisions regarding the rulemaking process provided in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA). Requires, instead of authorizes, the government operations committees to review every rule promulgated pursuant to the UAPA. Decreases, from 25 to 10, the number of persons that must petition an agency to compel a public hearing on a proposed rule. Requires the committees to

consider the effect of a rule on business and the arbitrariness and capriciousness of a rule. Establishes that disapproval of a rule by the committees shall be posted by the secretary of state to the administrative register on the secretary of state's website. Directs the Tennessee Code Commission to compile a list of all public necessity rules that are subject to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-209 and provide such list by January 1 of each year to each member of the Government Operations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**Public Chapter** PC502

**Citations** Title 4, Chapter 5

**SB217 / HB338 Sunset - Board for Professional Counselors, etc.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Extends the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists to June 30, 2019. Clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive. Adds the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association to list of groups that may submit nominations for appointments to the board.

**Public Chapter** PC86

**Citations** Title 4 & 63

**SB218 / HB339 Sunset - Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Extends the board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors to June 30, 2019. Clarifies that nominations from professional groups for appointment to the board are permissive.

**Public Chapter** PC6

**Citations** Title 4 & 68

**SB226 / HB350 Sunset - Bureau of TennCare.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Extends the bureau of TennCare to June 30, 2019. Requires the Bureau to report to the Government Operations Joint Evaluation Committee on Judiciary and Government no later than September 20, 2015, to update the Committee on the Bureau's progress in addressing the findings set forth in the Bureau's 2014 performance audit report.

**Public Chapter** PC31

**Citations** Title 4

**SB233 / HB366 Sunset - Department of Health.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Extends the department of health to June 30, 2019 and requires the Department to report back to the Government Operations Committee concerning the findings in the Department's 2014 performance audit report.

**Public Chapter** PC18

**Citations** Title 4

**SB253 / HB330 Sunset - Commission on Children and Youth.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Description** Extends the commission on children and youth to June 30, 2020. Eliminates the commission's requirement to write impact statements on bills affecting children and youth.

**Public Chapter** PC259

**Citations** Title 4 & 37

**SB1399 / HB1374 Appropriations and expenses of the state.**

**Category** Public Finance

**Description** Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

**Public Chapter** PC427

**SB1400 / HB1375 Authorizes state to issue and sale bonds.**

**Category** Public Finance

**Description** Allows the state to issue direct general obligation bonds.

**Public Chapter** PC424

**SB1401 / HB1376 Implementation act - statutory revisions required.**

**Category** Public Finance

**Description** Makes various statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.

**Public Chapter** PC425

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SB1162 / HB999 The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act.**

**Category** Family Law

**Description** Enacts "The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act" of 2015. Establishes ABLE program to aid eligible individuals to save money to meet the individual's disability expenses. Authorizes the state treasurer various powers and authorities to carry out objectives of the program. Specifies various limits and regulations to an individual's accounts within the program. Specifies exceptions as to when personal information about an individual's account can be disclosed.

**Public Chapter** PC470

**Citations** Title 12

**SB16 / HB275 Addition of TBI agents - training regarding human trafficking.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Authorizes TBI to employ four additional special agents for the purpose of training other officers and government officials who are directly involved with human trafficking, including the investigation and intake of human trafficking complaints. Directs TBI to develop and provide a course of instruction to other officers and departments in the recognition, detection, and prosecution of human trafficking cases and requires TBI to have the course implemented by January 1, 2016.

**Public Chapter** PC503

**Citations** Title 38, Chapter 6

**SB147 / HB736 Financial exploitation of an adult is a Class D felony.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Description** Defines "adult," "caretaker," "exploit" and "relative" for purposes of establishing the offense of financial exploitation of an adult by a caretaker. Creates a Class D felony for financial exploitation of an adult by a caretaker. Allows a court to freeze the funds, assets or property of a defendant, who is charged with taking property valued at more than \$5,000, until criminal proceedings are complete. Permits recovery via civil action for financial exploitation of an adult by a caretaker.

**Public Chapter** PC187

**Citations** Title 39, Chapter 14-0000

**SB19 / HB52 Lump-sum partial payments for court fees and litigation taxes.**

**Category** Judiciary

**Description** Allows court clerk, subject to approval by a court of competent jurisdiction, to accept a lump-sum partial payment in full settlement for all court costs, fees, and litigation taxes owed and have been in default for over five years. Prohibits the court from approving a settlement unless the amount accepted is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the combined outstanding balance of all fines, costs, and litigation taxes due on the case.

**Public Chapter** PC257

**Citations** Title 40, Chapter 24

**SB67 / HB29 Eviction notice for certain actions.**

**Category** Property & Housing

**Description** Allows a landlord to provide three days' notice, as sufficient notice of termination of tenancy, for eviction of certain residential tenants if the tenants engage in certain activities. Makes certain exceptions to the shorter notice requirement for tenants who are mentally or physically disabled.

**Public Chapter** PC172

**Citations** Title 66