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## Bills Filed in the 114th General Assembly

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

#### SB726/HB606 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Biennial report on underage drinking, drunk driving, and other harmful uses of alcohol.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

*Summary:* Requires the commission to submit its biennial report on underage drinking, drunk driving, and other harmful uses of alcohol to the governor in addition to members of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

### CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING

#### SB1207/HB597 **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Lobbyist registration bill list.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob

*Summary:* Requires each lobbyist to include and maintain in the lobbyist's registration statement filed with the Tennessee ethics commission the identification of each bill and legislative measure for which the lobbyist is receiving compensation to oppose or support.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

### COMMERCIAL LAW

#### SB454/HB379 **COMMERCIAL LAW: Solicitation of charitable funds.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hatcher, Tom , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

*Summary:* Clarifies, by removing certain language, that a professional solicitor includes servants or employees specially employed by or for a charitable organization who are engaged in the solicitation of contributions.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

### CORRECTIONS

#### SB186/HB577 **CORRECTIONS: Study by comptroller of nonviolent offenders who are incarcerated but not convicted.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Adds that a requested comptroller study reviewing the number of nonviolent offenders who are incarcerated for offenses but who have not been convicted be shared with the legislative librarian on or before the date of the submission of the next regularly scheduled audit of the department of correction. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

#### SB1159/HB674 **CORRECTIONS: Proximity Placement and Family Visitations Incentive Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Enacts the "Proximity Placement and Family Visitations Incentive Act," which reduces the hardships faced by families who travel long distances to visit incarcerated loved ones, and to incentivize positive behavior in our prisons by granting eligible inmates an opportunity to transfer to a correctional facility that is closer in physical proximity to the incarcerated person's home county where the incarcerated person's family resides. Specifies what an eligible incarcerated person must do to qualify to transfer to a home county institution.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

### CRIMINAL LAW

#### SB33/HB167 **CRIMINAL LAW: MaKayla's Law.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
**Summary:** Amends the offense of reckless endangerment to specifically include a person's reckless failure to render inoperable or safely secure or lock a firearm, resulting in a child under 13 gaining possession of the firearm and injuring or killing the child or another.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 24, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$178,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$9,500)  
**Senate Status:** 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
**House Status:** 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB45/HB1165 CRIMINAL LAW: Enhancement factor for adults who commit offense with minor.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio  
**Summary:** Adds as an enhancement factor to be used in determining the sentence within the permissible range for a criminal offense that the defendant is an adult and committed the offense with a minor, regardless of whether the minor was convicted of the offense.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 25, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$1,288,900  
**Senate Status:** 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB170/HB1025 CRIMINAL LAW: Suspension of a minor's driving privileges for offense of harassment by bullying.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Russell, Lowell  
**Summary:** Requires suspension of a minor's driving privileges or ability to obtain a driver license for a period of one year as part of the disposition if a minor is adjudicated delinquent for an act that would constitute the offense of harassment by bullying or cyber-bullying. Broadly captioned.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB175/HB36 CRIMINAL LAW: Chronically debilitated or incapacitated for parole eligibility.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Davis, Elaine  
**Summary:** Removes the requirement that an inmate be chronically debilitated or incapacitated for the commissioner of correction to be able to certify an inmate as eligible for parole. Empowers the commissioner to grant an inmate furlough if the inmate is unable to perform at least one of the activities of daily living in a prison environment due to the inmate's chronically debilitated or incapacitated medical condition. Broadly captioned.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
**House Status:** 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB215/HB72 CRIMINAL LAW: Age limit for employees to handle hemp-derived cannabinoid products.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Howell, Dan  
**Summary:** Establishes mandatory minimum penalties of 48 hours in jail and a \$500 fine for a person convicted of knowingly selling or distributing a product containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid to a person who is under 21. Prohibits a retailer from knowingly allowing an employee younger than 21 to access, handle, or sell any product containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid on the premises of the retail establishment.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
**House Status:** 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB218/HB33 CRIMINAL LAW: Not being released on personal recognizance.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John  
**Summary:** Establishes a presumption that a defendant should not be released on the defendant's personal recognizance if the defendant is charged with an offense that involved the use or display of a firearm or resulted in the serious bodily injury or death of the victim. Requires a magistrate who determines that the presumption has been rebutted to include in the bail order written findings for each factor considered in making such a determination.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 23, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of the proposed legislation may result in an increase in local incarceration expenditures; however, the precise timing and impact is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
**House Status:** 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB221/HB34 CRIMINAL LAW: Use of juvenile court records.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John  
**Summary:** Permits a court to use juvenile court records, including the disposition and evidence, in pretrial reports used to set bond for criminal offenses. Requires the magistrate to consider the defendant's prior juvenile record in determining the defendant's risk of danger to the community.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
**House Status:** 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB236/HB305 CRIMINAL LAW: Detection of criminal patterns at rental homes and apartment complexes.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John  
**Summary:** Requires a law enforcement agency to release calls for emergency assistance services at rental homes and apartment complexes to qualified nonprofit organizations for the purpose of distributing the calls to rental property managers and owners to detect and act on escalating crime patterns. Defines "qualified nonprofit organization" to mean a legally constituted, non-governmental entity incorporated under state law as a charitable or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt according to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). Broadly captioned.  
**Senate Status:** 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
**House Status:** 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB239/HB40 CRIMINAL LAW: TACIR to study the availability of housing and other treatment facilities for juvenile offenders.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
**Summary:** Requires TACIR to study the availability of housing and other treatment facilities for juvenile offenders who have been adjudicated delinquent and committed to the department of children's services, and the availability of local juvenile detention centers and other facilities for the housing and treatment of juvenile offenders who have been detained by the juvenile court prior to an adjudicatory hearing; requires TACIR to report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026. Broadly captioned.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB240/HB207 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands the offense of organized retail crime.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Expands the offense of organized crime to include knowingly removing or evading any component of an anti-shoplifting or inventory control device, activating or interfering with a fire alarm system, using an online marketplace or social media platform to coordinate a meeting to sell stolen merchandise, returning stolen or counterfeit merchandise to a retail merchant, purchasing or possessing merchandise for resale knowingly the items are stolen, and using any instrument to facilitate theft. Increases the penalty of this offense if the defendant engages in the destruction of property or uses a weapon.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB250/HB312 CRIMINAL LAW: Storing a firearm in a manner that a child can access it.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for recklessly storing a firearm in a manner that a person knows or reasonably should know will allow a child younger than 18 years of age to access the firearm and the child brings the firearm to a school.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB254/HB489 CRIMINAL LAW: Department of correction report on the effectiveness of diversion of offenders from state correctional institutions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Farmer, Andrew  
*Summary:* Requires, by February 1 of each year, that the department of correction submit its report regarding the effectiveness of diversion of offenders from state correctional institutions to the committee of the house of representatives with jurisdiction over subject matters pertaining to criminal justice, judiciary committee of the senate, and fiscal review committee. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB256/HB601 CRIMINAL LAW: Request for post-conviction relief.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Freeman, Bob  
*Summary:* Establishes a procedure through which a district attorney general or person convicted of a criminal offense may, at any time, request post-conviction relief by filing a verified petition alleging actual innocence based on new evidence that was not known by the judge or jury at the time of conviction, including scientific and non-scientific evidence. Specifies that the clerk shall not charge a fee for the filing of such petition. Requires the petition to include allegations of fact supporting each claim for relief and requires the petition and any amended petition to be verified under oath.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB273/HB369 CRIMINAL LAW: Falsifying educational and academic documents.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Scarbrough, Rick  
*Summary:* 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.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB300/HB371 CRIMINAL LAW: Sentencing requirements for certain misdemeanor offenders.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Scarbrough, Rick  
*Summary:* Requires a person convicted of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor in general sessions court to complete a cognitive behavioral training course and to pay for such course. Requires the offender to provide proof of course completion to the court or the court's designee within the time period specified by the court. Specifies that an offender who willfully fails to complete the course or to provide proof of completion within the specified time period is in contempt of court and may be punished by confinement of up to ten days.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB324/HB1200 CRIMINAL LAW: Savanna's Law**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Kumar, Sabi  
*Summary:* Enacts "Savanna's Law," which creates a registry of persistent domestic violence offenders. Requires TBI to maintain the registry based upon information supplied by the court clerks and information available to the TBI from the department of correction and local law enforcement agencies. Requires TBI to make the registry available for public inquiry on the internet. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB388/HB358 CRIMINAL LAW: Global positioning monitoring as a condition of release.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Requires a court or magistrate to order a defendant to wear a global positioning monitoring system device as a condition of bail unless the court or magistrate no longer finds the offender a threat to the alleged victim or public safety if the defendant was arrested for an offense during which the defendant possessed a firearm or used force against a person, domestic assault, burglary of a freight or passenger car, reckless driving, drag racing, or second offenses of burglary or theft. Requires the clerk of each court that orders the use of global positioning monitoring to report the number of defendants currently subject to the order and their offenses to the administrative office of the courts monthly. Requires the administrative office of the courts to compile an annual report of the number of defendants subjected to the order.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB389/HB184 CRIMINAL LAW: Reckless endangerment involving community terrorism.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Creates a Class C felony of reckless endangerment involving community terrorism, which is committed against a population within a geographic territory by members of a criminal gang or within 1,000 feet of a school or park. Requires the sentencing court to revoke or prohibit the issuance of a driver license to individuals convicted of such offense for a five-year period following conviction. Allows the court to issue a restricted license to such individuals upon demonstration of a compelling need. Specifies that the restricted license may be used for the purpose of going to and from work at the person's regular place of employment; going to and from the person's regular place of worship; going to and from medical appointments for the person and the person's immediate family members; or going to and from a dependent's day care or school.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB392/HB322 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates the offense of human smuggling.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Creates the offenses of human smuggling and the offense of harboring or hiding, or assisting another in harboring or hiding, within this state an individual who the person knows or should have known has illegally entered or remained in the United States. Authorizes the attorney general to take certain actions against a person or organization who commits or is about to commit a human trafficking offense or an aggravated human trafficking offense. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB404/HB433 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands the offense of unlawful exposure.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Jones, Justin

*Summary:* Expands the offense of unlawful exposure to include the distribution, with the intent to cause emotional distress, of an image of the intimate parts of another identifiable person or an image of an identifiable person engaged in sexually explicit conduct and the image was created or modified by means of a computer software program, artificial intelligence application, or other digital editing tools. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB441/HB478 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of a firearm into an area where firearms are not permitted.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Butler, Ed

*Summary:* Specifies that a person does not commit an offense if the person possesses or carries a firearm into an area that is posted if, upon the request of an individual authorized to control access to the property, the person immediately leaves the property or stores the firearm in a personal vehicle in accordance with state law.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB448/HB761 CRIMINAL LAW: Protect Tennessee Minors Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Lafferty, Justin

*Summary:* Removes the definition of "content harmful to minors" in the Protect Tennessee Minors Act.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB451/HB1225 CRIMINAL LAW: Sexual offenders to disclose information regarding membership in church, temple, or other religious group.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Lafferty, Justin

*Summary:* Requires TBI registration forms to include the name, physical address, mailing address if different from physical address, and phone number of any church, temple, or other religious group or organization in this state where the offender is a registered member. Requires the name and address of any church, temple, or other religious group or organization in this state where the offender is a registered member to be included in the information concerning the registered offender to be considered public information.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB456/HB579 CRIMINAL LAW: Adds the offense of robbery to the definition of crime of violence.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Adds the offense of robbery to the definition of crime of violence.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB466/HB222 CRIMINAL LAW: Damages awarded against a person or entity that publishes or distributes a website containing content harmful to minors.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Specifies the damages that may be awarded against a person or commercial entity that publishes or distributes a website containing a substantial portion of content harmful to minors includes actual damages, nominal damages, and punitive damages. Specifies that a person or entity that violates certain obscenity laws may be found civilly liable to an injured party for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and punitive damages; provides that the attorney general and reporter may issue guidance to assist commercial entities in complying with age requirements for websites containing a substantial portion of content that is harmful to minors.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB467/HB221 CRIMINAL LAW: Civil liability for commercial entity that promotes, produces, or distributes obscene matter.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Specifies that a commercial entity that knowingly possesses, promotes, purchases, produces, sells, sends, transports, or distributes obscene matter in violation of state law may be found civilly liable to an individual for nominal damages, actual damages, punitive damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees. Clarifies that an internet or wireless service provider, affiliate, or subsidiary, search engine, or cloud service provider does not violate this section by providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the internet, or a facility, system, or network not under that provider's control, including, but not limited to, transmissions, downloading, storing, or providing access, to the extent that the provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication that constitutes obscene material. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB475/HB720 CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal sentencing - first degree murder.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Changes release eligibility of a person convicted of first degree murder on or after July 1, 1995 from 100% of 60 years less sentence credits earned and retained to 60% of 60 years less sentence credits earned and retained. Prohibits a defendant sentenced to imprisonment for life be eligible for parole if the defendant was 25 years old or younger at the time of the offense, or 30 years of the sentence, if the defendant was 26 years old or older at the time of the offense.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB478/HB8 CRIMINAL LAW: Annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers and public safety officers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Hale, Michael

*Summary:* Requires an annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers and public safety officers in the amount of \$800.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$449,600

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB482/HB403 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands offense of unlawful photography.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Crawford, John

*Summary:* Expands the offense of unlawful photography to include a photograph that the defendant knew would include the victim engaged in sexual activity. Increases the penalty for the offense of unlawful photography from a Class A misdemeanor or a Class E felony to a Class D felony in certain circumstances. Authorizes the issuance of an order of protection for a person who has been subjected to, threatened with, or placed in fear of unlawful photography. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB500/HB430 CRIMINAL LAW: Protect Kids Not Guns Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Justin

*Summary:* Creates an offense to store or keep a firearm in any place unless the firearm is secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device that is properly engaged so as to render the firearm inoperable by any person other than the owner or another lawfully authorized user. Specifies that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Creates an offense for a person to possess a large-capacity magazine, regardless of the date on which the magazine was acquired and provides some exceptions. Also creates an offense for a person to manufacture or cause to be manufactured, import, keep for sale, or offer or expose for sale, or to give, lend, buy, or receive a large-capacity magazine. Makes revisions to current law regarding selling or transferring of ownership of a firearm. Establishes procedures and requirements to petition for an extreme risk protection order (24 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**SB521/HB907 CRIMINAL LAW: Law enforcement investigatory privilege.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Darby, Tandy

*Summary:* Creates a law enforcement investigatory privilege. Prohibits a subpoena from being issued for a civil or criminal proceeding for information protected by the law enforcement privilege.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB531/HB582 CRIMINAL LAW: Sexual offender classifications.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee bureau of investigations (TBI) to classify a offenders as sexual offenders, violent sexual offenders, or violent juvenile sexual offenders, and whether an offender is an offender against children. Allows TBI to rely on investigative reports, files of a US attorney, district attorney general, other persecutorial entity, court records, or other credible information in classifying an offender. Requires TBI to notify the offender of the classification.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB535/HB874 CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Martin, Brock  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation Act," which specifies that a provider of electronic communications service is prohibited from notifying an account holder, or any other person not authorized to be notified, of the service or the content of a search warrant or subpoena issued to the electronic communications service provider if the search warrant or subpoena was issued in relation to an investigation into sexual exploitation of children.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB562/HB591 CRIMINAL LAW: Regulates retail vapor product stores.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Atchley, Fred  
*Summary:* Regulates retail vapor product stores and makes various changes to provisions regarding youth access to tobacco, smoking hemp, and vapor products.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB581/HB1367 CRIMINAL LAW: Informing a person on why they were stopped.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Requires a law enforcement officer initiating a traffic stop or pedestrian stop, on or after January 1, 2026, to inform the person stopped of the reason for the stop before engaging the person in questioning related to an investigation of a possible criminal offense or traffic violation. Permits the officer to withhold such information if the officer believes that doing so is necessary to protect life or property from an imminent threat. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB586/HB1371 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of unlawful exposure.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Clarifies that a person commits the offense of unlawful exposure by distributing a private, intimate image of another identifiable person with intent to cause emotional distress, regardless of whether the person who distributes the image was a party to the original agreement or understanding that the image would remain private.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB591/HB1273 CRIMINAL LAW: Penalties for threatening to commit or failing to report an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Creates the Class E felony of recklessly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution. Creates the Class B misdemeanor of failing to report a threat to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB601/HB580 CRIMINAL LAW: GPS monitoring and pretrial release of certain defendants.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Doggett, Clay  
*Summary:* Makes changes regarding global positioning monitoring and the pretrial release of certain defendants. Defines a qualified contract service provider a private or public entity that has written protocol with the issuing court that designates specific agencies to receive notifications and alerts and maintains or contracts with a company that provides a global positioning monitoring system that has a monitoring center staff 24 hours per day, seven days per week and capable of immediately notifying the appropriate entities as required. Makes provisions for circumstances under which a defendant fails to pay the cost associated with the global positioning monitoring system's operation or the costs associated with providing the victim with a cellular device application or an electronic receptor device.  
*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB638/HB525 CRIMINAL LAW: Study on the effects of the use of vapor products by persons under 21.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Scarbrough, Rick  
*Summary:* Urges the department of agriculture to study the effects of the use of vapor products by persons under 21 and make recommendations to the legislature with regard to reducing such use. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB657/HB587 CRIMINAL LAW: Definition of racketeering activity.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Scarbrough, Rick  
*Summary:* Adds organized retail crime and possession or employment of a firearm during the commission of or attempt to commit a dangerous felony to the definition of racketeering activity; clarifies that carjacking is racketeering activity. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB672/HB729 CRIMINAL LAW: Obstruction of a passageway.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Increases the penalty for obstruction of a highway, street, sidewalk, railway, waterway, elevator, aisle, hallway, or other place used for the passage of persons or vehicles from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. Establishes an increased penalty of a Class D felony if the offense was committed by intentionally obstructing a highway, street, or other place used for the passage of vehicles. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB673/HB661 CRIMINAL LAW: Comprehensive Assault Crime Intervention Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Enacts the "Comprehensive Assault Crime Intervention Act," which requires the defendant to complete an available counseling program that addresses violence and control issues including, but not limited to, a batterer's intervention program has been certified by the domestic violence state coordinating council. Details length of program and violations if the program has not been completed. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB678/HB1352 CRIMINAL LAW: Increases the penalty for aggravated sexual battery.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Increases the penalty for aggravated sexual battery from a Class B felony to a Class A felony if the victim was less than 18 years of age or was mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB685/HB99 CRIMINAL LAW: Unlawful photography.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Increases the penalties for certain violations of the offense of unlawful photography. Requires the court, rather than allowing the court discretion, to order a person convicted of certain unlawful photography offenses to register as a sexual offender. Makes various other changes to the offense of unlawful photography.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB693/HB45 CRIMINAL LAW: Increase in child abuse penalty.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

*Summary:* Increases the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for a person who commits child abuse by knowingly treating a child between the ages of nine and 17 in such a manner as to inflict injury. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$967,100 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$71,700)

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB707/HB821 CRIMINAL LAW: Access to age-restricted products - tobacco, smoking hemp, and vapor products.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Changes the apparent age required from under 30 to under 50 for a seller or distributor of tobacco, smoking hemp, vapor product, or smokeless nicotine to demand proof of age before continuing the transaction.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB741/HB769 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense involving material that includes a minor engaged in sexual activity.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Creates a criminal offense of possessing, distributing, or producing technology, software, or digital tools designed for the purpose of creating material that includes a minor engaged in sexual activity or simulated sexual activity that is patently offensive. Establishes relevant factors to be considered in determining whether artificial technology, software, or digital tools are used or possessed with intent to create material that includes a minor engaged in sexual activity or simulated sexual activity that is patently offensive. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB807/HB563 CRIMINAL LAW: Storing a firearm in motor vehicle.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense of storing a firearm or firearm ammunition in a motor vehicle while the person is not in the motor vehicle unless the firearm or firearm ammunition is kept from ordinary observation and locked within the trunk, utility or glove box, or a locked container securely affixed to the motor vehicle. Requires the owner of a firearm to report the loss or theft of the firearm to law enforcement within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss or theft.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB824/HB985 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of possession of a weapon in a building or on property that is properly posted.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Warner, Todd

*Summary:* Removes the criminal offense of possession of a weapon in a building or on property that is properly posted. Removes the requirement that the department of safety suspend or revoke a handgun carry permit for a violation of that offense by a handgun permit holder.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB833/HB626 CRIMINAL LAW: Orders of protection.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.  
*Summary:* Requires a law enforcement officer to facilitate service of the order of protection and notify the sheriff's department of the person's immediate location if the officer becomes aware that an order of protection has been entered but not yet served against someone in the officer's presence.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB904/HB954 CRIMINAL LAW: Development of an alternative crisis response unit.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle  
*Summary:* Requires each law enforcement agency to develop and implement an alternative crisis response unit. Requires the Tennessee POST Commission to establish uniform training standards for alternative crisis response units in all law enforcement agencies.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB906/HB792 CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Sexual Violence Justice Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Behn, Aftyn  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Sexual Violence Justice Act," which makes various changes to the requirements for investigating sexual offenses including sensitivity training, testing untested assault evidence collection kits that were submitted prior to July 1, 2025, prioritizing kits that are related to ongoing investigations, and claimants responsibilities and timeframes. Specifies that a Sexual Assault Response Team has oversight authority over local law enforcement agency handling of sexual assault crimes and power to conduct audits and reviews of sexual assault crime investigations. Requires each Sexual Assault Response Team to submit an annual report on the law enforcement agency's progress. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB920/HB679 CRIMINAL LAW: DNA analysis on a sexual assault evidence kit.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob  
*Summary:* Increases from \$1,000 to \$2,500 the amount of compensation that may be awarded from the criminal injuries compensation fund to a health care provider who performed a forensic medical examination on a victim of a sexually oriented crime. Requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to perform serology or DNA analysis on a sexual assault evidence collection kit within 120 days of the bureau's receipt of the sexual assault evidence collection kit from a law enforcement agency. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB926/HB1008 CRIMINAL LAW: Penalty for selling or distributing vapor products to individuals under 21 years of age.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Raper, Kevin  
*Summary:* Increases, from a Class C to a Class A misdemeanor, the penalty for selling or distributing a vapor product to an individual under 21 years of age. Requires retailers of vapor products to obtain a license for such retail sales from the department of commerce and insurance. Provides for civil penalties for violations by licensees.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB959/HB1363 CRIMINAL LAW: Resentencing for an incarcerated victim of domestic abuse.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Permits a person who is serving a sentence of incarceration of eight years or more for an offense committed prior to January 1, 2026, and who is a victim of domestic abuse subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or psychological abuse inflicted by a member of the same family or household as the person to submit to the sentencing court, a request to apply for resentencing. Requires that the court, upon finding that the person has not met the requirements to apply for resentencing, notify the person and dismiss the request without prejudice. Requires the court to promptly notify the district attorney general for the judicial district in which in the offense occurred and provide such district attorney general with a copy of the application. Provides that a resentencing application contain at least two pieces of evidence corroborating the applicant's claim that, at the time of the offense, the applicant was a victim of domestic abuse subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or psychological abuse inflicted by a member of the same family or household as the applicant. Stipulates that at least one (1) piece of evidence must be either a court record, presentence report, social services record, hospital record, sworn statement from a witness to the domestic violence, law enforcement record, domestic incident report, or order of protection.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB976/HB168 CRIMINAL LAW: Study on the effects of the sale and distribution of smokeless nicotine products.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Jones, Renea  
*Summary:* Urges the department of agriculture to study the effects of the sale and distribution of smokeless nicotine products and other alternative nicotine products to persons under 21. Encourages the department to make recommendations to the legislature with regard to reducing such sales and distribution. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/16/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1022/HB553 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of assault against a law enforcement officer.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Capley, Kip  
*Summary:* Expands the definition of "law enforcement officer" to include a correctional officer employed by a county jail, the department of correction, or a private prison contractor and a probation or parole officer employed by the department of correction or a private probation provider for purposes of the offense of assault against a law enforcement officer.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1070/HB973 CRIMINAL LAW: Extends the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution of certain child sexual abuse felonies.**



*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake  
*Summary:* Requires the prosecution to present admissible and credible evidence corroborating the allegations or similar acts by the defendant for offenses occurring between July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2025, if the prosecution is initiated more than 25 years after the victim turns 18. Requires the prosecution to present admissible and credible evidence corroborating the allegations or similar acts by the defendant for offenses occurring on or after July 1, 2025 if the prosecution is initiated more than 30 years after the victim turns 18.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1094/HB1207 CRIMINAL LAW: Suicide Prevention Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Kumar, Sabi  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Suicide Prevention Act of 2025," which requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to establish a program in which a person may enroll to voluntarily waive the right to purchase firearms.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1102/HB1059 CRIMINAL LAW: Fine for selling a vapor product to a person under 21.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Increases from \$50 to \$500 the maximum fine for selling a vapor product to a person who has not attained 21 years of age.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1123/HB696 CRIMINAL LAW: Establishes a sexual assault response team coordinator.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby , Rep. Gillespie, John  
*Summary:* Establishes a sexual assault response team coordinator, who is responsible for statewide training, support, and technical assistance to and oversight of sexual assault response teams. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1128/HB1295 CRIMINAL LAW: Shielding Tennesseans from Oligarchic Power and Eliminating Lawless Obstruction of Necessities Act (STOP ELON Act).**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Powell, Jason  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Shielding Tennesseans from Oligarchic Power and Eliminating Lawless Obstruction of Necessities Act (STOP ELON Act)," which creates a new offense of interfering with an individual's or entity's receipt of a loan, grant, or financial assistance that the individual or entity is lawfully entitled to receive from the federal, state, or local government, with intent to deprive the individual of the loan, grant, or financial assistance, which is punished as theft; authorizes a victim of an offense to bring a civil action to recover the funds that the victim did not receive because of the offense. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1146/HB1349 CRIMINAL LAW: Drug use by a deceased individual who committed a mass shooting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Littleton, Mary  
*Summary:* Requires the medical examiner's office to ascertain and document current drug use, including psychotropic drugs, by a deceased individual who committed a mass shooting. Directs the University of Tennessee's health science center to study drug interactions between the psychotropic drugs and any other drugs present in the deceased individual's system. Requires the department of health to disclose the psychotropic drug use of the individual to the public upon request. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1170/HB1372 CRIMINAL LAW: Killing of another committed in the perpetration of certain crimes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Removes the killing of another committed in the perpetration of or attempt to perpetrate certain crimes from the elements of first degree murder. Deletes the offense of criminal responsibility for conduct of another. Deletes the offense of criminal responsibility for the facilitation of a felony. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1176/HB1231 CRIMINAL LAW: Regulating the manner of firearm and ammunition storage in certain municipalities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Permits the largest municipality in Shelby, Davidson, Knox, or Hamilton county to regulate the manner of storage of firearms, firearm ammunition, and firearm accessories by ordinance, resolution, policy, rule, or other enactment.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1183/HB949 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if firearm in not secured in locked container.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle  
*Summary:* Creates a criminal offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if the firearm is not secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device that is properly engaged so as to render the firearm inoperable by any person other than the owner or another lawfully authorized user. Punishes a violation of the offense as a Class A misdemeanor.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1191/HB947 CRIMINAL LAW: Akilah's Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle  
*Summary:* Enacts "Akilah's Law," which creates the offense of selling, offering to sell, delivering, or transferring a firearm to a person knowing the person has been a patient in a mental institution at any time within the previous five years.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1224/HB450 CRIMINAL LAW: Filing a petition for expunction.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie  
*Summary:* Reduces from 15 years to 10 years the amount of time that must have elapsed since the completion of the sentence imposed for illegal registration or voting before filing a petition for expunction.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1290/HB113 CRIMINAL LAW: Testing equipment used to determine the presence of a synthetic opioid.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Makes permanent the exclusion of narcotic testing equipment used to determine whether a controlled substance contains a synthetic opioid, unless the narcotic testing equipment is possessed for purposes of the commission of a drug offense, from the definition of drug paraphernalia. Removes the July 1, 2025, repeal date for that exclusion.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1296/HB1314 CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal offenses for threatening to commit an act of mass violence and posting an individual's number or address.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Creates a criminal offense for threatening to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a criminal offense for posting on a publicly accessible website the telephone number or home address of an individual with the intent of causing harm or a threat of harm to the individual or a member of the individual's family or household.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1303/HB120 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of intentionally impeding or obstructing a member of division of protective services from movement about a location.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Creates the offense of intentionally impeding or obstructing a member of the division of protective services from ingress to, egress from, or movement about a location where the member is responsible for a person protected by the division of protective services. Creates the offense of intentionally refusing to vacate an area where access has been restricted by a member of the division of protective services for the purpose of maintaining the safety or security of the person being protected. Specifies that a violation of intentionally refusing to vacate an area where access has been restricted by a member of the division of protective services is a Class E felony if the person who committed the offense was a threat to the safety or security of the person protected by the division of protective services.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB1318/HB1332 CRIMINAL LAW: Department of correction notice requirements - valid judgement of conviction.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Increases, from within 90 days to within 100 days of receipt by the department of a valid judgment of conviction, the time period within which the department must notify the victim witness coordinator of the county of conviction of the currently scheduled parole hearing date when the inmate will be eligible for parole consideration. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1411/HB721 CRIMINAL LAW: Assault against school employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Dixie, Vincent  
*Summary:* Makes assault against school employees a Class E felony offense under certain circumstances.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1415/HB751 CRIMINAL LAW: Knowingly engaging in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Faison, Jeremy  
*Summary:* Creates the offense of knowingly engaging in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment by possessing any amount of fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, or thiafentanil in the presence of the child. Punishes the offense as a Class E felony if the child is over eight years of age and as a Class B felony if the child is eight years of age or less. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SJR9 CRIMINAL LAW: Constitutional amendment - Expands the rights of victims of crimes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John ,

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee to expand the rights of victims of crimes.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

#### **HJR48 CRIMINAL LAW: Constitutional amendment - expands the rights of crime victims.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee to expand the rights of victims of crimes.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

#### **HJR49 CRIMINAL LAW: Constitutional amendment - right to bail removed for certain offenses.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee to remove the right to bail for the following offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great: act of terrorism; second degree murder; aggravated rape of a child; aggravated rape; grave torture; and any other offense, as of November 3, 2026, for which a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least 85 percent of the entire sentence imposed.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

## **DISABILITY & AGING**

#### **SB110/HB133 DISABILITY & AGING: Expansion of residential facility for persons with disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Authorizes a residential facility for persons with disabilities to operate in the eastern grand division of this state under an existing residential pilot program authorizing such facilities to operate in the western and middle grand divisions of this state that is administered by the department of disability and aging.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

#### **SB538/HB311 DISABILITY & AGING: Autism Spectrum Online Protection Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Darby, Tandy

*Summary:* Enacts the "Autism Spectrum Online Protection Act," which creates an offense for a person to use an online platform to engage in grooming of another who the person knows or reasonably should know is an autistic young adult that is subject to a conservatorship. Specifies that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

#### **SB1269/HB104 DISABILITY & AGING: Record retention requirements for records regarding services and supports received by persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Revises record retention requirements for records regarding services and supports received by persons with intellectual and development disabilities by the department of disability and aging's contracted providers and departmental facilities and clinics, updates outdated cross-references. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **SB1074/HB1096 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Community benefits agreements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Prohibits an employer seeking to receive an economic development incentive from the state from entering into a community benefits agreement or similar legal contract if the agreement or contract imposes obligations or conditions on the employer regarding employment practices, benefits, or operations that are not directly related to the performance of the employer's duties under the economic development incentive. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

## **EDUCATION**

#### **SB1/HB1 EDUCATION: Education Freedom Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Enacts the "Education Freedom Act of 2025," which creates 20,000 education freedom scholarships or vouchers for the 2025-2026 school year. Specifies that 10,000 of those scholarships are to be awarded to eligible students who meet certain criteria, which includes a student whose annual household income does not exceed 300 percent of the amount required for the student to qualify for free or reduced price lunch, as provided in the income eligibility guidelines published by the United States Department of Agriculture's food and nutrition service. Requires schools accepting vouchers to administer a "nationally standardized achievement test" to participating students in grades 3-11 or the TCAP test. Subject to appropriation, requires the department of education to award a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,000 to each teacher employed in a kindergarten through grade 12 public school in this state for the 2024-2025 school year. Designates 80 percent of sports wagering taxes to school construction and maintenance, with priority given to economically distressed counties and those affected by natural disasters (11 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

#### **SB11/HB409 EDUCATION: Reporting of student allergies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Requires the department to make the standardized form for reporting student allergies to the school in which the student is enrolled publicly available on its website.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB16/HB25 EDUCATION: Membership with an association that regulates interscholastic athletics - restrictions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* 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.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

### **SB121/HB768 EDUCATION: Electronic devices on school property.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Requires public charter schools to adopt an internet acceptable use policy in the same manner required for LEAs. Prohibits LEAs and public charter schools from tracking or monitoring a person's use of a personal electronic device on school property, except for instances in which a student uses such device during a test.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

### **SB122/HB1152 EDUCATION: Requirements for home schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Grills, Rusty

*Summary:* Eliminates various requirements for parents conducting a home school if the parent provides a normed curriculum to their child at home. Allows the state to impose additional requirements and standards on a home school parent or student if the home school parent or student voluntarily elects to participate in a state program or applies for and receives state funds. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

### **SB124/HB81 EDUCATION: Transfer timeframe of a student's record to another school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Requires local education agencies to transfer a student's record, including the student's disciplinary record, to the school to which the student is transferring within three days of the transfer date. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

### **SB125/HB474 EDUCATION: Study on possible expansion of all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with the department of labor and workforce development, to study all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs in this state to determine whether programs may be expanded to provide greater financial aid opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a workforce credential. Requires the commission to report its findings and any legislative recommendations to the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over higher education and to the education committee of the senate no later than January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

### **SB127/HB86 EDUCATION: Audits of charter schools' records.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Specifies that the comptroller of the treasury is authorized to determine how soon after June 30 of each year charter schools are required to submit audits of their accounts and records.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB134/HB87 EDUCATION: Early grades reading reports.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Requires the department to submit its early grades reading report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives no later than October 15 of each year. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB135/HB44 EDUCATION: Possession of seizure medication at school or school-related function.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Behn, Aftyn

*Summary:* Allows a student to possess and self-administer rescue seizure medication at school or at a school-related activity or event.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB142/HB12 EDUCATION: Provides free breakfast and lunch to students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires each local school board to establish a school lunch program and a school breakfast program that provide a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in a school under the board's jurisdiction. Requires the state to reimburse each LEA for the cost of providing a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in the LEA after all available federal funds have been applied. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB146/HB61 EDUCATION: Use of student's attendance record in educational neglect cases.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Specifies that in an educational neglect case a subpoena may be issued for a student's attendance record, including all previous school years that the student attended a public school, in accordance with relevant privacy laws.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB150/HB75 EDUCATION: Use of Classic Learning Test scores for grants and scholarships.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Allows students to use their score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT) to satisfy the eligibility requirements for certain grants and scholarships funded using net proceeds of the state lottery. Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) to include information concerning testing dates for the CLT when informing students about lottery scholarship opportunities. Allows public institutions of higher education to accept student scores on the CLT for admissions purposes. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB155/HB39 EDUCATION: Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Davis, Elaine

*Summary:* Enacts the "Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Act," which requires, instead of authorizes, LEAs and public charter schools to provide feminine hygiene products at no charge in all women's and girls' bathrooms, in all locker rooms, and with school nurses at each public senior high school for student use only.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB157/HB90 EDUCATION: Career readiness assessments requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Requires the department to use student performance on career readiness assessments administered to high school seniors as part of the school grading system if the department uses student performance on postsecondary readiness assessments for such purpose. Directs the department to only consider student performance on the assessment type for which the student achieved the highest score for school grading purposes, if the student was administered a postsecondary readiness assessment and a career readiness assessment. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB158/HB85 EDUCATION: Physical exercise requirements for elementary school students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Increases, from 130 minutes per full school week to 60 minutes per school day, the minimum amount of physical activity required for elementary school students. Establishes additional requirements for the minimum amount of physical activity required for elementary school students. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB161/HB1199 EDUCATION: Junior or senior student to serve as a nonvoting student member of school board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

*Summary:* Requires the board of education for an LEA that operates at least one high school to adopt a policy for the selection of, and to select for the 2025-2026 school year and for each subsequent school year, at least one junior or senior student to serve as a nonvoting student member on the board for at least one one-year term that coincides with the school year for which the student is selected.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB172/HB7 EDUCATION: Creates the hunger-free campus grant program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hale, Michael

*Summary:* Creates the hunger-free campus grant program to provide grants to higher education institutions to be used to address hunger on the institutions' campuses. Requires THEC to administer the program. Establishes a separate fund within the general fund to be known as the hunger-free campus grant fund. Specifies that such fund is to be composed of funds specifically appropriated by the general assembly for the grant fund and gifts, grants, and other donations received for the grant fund. Specifies eligibility requirements for higher education institutions for receipt of the grants.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB184/HB88 EDUCATION: Teacher pay increase for supplies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Increases, from \$200 to \$500, the amount each LEA and public charter school is required to pay each teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 for the purchase of instructional supplies.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB189/HB407 EDUCATION: Grant for students who voluntarily obtain testing for sexually transmitted diseases.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Requires THEC to implement a program to award grants to eligible students who voluntarily provide their enrolling institution with proof of voluntarily receiving testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Specifies that subject to funding, the amount of a grant awarded pursuant to this section is \$250. Requires all grant funds to be expended for tuition, mandatory fees, textbooks, and course materials associated with the grant recipient's undergraduate studies at their enrolling institution.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB196/HB392 EDUCATION: School grading system for high schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Scarbrough, Rick

*Summary:* Requires that the school grading system must apply to all high schools with 20 or more students in the most recent graduating cohort. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB208/HB187 EDUCATION: Comptroller reports submitted to the state board of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Maberry, Aron

*Summary:* Decreases the number and frequency of certain reports regarding literacy that the comptroller of the treasury is required to submit to the state board of education and to the chairs of the education committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the Tennessee Literacy Success Act.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB246/HB410 EDUCATION: Working group to study and develop best practices for EL educators.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to convene a working group to study and develop best practices, strategies, and programming for English language learner (EL) educators in this state to utilize in educating EL students enrolled in a public school in this state in any of the grades kindergarten through 12. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB257/HB214 EDUCATION: Retired law enforcement officers and veterans may serve as school resource officers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to employ retired law enforcement officers who are retired from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency and honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces to serve as school resource officers on school premises. Requires local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies to adopt policies to effectuate same. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB270/HB218 EDUCATION: Universal Pre-K Funding Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Behn, Aftyn

*Summary:* Enacts the "Universal Pre-K Funding Act," which requires each LEA to establish a pre-kindergarten program that enrolls eligible children. Defines "eligible child" to mean a child who is four years of age on or before August 15 and who resides in the geographic area served by the LEA. Currently, Tennessee's pre-kindergarten program is voluntary and serves only at-risk children. Specifies other requirements for LEAs enrolling children into the universal pre-kindergarten program. To fund the universal pre-kindergarten program, Imposes a data transaction privilege tax on a person's annual gross revenues that are derived from data transactions from digital advertising services in this state. Specifies that the data transaction privilege tax imposed is levied at the rate of 9.5% of the assessable base and applies only to persons with an assessable base of \$50,000,000 or more (13 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB290/HB764 EDUCATION: Searches of students and students' lockers and vehicles.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Allows only school resources officers acting as a school official to conduct a search of vehicles, lockers, storage containers, or other areas belonging to students or visitors. Requires a parent or guardian to be notified and consent to a search if the student is under 18. Clarifies that a search under this section does not violate the fourth amendment.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB295/HB299 EDUCATION: Waiver of tuition and fees for dependent children and spouses of veterans.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Extends to the dependent children and spouses of veterans who sustained a permanent and total service-connected disability during a qualifying period of armed conflict the same waiver of all tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education being provided to the dependent children and spouses of veterans who were killed, died due to injuries received, or reported as prisoners of war or missing in action during a qualifying period of armed conflict. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB298/HB1197 EDUCATION: Nonsectarian, nonreligious study of the Bible.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

*Summary:* Makes changes to the approval process and notice requirements for nonsectarian, nonreligious Bible courses offered at public schools. Clarifies that public charter schools are authorized to provide nonsectarian, nonreligious Bible courses in the same manner as local education agencies.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB303/HB47 EDUCATION: Display of historical documents, including Ten Commandments in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hale, Michael

*Summary:* Authorizes local boards of education and governing bodies of public charter schools to display the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Tennessee, the Bill of Rights, a resolution honoring the history of a school in the LEA or the public charter school, or other historically significant documents in a prominent location in each school building.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB313/HB1234 EDUCATION: List of library collection materials posted on school's website - certain materials obtained by a teacher excluded.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

*Summary:* Requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a policy for developing and reviewing school library collections and for classroom libraries. Prohibits teachers from knowingly or intentionally circumventing the LEA's or public charter school's library collection policy through the teacher's classroom library. Excludes materials in a teacher's classroom library from having to be identified in a list of library collection materials posted on the state's website.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB319/HB368 EDUCATION: Instruction on state's safe haven law as part of family life curriculum.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

*Summary:* Include educational instruction on the voluntary surrender of an unharmed infant by the infant's mother without criminal liability, commonly known as safe haven laws, in the curriculum for grades nine through twelve. Requires the state board of education, with the assistance of the department of education, to develop guidelines for these instructions. Requires the department to distribute the guidelines to each LEA that serves students in any of the grades nine through twelve and to each public charter high school. Encourages the department of education to collaborate with A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, Inc, a nonprofit organization that specializes in safe haven laws, to develop education materials. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

**SB341/HB1130 EDUCATION: Employment of full-time licensed professional counselors at each school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to allocate to each LEA sufficient funds for the LEA to employ one full-time licensed professional school counselor position at each high school in the LEA that enrolls at least 600 students in grades 10-12. Requires each LEA to employ one full-time licensed professional school counselor at each high school for which the LEA receives such funding from the department.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB342/HB416 EDUCATION: Election of school board members.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Davis, Elaine

*Summary:* Requires all members of the board of education to be elected at the same election beginning in 2028. Establishes two-year terms for members elected in the first election occurring on or after January 1, 2026 in order to align all board members' terms. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB344/HB506 EDUCATION: Training in seizure safety and first aid by school employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Requires at least one full-time employee, who is not a school nurse, to be trained annually in seizure safety and first aid. States that this is for both public and nonpublic school personnel who volunteer. Establishes that an LEA, public charter school, and the employee at an LEA or public charter school cannot be held liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission by the trained employee, so long as the act or omission does not amount to willful or wonton misconduct, or gross negligence. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB364/HB225 EDUCATION: Tennessee Full Service Community Schools Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Repeals the "Tennessee Community Schools Act." Enacts the "Tennessee Full Service Community Schools Act," which authorizes and encourages each local board of education to form a full service community school that integrates pipeline services and systems of support into each of the schools operated by the board to improve student learning and to foster stronger families and healthier communities. Creates a full service community schools grant program to be administered by the University of Tennessee to promote the establishment and sustainability of full service community schools throughout this state. Subject to the availability of funds and beginning January 1, 2026, requires full service community schools grants to be made available to local boards of education to facilitate the development of long-term community partnerships and to secure the necessary resources for planning, staffing, and for the provision of essential services to students and families in the community in accordance with the full service community school's operational model. Specifies requirements for recipients of full service community school grants, including reporting requirements.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB376/HB377 EDUCATION: Discrimination by an institution of higher learning on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Prohibits the exclusion of persons from participating in, being denied the benefits of, or being subject to discrimination by a four-year public or private institution of higher education in this state on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such institutions from using race, color, ethnicity, or national origin in determining whether a prospective student qualifies for admission into the institution or receives scholarships or financial aid. Creates a private cause of action against an institution and its officers, employees, and agents for such unlawful practices.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB386/HB522 EDUCATION: Early Behavioral Intervention and Reporting Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Early Behavioral Intervention and Reporting Act," which requires each LEA and public charter school to implement a computer-based system that teachers and school staff must use to input data of early warning signs demonstrated by students enrolled in the LEA or public charter school. Requires each LEA and public charter school to ensure that each teacher and school staff member is trained to identify early warning signs and on how to input data into the computer-based system. Specifies requirements for the computer-based system.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB400/HB640 EDUCATION: Info published on LEA website regarding location, square footage, enrollment capacity, and usage for each building.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Carringer, Michele  
*Summary:* Changes from May 1 to May 15, the date by which a local education agency in which one or more public charter schools operate is required to annually publish information on its website relative to the location, square footage, enrollment capacity, and usage for each building operated by the local education agency. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 29, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB415/HB675 EDUCATION: Reduces amount of state-mandated assessments for students in grades 3-12.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Reduces the amount of state-mandated assessments for students in grades three through 12. Reduces the required amount of evaluations for teachers or principals who are "at expectations" or above. Requires the state board of education to promulgate rules to create the hours equivalent of the 180-day requirement for classroom instruction. Makes various other education-related changes. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB416/HB380 EDUCATION: Curriculum and instructional materials used by virtual schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Slater, William  
*Summary:* Requires all virtual schools to use a curriculum and instructional materials that meet or exceed the academic standards adopted by the state board of education. Prohibits the state board of education from waiving this restriction. Requires the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission to adopt a procedure to review and evaluate feedback from a resident that virtual school curriculum or instructional materials do not meet or exceed the academic standards adopted by the state board. Requires the state board to notify the LEA in writing of its determination. Requires virtual schools to cease using curriculum or instructional materials that have been deemed to not meet or exceed standards.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

**SB426/HB9 EDUCATION: TISA - revises weighted allocations generated by students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Hale, Michael  
*Summary:* Revises the weighted allocations generated by a student for purposes of TISA based on the number of student members of the LEA in which the student resides. Establishes a \$50 direct allocation for each student member of each LEA to assist each LEA with maintenance and infrastructure.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES TISA FY25-26 \$78,409,000 FY26-27 \$79,346,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years >\$79,346,200 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 \$78,409,000 FY26-27 \$79,346,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years >\$79,346,200 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Revisions to the TISA weights will increase the required local contributions by \$12,852,600 in FY25- 26, \$13,254,300 in FY26-27, and in excess of \$13,254,300 in FY27-28 and subsequent years. However, all of the affected LEAs currently contribute in excess of the required local contributions and have sufficient funding to cover the proposed increases to the local match requirements. Therefore, those LEAs would not be required to increase local contributions.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB434/HB67 EDUCATION: Report on early graduation program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Requires the department of education to compile an annual report on the number of students who complete the early graduation program to the education committee of the senate and the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education by September 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.



**SB470/HB399 EDUCATION: Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Bricken, Rush

*Summary:* Enacts the "Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act." Requires the department of education to establish a pilot program to award protecting Tennessee schools and events assistance grants to LEAs located in counties identified as distressed or at-risk by the economic and community development's performance metrics for the fiscal year 2025, using funds appropriated by the general appropriations act for such purpose. Specifies the primary purpose of the grants is to assist LEAs located in counties identified as distressed or at-risk in purchasing portable walk-through metal detectors. Specifies requirements for metal detectors, including being able to comfortably accommodate foot traffic, wheelchairs, and other mobility assistance devices, such as walkers or crutches. Broadly captioned (10 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB471/HB178 EDUCATION: Success Sequence Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Requires that family life curriculum must include age-appropriate instruction and evidence regarding the positive personal and societal outcomes associated with the method by which a person completes the following in sequential order: obtains a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential; enters into the workforce or pursues a postsecondary degree or credential; enters into marriage; and has children. Provides that the new requirements be implemented beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

**SB472/HB64 EDUCATION: Segregating of restrooms for minors participating in residential educational programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Requires all residential educational programs in this state, regardless of type or duration, that allow minors to participate or to access residential facilities to segregate all restrooms, changing areas, and showers by immutable biological sex. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Education Administration Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB476/HB134 EDUCATION: Prohibits food or beverage items than contain Red 40 to be sold or provided to students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Davis, Elaine

*Summary:* Requires LEAs and public charter schools to prohibit food or beverage items that contain Red 40 to be sold, offered for sale, or provided to students on school property unless the food or beverage item is sold to the student as part of a school fundraising event. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB494/HB552 EDUCATION: Family Right to Educational Emancipation (FREE) Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Warner, Todd

*Summary:* Enacts the "Family Right to Educational Emancipation (FREE) Act," which creates a new category of independent home schools that are not subject to the data collection, reporting, or assessment requirements applicable to existing independent home school programs and that exempts such home school students and parents from compulsory school attendance requirements. Prohibits the department of safety from conditioning the issuance of a driver license or learner's permit on a school-aged applicant's attendance record or enrollment status.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB506/HB503 EDUCATION: State funding for English language arts a tutor through the Tennessee accelerating literacy and learning corps.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Establishes that if the state does not appropriate sufficient funds to allow an LEA or public charter school to assign a tutor through the accelerating literacy and learning corps for the entirety of the upcoming school year, the LEA or public charter school is not required to provide the pathways to promotion outlined in the subdivision. Requires each LEA to participate in the learning loss remediation and student acceleration program if the state appropriated sufficient funds for each LEA to participate. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB514/HB531 EDUCATION: Instruction on access and use of artificial intelligence tools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Requires that, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, age-appropriate instruction on artificial intelligence, including how to access, utilize, and critically evaluate various artificial intelligence tools, shall begin in every LEA and public charter school. Establishes that the lessons must include, but is not limited to, introducing basic artificial intelligence concepts demonstrating practical applications of artificial intelligence teaching responsible artificial intelligence usage how to access relevant artificial intelligence tools and developing critical thinking skills to analyze artificial intelligence. Adds that, subject to available funding, requires the department to provide an artificial intelligence professional development program for educators.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

**SB517/HB485 EDUCATION: Instruction via hybrid learning in event of dangerous or extreme weather.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Authorizes local education agencies and public charter schools to provide up to four days of the required 180 days of classroom instruction via hybrid learning in the event of dangerous or extreme weather conditions, or an emergency, as determined by the director of schools or the director of public charter schools. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB536/HB194 EDUCATION: THEC report on discounts and waivers of tuition and fees charged by institutions of higher education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Martin, Brock

*Summary:* Requires the executive director of the commission to submit to the governor and the chairs of certain legislative committees a report that includes an evaluation of the utilization, state financial support, and student academic outcomes, for required discounts and waivers of the tuition and fees charged at a public institution of higher education. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB565/HB914 EDUCATION: LEAs and public charter schools to review new family life curricula.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Requires each local education agency and public charter school to review any new family life curricula recommended by the joint task force on children's justice and child sexual abuse prior to the start of each school year. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB573/HB1107 EDUCATION: Free feminine hygiene products provided in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Requires LEAs and public charter schools to provide free feminine hygiene products in all women's and girl's bathrooms and locker rooms used by students in grades four through 12 in certain schools. Requires a public health campaign dedicated to encouraging individuals and nonprofit organizations to contribute or drop off feminine hygiene products to eligible schools. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB582/HB623 EDUCATION: Enrollment deadlines for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Requires the department to establish enrollment deadlines for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs so that at-risk students who will be four years old by August 15 must be enrolled by the beginning of the school year and students who are four-year-olds who do not have a disability or who meet the qualifications for enrollment at three years of age must be enrolled by August 30.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB583/HB1004 EDUCATION: After school programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Requires the department to award grants to local education agencies that operate or authorize at least one public school located in a county with a county juvenile offense rate that is at least 10 percent higher than the statewide juvenile offense rate to enable such LEAs to provide after school programs for students in grades K-12. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB588/HB1103 EDUCATION: Tennessee for Tampons Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee for Tampons Act," which requires public institutions of higher education to provide feminine hygiene products in all women's and girl's bathrooms and locker rooms.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB593/HB224 EDUCATION: School District Capital Improvements Investment Trust Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Enacts the "School District Capital Improvements Investment Trust Act," which permits a local board of education to establish an investment trust for the purpose of prospectively funding capital improvements for the benefit of the local board of education's LEA. Specifies that a trust created under this part is irrevocable, and the assets must be preserved, invested, and expended solely pursuant to, and for the purposes of, this section and must not be loaned or otherwise transferred or used for any other purpose. Specifies that the assets of the trust may only be expended to make payments for capital improvements in accordance with the terms of the LEA's capital improvements plan or to pay the costs of administering the trust. Also specifies auditing requirements for trust. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB603/HB1147 EDUCATION: TSAC report regarding scholarships.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Butler, Ed

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation to submit an annual report, by July 31 each year, to legislative committees having jurisdiction over postsecondary education detailing, for each of the five immediately preceding academic years for which the corporation awarded scholarships, the amount appropriated by the general assembly for the scholarship program, the total number of scholarship applications received by the corporation, the total number of scholarship recipients, and the average scholarship award amount. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB611/HB617 EDUCATION: Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Wright, Dave

*Summary:* Designates October as "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month" in all public schools. Requires local education agencies and public charter schools to provide age-appropriate, research-based instruction related to fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness to students in grades six through 12.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Naming & Designating Committee.

**SB612/HB138 EDUCATION: Establishing a fund for career and technical education supports.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Creates a special fund to provide grants to local education agencies and public charter schools for the acquisition, retention, or expansion of digital career and technical education curricula through platforms containing comprehensive courses with lesson plans, media rich content and activities, and interactive assessments. Requires the department of education to administer the fund and establish procedures for LEAs and public charter schools to apply for grants.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB614/HB348 EDUCATION: Local government budgets and education funding.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hurt, Chris

*Summary:* Requires that, if a local government adopts a budget that includes the required maintenance of effort for education funding but fails to appropriate or allocate the full amount budgeted to the LEA, the local government must, in the following fiscal year, appropriate and allocate the unfunded portion to the LEA. Specifies that this requirement begins with fiscal year 2025-2026. Specifies that maintenance of local funding effort required for a fiscal year following a fiscal year in which the local government failed to appropriate or allocate the full amount budgeted to the LEA must be determined based on the amount budgeted to the LEA for the previous fiscal year instead of the amount actually appropriated or allocated to the LEA by the local government.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB636/HB91 EDUCATION: End-of-course assessment requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Requires the state department of education to submit a request to the United States Department of Education to amend this state's Every Student Succeeds Act plan to remove all end-of-course assessment requirements for students in grades nine through 12 and to allow the ACT, SAT, or another postsecondary readiness assessment approved by the commissioner to be annually administered to students in such grades and for student performance on such assessments to be used for student, school, and district accountability purposes. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB637/HB226 EDUCATION: TISA - weighted allocation for students who reside in certain school districts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Creates a three percent weighted allocation for a student who resides in a school district with a membership between 1,001 and 1,250, both inclusive. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB677/HB545 EDUCATION: Course that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Cochran, Mark

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to provide at least one professional development course for teachers in grades 6-12 that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom. Specifies that there shall be no cost for the course to teachers and that the course may be used by teachers to earn professional development points. Requires such teachers to complete at least one department-approved professional development course on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom by August 1, 2027, or within two years of becoming licensed as a teacher in this state, whichever is later.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB679/HB401 EDUCATION: TISA - pre-kindergarten students with special education needs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Adds pre-kindergarten students with special education needs and their peer models to the categories of students who generate education funding through the TISA. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB680/HB515 EDUCATION: Information on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes provided to parents and guardians of students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Gillespie, John

*Summary:* Requires LEA's or public charter schools to include the information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes published by the department of education when providing information on school health issues to parents and guardians of students in grades K12. Requires the department of education, in cooperation with the department of health, to develop and publish a free publication containing information on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes for distribution to parents and guardians.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB682/HB504 EDUCATION: Makes various changes to the Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship Act of 2023.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Expands the definition of "eligible candidate" to include a student who is enrolled in an approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) in their junior or senior year, as determined by the institution where the student is enrolled as an undergraduate; a post-baccalaureate student enrolled in an approved EPP who is seeking an initial educator license; and a U.S. citizen who has resided in the state for at least one year prior to admission to the eligible postsecondary institution. Deletes the definition of "gift aid" in the Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship Act of 2023. Removes the five year limit on the Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship program and extends the program end date from 2028 to 2030. Changes the requirements to be eligible and continue to be eligible for a Tennessee Future Teacher scholarship. Establishes the Tennessee Future Teacher scholarship amount at \$5,000. Decreases the minimum number of years a student has to teach in a targeted setting to receive a Tennessee Future Teacher scholarship from four years to two years. Changes the dates that the office of research and education accountability (OREA) must conduct studies to the fourth and seventh years of the pilot program and four years after it ends in 2030.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB683/HB382 EDUCATION: L.E.A.D. program available for use by LEAs as an alternative to the DARE program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Butler, Ed

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to make the Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) program available for use by LEAs as an alternative to the DARE program.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Education Administration Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB684/HB163 EDUCATION: Enforcement of traffic ordinances on the campus of a state university.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days after which a municipal corporation must cease to prescribe and enforce traffic ordinances on the campus of a state institution after a state university and community college system or the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee requests the governing body of the municipal corporation to cease prescribing and enforcing such traffic ordinances on the campus of the state institution. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/16/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB686/HB148 EDUCATION: Creates Tennessee Promise completions grant special account in state treasury.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Creates the Tennessee Promise completion grant special account in the state treasury for purposes of awarding completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students. Makes the four-year pilot program established by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to award completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students a permanent program.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB687/HB656 EDUCATION: Number of waivers from the average class size requirements granted to LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Hicks, Tim

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to annually publish on the department's website the number of waivers from the average class size requirements granted to LEAs during the previous school year for the purpose of funding a grow your own program. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB689/HB408 EDUCATION: Report regarding implementation and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Changes, from February 1 to January 31, the date each year that the commissioner of education and commissioner of safety must jointly report to the governor and general assembly regarding implementation and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

**SB690/HB355 EDUCATION: Virtual school students and participation in interscholastic athletics.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Requires a public school under the jurisdiction of an LEA that offers students the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletic competitions to allow the LEA's virtual school students to participate in interscholastic athletics at the public school in the LEA for which they are zoned and that they are otherwise eligible to attend. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB695/HB505 EDUCATION: School safety alert grant pilot program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Gant, Ron

*Summary:* Converts the school safety alert grant pilot program to a statewide two-year school safety alert grant program. Removes the limit on the number of grants that may be awarded in a fiscal year.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB699/HB682 EDUCATION: Student Comfort through Alternative Restorative Environments (CARE) Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Justin

*Summary:* Enacts the "Student Comfort through Alternative Restorative Environments (CARE) Act," which requires local education agencies and public charter schools to allow students of a school in the LEA or public charter school where an act of mass violence occurs to voluntarily participate in remote instruction or a virtual education program for at least 31 calendar days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB705/HB676 EDUCATION: Benefits of employees at state special schools.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

Summary: Requires that certain employees of state special schools receive the same leave and certain other benefits as employees of LEAs and public charter schools.

Senate Status: 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB709/HB663 EDUCATION: Deletes a pilot program to improve parent-teacher engagement that expired in 2021.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Deletes a pilot program, which was established to improve parent-teacher engagement in any grade from kindergarten through grade two in public schools, that expired in 2021. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB712/HB664 EDUCATION: Deletes antiquated reporting requirement for the office of research and education accountability.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Deletes antiquated language that required the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller to submit a report by November 1, 2018, to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the formation and operation of community schools. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB714/HB662 EDUCATION: Reporting date on self-administered medications and healthcare procedures to students.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Changes the reporting date, from October 31 to October 1, by which the departments of education and health must submit a report to the governor and general assembly regarding the self-administered medications and healthcare procedures to students served in all public and nonpublic accredited schools in this state and recommendations for meeting the needs for comprehensive school health. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB729/HB759 EDUCATION: Authorizes an LEA to adopt and implement a merit-based pay structure for educators.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Marsh, Pat

Summary: Allows an LEA to adopt and implement a merit-based pay structure for educators to award additional compensation to high-performing educators and to incentivize educators to meet and exceed expectations. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB733/HB1135 EDUCATION: Early grades reading report to be submitted by department of education.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Boyd, Clark

Summary: Requires the department of education to submit an early grade reading report to legislative committees with jurisdiction over subject matter pertaining to education by December 31 of each year. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB740/HB1153 EDUCATION: Program to provide free school breakfast and lunch to all students.**

Sponsors: Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby , Rep. Lynn, Susan

Summary: Requires local boards of education to establish a program to provide free school breakfast and lunch to all students. Requires the state to reimburse LEAs for providing free breakfast and lunch to students after all federal funds have been applied. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB746/HB707 EDUCATION: Promotion of third grade students who achieve a performance level rating of "approaching."**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Travis, Ron

Summary: Allows a third grade student who achieves a performance level rating of "approaching" on the English language arts portion of the student's most recent Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test, and who has earned an overall letter grade of A or B in the student's third grade ELA class, to be promoted to fourth grade if promotion is recommended by a majority of the categories of participants in a conference convened by the student's LEA or public charter school. Provides that the conference must be attended by the following categories of people: the student's parent or guardian, the student's ELA teacher, and the student's school principal. Requires a student promoted to fourth grade through such process to receive tutoring services for the entirety of the student's fourth grade year based on tutoring requirements established by the department of education.

Senate Status: 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB753/HB6 EDUCATION: Enrolling of children of LEA employees in voluntary pre-K program.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Hale, Michael

Summary: Authorizes LEAs to enroll the LEA's employees' children into the voluntary pre-kindergarten program if space is available after enrollment of at-risk children. Authorizes the LEA to charge the employee tuition and fees for such enrollment.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB757/HB174 EDUCATION: School lunch menu to be posted on LEA website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Gant, Ron  
*Summary:* Requires an LEA to publish the school lunch menu on the LEA's website. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB798/HB678 EDUCATION: Report on status of pre-kindergarten programs providers of pre-kindergarten classrooms and the number of at-risk children served.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hatcher, Tom , Rep. Stinnett, Tom  
*Summary:* Specifies that the office of early learning is required, by February 1, to provide an annual report to the governor and the general assembly on the status of pre-kindergarten programs, which must include, at a minimum, the number, location, and types of providers of pre-kindergarten classrooms and the number of at-risk children served. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB802/HB841 EDUCATION: Establishes the promising futures early learning scholarship program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Haston, Kirk  
*Summary:* Establishes the promising futures early learning scholarship program and a fund to provide scholarships for high-quality early learning programs from excess lottery revenues. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB805/HB68 EDUCATION: Annual written notification of funds available for mental health services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Changes the date, from October 15 to October 1, by which the department of education must notify local education agencies (LEAs) of all state and federal grants available to assist the LEA in expanding mental health services and resources in schools. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB811/HB825 EDUCATION: Teen Social Media and Internet Safety Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Maberry, Aron  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Teen Social Media and Internet Safety Act," which requires the department of education to develop curricula for the instruction of social media and internet safety for students in grades 6-12 who are enrolled in a school in a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school. Requires such LEAs and public charter schools to instruct such students using the curricula developed by the department. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB821/HB902 EDUCATION: Implementation of an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Jones, Renea  
*Summary:* Requires each local education agency and public charter school to annually implement an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program in each school that serves students in any of the grades three through 12 to reduce tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drug use by students. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB822/HB697 EDUCATION: Administering of TCAP in virtual schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Barrett, Jody  
*Summary:* Allows virtual schools to administer a comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) test, or a successor test, in a virtual setting that aligns with the student's regular academic instruction. Requires the department of education to ensure that TCAP tests are available to be offered in a virtual setting in accordance with this section. Requires a student who is administered TCAP in a virtual setting to use one device to take the test and one device for the student to be monitored via video by a proctor. Requires the virtual school or the public school administrating the virtual education program to provide the second device for students who do not have a device that allows for integrated camera proctoring. Allows the department of education to adopt standards for the administration of TCAP tests in virtual settings.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB827/HB1003 EDUCATION: Private school that provides online, self-paced educational program - requirements regarding class size, assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Haston, Kirk  
*Summary:* Prohibits the state board of education from requiring a private school that provides a fully online, self-paced educational program to comply with certain class size, school calendar, vaccination, and assessment requirements in order to operate in this state as an approved Category III nonpublic school. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB836/HB793 EDUCATION: Authorizes schools to refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB840/HB966 EDUCATION: Creates K-12 lottery capital outlay special account and the early learning program account.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Creates two special accounts in the state treasury, the K-12 lottery capital outlay special account and the early learning program account, for excess lottery funds. Requires the comptroller of the treasury to develop and administer a program to provide grants from such accounts to local education agencies to be used for capital outlay projects for K-12 educational facilities and for new or existing pre-K programs. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB887/HB692 EDUCATION: Publishing of TISA formula on department of education website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie  
*Summary:* Requires the department of education to publish the Tennessee investment in student achievement formula guide on the department's website. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB897/HB932 EDUCATION: Wireless communication devices during instructional time.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca  
*Summary:* Requires each local board of education and each public charter school governing body to adopt and implement a policy that prohibits a student from using a wireless communication device during instructional time unless it is used for educational purposes, in the event of an emergency, or included in the student's individual education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB899/HB964 EDUCATION: Standard for entry-resistant window treatment for school buildings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Requires entry-resistant window treatment for school building if they are constructed or remodeled on or after July 1, 2025. Requires the state-level school safety team to transit the guidelines to the state fire marshal for inclusion in rules.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB901/HB1373 EDUCATION: Extends the school turnaround pilot program for priority schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. White, Mark  
*Summary:* Changes the school turnaround pilot program for priority schools administered by the department and that is scheduled to conclude at the end of the 2024-2025 school year to a permanent school turnaround program for priority schools. Increases, from five to 15, the maximum number of priority schools that may participate in the school turnaround program. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB905/HB953 EDUCATION: School Safety and Mental Health Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle  
*Summary:* Enacts the "School Safety and Mental Health Act." Requires each LEA and public charter school to employ at least one full-time licensed professional school counselor for each school in the LEA or public charter school. Requires the Tennessee school safety center to administer a school safety infrastructure grant program. Requires the Tennessee school safety center to award grants to LEAs that meet certain requirements. Any funds appropriated for this program in any fiscal year that are not expended must be carried forward for program purposes in future fiscal years.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB910/HB1230 EDUCATION: Reporting of foster care students in interscholastic athletics.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Changes a department's reporting requirement, regarding local education agencies' and public charter schools' compliance with notice to an association that regulates interscholastic athletics of a student's placement in foster care who is seeking to participate in interscholastic athletics, from annually to upon the request of the education committee of the senate or the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over education. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB912/HB1043 EDUCATION: Deletes obsolete provisions regarding implementation of the school grading system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Vital, Greg  
*Summary:* Deletes obsolete provisions regarding implementation of the school grading system. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB928/HB1001 EDUCATION: Substitution of course credits for a full high school diploma.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to authorize a student who is working toward completing a career and technical education elective focus to substitute up to four career and technical education course credits for the required chemistry course credit, computer science course credit, world language course credit, and Algebra II course credit necessary to earn a full diploma upon graduation from high school. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB937/HB1270 EDUCATION: Preferred name or pronoun.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Cochran, Mark

*Summary:* Specifies that certain individuals are not required to use another person's preferred name or pronoun if the name of the pronoun is not consistent with the person's legal name or sex. Protects certain individuals from civil liability if they use or refuse to use certain names and pronouns when referencing another person. Allows for civil action to be filed against certain employers and public schools if they implement certain preferred pronoun policies if the policies allow certain names or pronouns to be used to an unemancipated minor without receiving parental consent. (12pp.). Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB946/HB1088 EDUCATION: Notifying parents and guardians of threats or significant disruptions at LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Requires an LEA that reports any threat of violence or significantly disruptive behavior directed toward or occurring on the grounds of a public school in the LEA to a state or local law enforcement agency also notify the parents and guardians of students enrolled in the public school of the same threat or disruptive behavior within 24 hours of the report to law enforcement. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB950/HB958 EDUCATION: Reporting on all receipts and expenditures of all elementary and high school funds.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Changes from July 10 to July 20 the date by which a county trustee is required to report to the commissioner of education all receipts and expenditures of all elementary and all high school funds within the year ending June 30 preceding. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB951/HB1014 EDUCATION: Report on SAVE Act - deadline change.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Changes the date the commissioner of education must report to the governor and the general assembly on the implementation of and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education Act from February 1 to January 15. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB975/HB154 EDUCATION: Deletes obsolete pilot program to improve parent-teacher engagement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Atchley, Fred

*Summary:* Deletes obsolete pilot program to improve parent-teacher engagement that terminated at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1003/HB1002 EDUCATION: Approval of universal screener for pre-kindergarten students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to approve at least one universal screener for pre-kindergarten students as an alternative growth model to generate individual growth scores for pre-kindergarten teachers. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to allow pre-kindergarten teachers to use the results of the state-board-approved universal screener as an alternative growth model for annual evaluation purposes if the school provides a voluntary pre-kindergarten program. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1014/HB698 EDUCATION: Underutilized or vacant property list made available to child care facilities within an LEA.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Requires an LEA in which a child care facility operates to submit a comprehensive list of all underutilized or vacant property to the department of human services and the comptroller of the treasury and to make the list available to each child care facility operating in the LEA. Grants certain owners of a child care facility that operates in an LEA a first or second right of refusal to lease or purchase underutilized or vacant property listed by the LEA. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1016/HB1065 EDUCATION: School safety plans to include process to notify parents of certain emergencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Sherrell, Paul

*Summary:* Requires district-wide school safety plans, building-level school safety plans, and the template for such plans to include a process for notifying parents and legal guardians of certain emergencies, incidents of violence, and credible threats of violence made against, or occurring on the grounds of, the LEA or school. Requires directors of schools and directors of public charter schools to notify parents and legal guardians of same when reported to the LEA or school by its threat assessment team.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House



**SB1018/HB997 EDUCATION: Prohibition on fees for in-county student transfers to public charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert

*Summary:* Clarifies that a public charter school authorized in its charter agreement to locate in a county LEA is not allowed to charge a student who resides in the county any registration fees, enrollment fees, or tuition if the student transfers to the public charter school from another LEA located in the same county. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1019/HB1163 EDUCATION: Allocation of TISA funds to public charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert

*Summary:* Requires the department to allocate the state share of the Tennessee investment in student achievement formula funds generated by student members of a public charter school in the prior school year directly to the public charter school instead of allocating such funds to the local education agency in which the public charter school is located.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1020/HB1162 EDUCATION: Operation of a public charter schools outside geographic boundaries of an LEA.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert

*Summary:* Allows public charter schools to operate outside the geographic boundaries of the local education agency in which the public charter school is authorized to locate in its charter agreement in certain circumstances and under certain conditions.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1023/HB666 EDUCATION: Department of education exclusionary discipline report - removes requirement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Removes the requirement that the department of education must present its findings and a written report regarding current laws and policies related to exclusionary discipline practices in public schools for students in pre-kindergarten through kindergarten to the specified committees no later than May 1, 2018. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1024/HB1036 EDUCATION: Evaluation of an innovative school district.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to evaluate the effectiveness of an innovative school district after the first school year of operation and make recommendations, which may include encouraging additional public universities to operate an innovative school district based upon future state educational needs, to the education committee of the senate and the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over education. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1027/HB1016 EDUCATION: Submission of an early grades reading report by department of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Establishes October 15 of each year as the date by which the department must submit an early grades reading report. Updates the committees for which the department must submit the early grades reading report to be the education committee of the senate and the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over education. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1042/HB84 EDUCATION: School bus endorsement age limit.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Lowers the minimum age, from 25 to 21, that is necessary to receive an initial school bus endorsement. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1044/HB746 EDUCATION: Requirements for enrollment into LEA or public charter school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Fritts, Monty

*Summary:* Requires a parent or guardian who wishes to enroll the parent's or guardian's student into an LEA or public charter school to submit certain documents to the LEA or public charter school upon enrollment of the student unless the parent or guardian pays an amount equal to the amount representing the per pupil state and local funds generated and required through the TISA formula for the LEA in which the participating student resides. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1056/HB1124 EDUCATION: Requires LEAs to screen all students for dyslexia.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Seal, Jessie , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Requires LEAs to screen all students for dyslexia and use the Orton-Gillingham method to teach students who exhibit characteristics of dyslexia. Adds training in the Orton-Gillingham method to in-service training subjects for educators. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1066/HB1196 EDUCATION: Curriculum implemented for DARE program to be published on state board's website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Requires the state board to publish the curriculum implemented for the statewide drug abuse resistance education (DARE) program on the state board's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1067/HB1195 EDUCATION: Character education curriculum to be published on LEA's website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Requires each local education agency (LEA) to publish the character education curriculum on the LEA's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1073/HB861 EDUCATION: Student's IEP meeting - notification to parent or guardian.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

*Summary:* Requires LEAs to notify parents or guardians of a student at least 10 days before the student's individualized education program (IEP) meeting. Requires LEAs to provide a copy of all evaluations and assessments of a student conducted for purposes of the student's IEP and, if created, a copy of a student's draft IEP, unless previously declined, to the student's parent or guardian at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled IEP team meeting.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1096/HB414 EDUCATION: Allows an existing place of worship to be used for educational purposes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Davis, Elaine

*Summary:* Permits an existing place of worship to be used for educational purposes without reclassification of the building's occupancy type if certain conditions are met, including the building complying with safety upgrade requirements.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1108/HB1258 EDUCATION: Notice regarding high performing school district.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Fritts, Monty

*Summary:* Requires local boards of education to notify the department of education when a board declares itself to be a high performing school district; requires the department to maintain a list of high performing school districts on the department's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1112/HB1085 EDUCATION: Removal of religious materials from a school library.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Martin, Greg

*Summary:* Prohibits a local board of education or public charter school governing body from removing a material from a library collection for the sole reason that the material is religious. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1121/HB1221 EDUCATION: Removes language regarding the state board being an authorizer for public charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Deletes antiquated language regarding the state board of education being an authorizer for public charter schools which expired at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1130/HB1051 EDUCATION: Freedom to Read Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

*Summary:* Requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a policy for developing and reviewing the library collection of the LEA or public charter school. Specifies that the policy must include a uniform procedure for the LEA or public charter school to receive and review feedback from a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee regarding one or more of the materials in the library collection of the student's or employee's school.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1132/HB1213 EDUCATION: Required assessments of students participating in the education savings account program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Increases the required assessments of students participating in the education savings account program or the individualized education account program to include all TCAP tests, Tennessee universal reading screeners or universal reading screeners approved by the state board of education, and the assessment administered to public school students in grade 11 that assesses student readiness for postsecondary education and approved by the commissioner of education. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1147/HB880 EDUCATION: List of educator preparation providers' teacher training requirements for licensed educators.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to compile a comprehensive list of all of the state board-approved educator preparation providers, and educator preparation providers approved by the state board and the department of education, teacher training requirements for licensed educators to teach students in any of the grades K-12 who are employees of an LEA or public charter school. Requires the department to publish the list on the department's website and submit the list to the education committee of the senate and the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over educator licensure by June 30 of each year.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1151/HB789 EDUCATION: Eligibility for receipt of a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Vital, Greg

*Summary:* Removes the requirement that a student with a documented intellectual disability be admitted to, and enrolled in, an eligible postsecondary institution in an eligible postsecondary program no later than 16 months after completing high school in order to be eligible to receive a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1161/HB1005 EDUCATION: Suspension or expulsion of students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Prohibits a LEA or public charter school from suspending or expelling a student from school if the student is enrolled in grades pre-kindergarten through two unless the student's behavior endangers the physical safety of other students or school personnel in which the student can be suspended for no more than three days. Requires a student in grades pre-kindergarten through two who is facing suspension to be provided an opportunity for the student's anger, fear, or anxiety to subside and for the student's teacher, principal, school counselor, or school psychologist to have a conversation with the student and the student's parent or legal guardian concerning the student's behavior and any underlying issues that may have precipitated the student's behavior. Requires the principal to notify the student's parent or legal guardian of the student's suspension on the day the it occurs. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1162/HB732 EDUCATION: Retake of a TCAP test.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Requires the department to develop or approve a policy allowing for the retake of a TCAP test, including each end-of-course assessment, if the administration of one or more of the state-mandated TCAP tests is interrupted due to an act of God or other circumstance beyond the control of the school.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1163/HB448 EDUCATION: Behavior intervention training program requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

*Summary:* Requires, instead of encourages, LEAs and public charter schools to incorporate training in evidence-based skills training on positive behavioral interventions and supports, conflict prevention, functional behavior assessments, de-escalation, and conflict management into its behavior intervention training program. Requires at least two hours of such training each school year; allows the hours of training received to be applied toward in-service training requirements. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB1168/HB778 EDUCATION: OREA study on implementation of an incentive program for educators.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) to study and make recommendations for the implementation of an incentive program for educators who have fifteen or more years of experience. Requires OREA to report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2025.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1175/HB1275 EDUCATION: List of high performing school districts on department website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

*Summary:* Requires the department of education, by July 31 each year, to list on its website each LEA designated as a high performing school district for the upcoming school year and how long the LEA will be designated a high performing school district before having to meet the criteria for re-designation. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1180/HB1109 EDUCATION: Background checks on teachers or staff.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Requires private schools that enroll recipients of an education freedom scholarship, students participating in the individualized education account program, or students participating in the education savings account program to conduct background checks prior to employing a teacher or person who will have direct contact with school children or access to school grounds when children are present.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1212/HB1298 EDUCATION: Speak UP, Tennessee Scholarship Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Enacts the "Speak UP, Tennessee Scholarship Act," which requires the Tennessee student assistance corporation to establish by rules a program that provides scholarships for students in grade 12 and at public institutions of higher education in this state who demonstrate artistic excellence in spoken word poetry through a competitive, performance-based selection process to pursue higher education to further develop their literary and performance skills.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1213/HB30 EDUCATION: Language assistance services while taking comprehensive assessment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* 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.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated December 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB1215/HB1288 EDUCATION: Creates the school safety grant fund.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Creates a special account within the state general fund to be known as the school safety grant fund to support LEAs and public charter schools with prevention, reduction, and response efforts with regard to school shootings. Requires the department of education to administer the fund and establish and publish guidelines for applications, including eligibility, and the award of grants. Establishes that the fund is composed of money appropriated by the general assembly, gifts, grants, and other donations received by the department for the fund. Requires the department of education to allocate funds to LEAs and public charter schools that have had a shooting or other firearm-related death on school grounds on a school day while students were present. Requires the state treasurer to invest money in the fund. Requires the department of education to submit an annual report to the specified committees by March 1 of each subsequent year on the status of this program and the allocation of grant funds.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1219/HB1032 EDUCATION: Notification regarding presence of an immigration officer on school grounds.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Requires directors of schools and directors of public charter schools to immediately notify all students, parents, educators, employees, and contractors of the local education agency or public charter school of the presence of an immigration officer on school grounds.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1221/HB971 EDUCATION: Creation of a physical education through community service program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to create a physical education through community service program by partnering with a community service partner to provide students in grades nine through 12 the opportunity to earn one-half credit in physical education by completing yardwork projects for older persons and persons with disabilities within the community served by the LEA or public charter school. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1223/HB1113 EDUCATION: Medical evaluation required for student participating in school youth athletic activity.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Requires each student who participates in a school youth athletic activity to file with the local education agency or public charter school a preparticipation medical evaluation or an exemption. Creates the safe stars advisory committee to develop guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students, parents, and coaches about: the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest and the risks associated with continuing to play or practice after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1249/HB1214 EDUCATION: Education savings account program or the individualized education account program participants requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Requires private schools that participate in the education savings account program or the individualized education account program to publish various items on the school's website. Requires private schools that participate in either program to ensure educators hold a valid license to teach. Requires students participating in either program to be administered various assessments. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1252/HB1262 EDUCATION: Preferred pronouns.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Reneau, Michele

*Summary:* Makes various changes to the categories of individuals who are not required to use a preferred pronoun, and for whom a preferred pronoun be disregarded, if the pronoun is inconsistent with the person's biological sex. Makes various changes to the civil liability and adverse action protections as it relates to the use of, or the refusal to use, a pronoun or preferred pronoun. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1255/HB1369 EDUCATION: Blood lead level testing.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Chism, Jesse

*Summary:* Requires the department of health to make available and require blood lead level testing for all children prior to attendance at K-12 public schools. Requires a child who has elevated blood lead levels be immediately screened to determine if educational services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act are needed. Requires a child who has lead poisoning to receive wraparound services appropriate for lead poisoned children. Allows a parent or guardian to opt out of testing. Requires a juvenile with elevated blood lead levels or lead poisoning in a federal funded juvenile detention facility to receive wraparound services appropriate for children with elevated blood lead levels or lead poisoning. Requires the department of health to make available and require blood lead level testing for a pregnant woman who receives vouchers for the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children. Requires the department of health to provide a woman with elevated blood lead levels or lead poisoning wraparound services and educational materials regarding elevated blood lead levels or lead poisoning.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1272/HB1308 EDUCATION: Reporting on students in state custody.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Makes various changes to reporting requirements, school and district accountability, the accumulation of excess instructional time, remote instruction, the immunization status of students in state custody, the individualized education account program, public virtual school enrollment, and certain course access program requirements imposed on the department of education. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1273/HB1307 EDUCATION: School turnaround pilot program report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Extends the date, from October 1 to October 15, on which the department must file an annual report evaluating the progress of the school turnaround pilot program. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1291/HB114 EDUCATION: Makes changes to the STRONG Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Makes various changes to the Tennessee Support, Training, and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen (STRONG) Act, including requiring the department of military to pay an educational institution for undergraduate course fees or master's degree program fees charged by such institution to an eligible member.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB1310/HB1322 EDUCATION: Application to open a new public charter school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Establishes a process by which the governing body of an existing public charter school may replicate that public charter school in the same district by applying to the local board of education or directly to the Tennessee public charter school commission. Allows, in certain circumstances, a public charter school sponsor to apply directly to the commission to open a new public charter school. Makes various changes to the state agencies responsible for performing certain functions in the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1311/HB1323 EDUCATION: Teacher licensure requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Urges LEAs and public charter schools to make every effort to staff kindergarten through grade 12 teaching positions with personnel fully licensed and endorsed for such grades. Provides that if the LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher with a valid license for the type and kind of school in which a vacancy exists, the director of schools or the director of the public charter school may certify the same to the commissioner of education. Allows the commissioner to grant to an individual recommended by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school, as applicable, on behalf of the state board of education, under conditions prescribed in the state board's rules, emergency teaching credentials to teach in the unfilled position based. Makes provisions for vacancies for a course requiring an end-of-course examination. Prohibits the commissioner from granting an emergency teaching credential to teach a special education course. Makes various other changes.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1320/HB1336 EDUCATION: Removal of obsolete required report by the department of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Removes a provision requiring a report from the department of education, the state board of education, and the Tennessee higher education commission to legislative committees regarding implementation of legislation concerning student literacy by July 1, 2024. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1338/HB1052 EDUCATION: OREA report regarding students participating in the education freedom scholarship fund program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. McKenzie, Sam  
*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller of the treasury to annually report information about the students participating in the education freedom scholarship program to the general assembly by October 30.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1340/HB1348 EDUCATION: THEC - review of outcomes-based funding formula model.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Requires the higher education commission to review and update the outcomes-based funding formula model at least once every five years to provide incentives for institutions that offer programs leading to job placement in high-demand fields in this state. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1378/HB1238 EDUCATION: Creates the division of early child care and education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Creates the division of early child care and education within the department of education. Requires this division to be created no later than December 31, 2026. Provides that the commissioner of education will appoint the director. Stipulates that this division is administratively responsible for child care and early educational services funded through state or federal funds, including, but not limited to: the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and Child Care and Development Fund; the voluntary pre-kindergarten program; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for pre-kindergarten children; Head Start programs; and programs funded through the preschool development grant of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Outlines parameters for a unified early child care and education system with a focus on reducing regulatory burdens and simplifying processes for early childhood care and education providers. Provides requirements for a transition advisory council to advise the department of education in developing a two-part transition plan.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1379/HB1175 EDUCATION: Allows a child care agency to lease or purchase underutilized property from local education agencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Allows a child care agency to lease or purchase underutilized property from local education agencies. Classifies a child care family home as residential property for certain purposes, including zoning and building codes. Permits a host-school's fire inspection and facilities to be sufficient for a child care agency's provisional license under the department of human resources. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1409/HB1121 EDUCATION: Expands eligibility for a dual enrollment grant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Sherrell, Paul

*Summary:* Expands eligibility for a dual enrollment grant to include students who are sophomores in high school and admitted to an eligible postsecondary institution as a dual enrollment student. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1410/HB1253 EDUCATION: Maximum days a substitute teacher may substitute for a teacher on leave.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

*Summary:* Increases from 20 to 30, the maximum number of consecutive days a substitute teacher may substitute for a regular teacher on leave without having to possess a teaching license; requires the six weeks of paid parental leave for eligible employees to be taken consecutively, except in extenuating circumstances, as determined and approved by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school, as applicable.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1417/HB1385 EDUCATION: Reporting of activities by a school support organization.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Requires a school support organization and a group or organization that collects and raises money, materials, property, or securities while representing itself to be a school support organization to annually provide a detailed report of the organization's receipts and expenditures while representing itself to be a school support organization to the department of education by July 1 each year, unless the school support organization is a booster club, parent teacher association, parent teacher organization, or parent teacher support association. Requires the department to publish the reports on the department's website for at least three years from the date by which the report was submitted. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1423/HB1377 EDUCATION: Current reading grade level included on student's report card.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Requires that a student's report card include a statement of the student's current reading grade level. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SJR42 EDUCATION: Arts in Education Week.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam ,

*Summary:* Joins with ArtsEd Tennessee in commemorating March 2-8, 2025, as "Arts in Education Week" in Tennessee.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR92 EDUCATION: Constitutional amendment - parents have the inherent right to direct the education of the parent's child.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee to establish that parents have the inherent right to direct the education of the parent's child; prohibits the state from interfering with such rights through the adoption or enforcement of any law or rule that abridges, infringes upon, or restricts a parent's right to provide home-based education.

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR146 EDUCATION: Constitutional amendment - local boards of education to approve lotteries conducted by nonprofit school organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to authorize local boards of education to approve lotteries conducted by nonprofit school support organizations. Requires that the net proceeds of the lottery's revenues be allocated to the local education agency to be used for educational or extracurricular purposes.

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR179 EDUCATION: Recognizes mental health consequences of social media on K-12 students.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Recognizes mental health consequences of social media on K-12 students.

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

**SB258/HB1139 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Definition of public water system under the TN Safe Drinking Water Act - inclusion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Includes any collection, storage, distribution facility, or a treatment facility that treats solely for the purpose of softening hard water, under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, under the definition of public water system. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB297/HB752 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Lifetime sportsman licenses for adopted children.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

*Summary:* Extends the time within which the guardian for an adoptee who is less than 13 years of age may apply for a lifetime sportsman license for adopted children from 36 months immediately following the adoption date to any time following the adoption that is prior to the adoptee's thirteenth birthday.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1141/HB897 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Threshold for the presence of fluoride in a public water system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Decreases from 1.5 milligrams per liter to 0.4 milligrams per liter the threshold for the presence of fluoride in a public water system that requires an increase in the frequency of fluoride-level testing from quarterly to monthly. Requires public water systems to cease adding fluoride to drinking water supplies by July 31, 2025, and provide written notice of cessation of fluoridation to customers.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

## FAMILY LAW

**SB262/HB386 FAMILY LAW: Voluntary surrender of an infant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Butler, Ed

*Summary:* Increases the age the child from 14 to 45 days that a facility may receive possession of an unharmed newborn infant without the mother being subject to criminal liability.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB406/HB361 FAMILY LAW: Courts in Shelby County that can hear a petition for an order of protection.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Expands the courts in Shelby County that can hear a petition for an order of protection to include a criminal court when the criminal court is hearing a criminal matter involving a domestic abuse victim, sexual assault victim, or stalking victim. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB540/HB492 FAMILY LAW: Custody determinations - failure to pay child support.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Requires the court to consider any failure to pay child support, rather than failure for a period of three years or more, when making a child custody determination. Clarifies that the court may preclude or limit any provisions of a parenting plan if the court finds that a parent has failed to pay child support. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB560/HB347 FAMILY LAW: Failure to meet needs of child.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Hurt, Chris

*Summary:* Specifies that the terms abandonment, abuse, severe abuse, and dependent and neglected child do not include the failure to meet the needs of a child solely due to financial hardship unless reasonable material resources such as cash assistance, safe and stable housing, or tangible goods have been offered to and refused by the parent or guardian. In determining whether termination of parental or guardianship rights is in the best interest of the child, specifies the court must not weigh a factor against a parent solely due to financial hardship unless reasonable material resources such as cash assistance, safe and stable housing, or tangible goods have been offered to and refused by the parent. Makes various other changes regarding adoption, termination of parental rights, and the criminal offenses of child abuse and child neglect. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB580/HB631 FAMILY LAW: Grant program for supporting and funding nonprofit and faith-based child care programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives to establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting and funding nonprofit and faith-based child care programs for children four years of age and younger. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB609/HB590 FAMILY LAW: Telephone or video conference conversations allowed per week by parent.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Atchley, Fred

*Summary:* Increases, from twice a week to three times a week, the number of unimpeded telephone or video conference conversations a parent not in possession of a child is entitled to have with the child as part of the right to unimpeded telephone conversations if the technology is available to both the parent and the child. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

**SB895/HB826 FAMILY LAW: Report on actions brought in court for a violation of the Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

*Summary:* Requires the administrative office of the courts to submit an annual report by January 15 of each year to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives detailing the number of actions brought in the courts of this state for a violation of the "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act", whether the plaintiff in each such action prevailed, and, if the plaintiff prevailed, the person or entity found in violation. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB943/HB1255 FAMILY LAW: Continuing education for judges involved in child custody proceedings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

*Summary:* Increases from two to three the number of hours of training or continuing education courses that each judge involved in child custody proceedings on domestic violence shall complete per year. Increases from 10 to 15 the number of hours of training or continuing education courses each judge involved in child custody proceedings on child abuse shall complete per year. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1005/HB1180 FAMILY LAW: One petition for all children in one adoption or termination of parental rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Burkhart, Jeff

*Summary:* Allows petitioners to include all children in one adoption or termination of parental rights petition if the petitioners are seeking to adopt more than one child at the same time and the children are siblings who share at least one biological parent, unless the court issues a written order finding that it is in the best interest of the children that separate petitions be filed. Specifies that the clerk of court shall charge only one filing fee for such a petition. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1015/HB1359 FAMILY LAW: Removed obsolete requirement for DCS employees regarding training on foster parents' statutory rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Removes an obsolete requirement that employees of the department of children's services who come in contact with foster parents must be trained on foster parents' statutory rights by February 1, 2010. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1026/HB1114 FAMILY LAW: Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth - budget recommendations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Changes from September 1 to October 1 the date by which the commission must make budget recommendations for the following fiscal year to the governor, finance committees of the house and senate, legislative budget offices, and affected state departments. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1030/HB1156 FAMILY LAW: Immunizations for children.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Deletes the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian to ensure that such person's child receives vaccines as recommended by guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the American Academy of Pediatrics. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction



**SB1109/HB1120 FAMILY LAW: Reports submitted by zero to three court programs and safe baby courts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Sherrell, Paul

*Summary:* Deletes obsolete language regarding initial reports submitted by zero to three court programs and safe baby courts to the department of children's services, the department of mental health and substance abuse services, the administrative office of the courts, and the council of juvenile and family court judges. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1238/HB1263 FAMILY LAW: Online adoption forms.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to make forms promulgated for use by courts, agencies, and persons in the adoption process available on the department's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1239/HB1357 FAMILY LAW: Department of children's service's report on foster care - March 1 deadline.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to prepare and issue a report on foster care by March 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1259/HB1170 FAMILY LAW: Clarification of "neglect" in child welfare policy.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Clarifies that "neglect" does not include permitting a child, whose basic needs are met and who is of sufficient age and maturity to avoid harm or unreasonable risk of harm, to engage in independent activities. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1266/HB103 FAMILY LAW: Expands the provision of voluntary extended foster care services by DCS.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Expands the provision of voluntary extended foster care services by the department of children's services to include young adults between 20 and 23 who were in the custody of the department at the time of the young adult's 18th birthday and young adults who were adopted from, or approved for subsidized permanent guardianship by, the department of children's services at 16 or older. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB1267/HB102 FAMILY LAW: Changes age at which adoption records must be made available to adopted persons.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Changes from 21 to 18 the age at which certain adoption records must be made available to certain adopted persons. Makes various other changes regarding adoption records.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB1268/HB1305 FAMILY LAW: Relative caregiver payments notice.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Changes from 10 to 15, the number of days of prior written notice the department must provide to a relative caregiver of any additional requirements for receiving payments as a relative caregiver. Changes from 10 to 15, the number of days of prior written notice the department must provide to a relative caregiver of any additional requirements for receiving payments as a relative caregiver. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1331/HB1131 FAMILY LAW: DCS report regarding child support.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Clarifies that on or before January 31 of each year, the department of children's services shall report information regarding child support to the general assembly and the governor. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1342/HB1169 FAMILY LAW: Report on status of statewide system of care for children's mental health.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Requires on or before June 30, 2026, and each June 30 thereafter, the council on children's mental health care to submit a report to certain officials regarding the status of the statewide system of care for children's mental health and the service delivery system and the status of children's mental health in this state. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB49/HB227 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - department of mental health and substance abuse services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the department of mental health and substance abuse services to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB58/HB236 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - Bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the Bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB65/HB243 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - department of mental health and substance abuse services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the department of mental health and substance abuse services to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 02/12/25.  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

**SB70/HB248 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - human rights commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the human rights commission to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

**SB79/HB257 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - perinatal advisory committee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the perinatal advisory committee to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB81/HB259 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - second look commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the second look commission to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB82/HB260 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - standards committee, department of human services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the standards committee, department of human services to June 30, 2031.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB83/HB261 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - statewide planning and policy council for the department of mental health and substance abuse services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the statewide planning and policy council for the department of mental health and substance abuse services to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 02/12/25.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB106/HB284 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - traumatic brain injury advisory council.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin  
*Summary:* Extends the traumatic brain injury advisory council to June 30, 2029.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar 02/10/25.

**SB112/HB1035 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Codifies the Acts of the 2024 regular session.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Codifies the Acts of the 2024 regular session.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/11/25.  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB861/HB910 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: TN Human Rights Commission - compliance with Title VI requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Garrett, Johnny  
*Summary:* Transfers, from the commission to the attorney general and reporter, the responsibility of identifying state laws, rules, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that conflict with the components, guidelines, and objectives of a comprehensive state policy established by the commission to ensure compliance with Title VI requirements. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB929/HB961 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: House committee responsible for approving the Tennessee Code Commission style guidelines.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Jones, Renea  
*Summary:* Revises the statutory reference to the house committee responsible for approving the Tennessee Code Commission style guidelines from the civil justice committee of the house of representatives to the committee of the house of representatives with jurisdiction over subject matters pertaining to the code commission. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1122/HB1212 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Creates the temporary youth mental health service program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Creates the temporary youth mental health service program. Details makeup and responsibility of the program. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR176 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Committee to consider removal of DA Steven J. Mulroy.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint a committee to meet with a like committee from the Senate to consider the removal of Steven J. Mulroy from the office of District Attorney General for the Thirtieth Judicial District by the Tennessee General Assembly acting pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Tennessee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**GOVERNMENT REGULATION****SB880/HB896 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Regulatory action for a substance, mixture, or chemical related to drinking water, water pollution control.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Prohibits a state agency from disseminating, proposing, or finalizing any regulatory action for a substance, mixture, or chemical related to drinking water, water pollution control, hazardous substances, contaminated site remediation, air quality, or solid or hazardous waste handling unless the regulatory action is based upon the best available peer-reviewed scientific and technical information.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**HEALTH CARE****SB139/HB144 HEALTH CARE: Hospitals that accept Medicaid required to inquire about a person's citizenship status.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Requires hospitals that accept Medicaid to inquire about a person's citizenship status on patient admission or registration forms. Also requires such hospitals to submit a quarterly report to the department of health on the number of hospital admissions and emergency department visits by persons lawfully and not lawfully present in the United States. Requires the department of health to submit an annual report to the governor, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives regarding the impact of uncompensated care for persons not lawfully present in the United States and other related information on or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 of each subsequent year. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB152/HB413 HEALTH CARE: Patient access to investigational stem cell treatment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Lynn, Susan  
*Summary:* Authorizes a patient with a severe chronic disease or terminal illness to access and use and investigational stem cell treatment. Also authorizes and a physician to recommend use of investigational stem cell treatment by the patient. Requires the commissioner of health to promulgate rules to effect this part, including designating the medical conditions that constitute a qualifying severe chronic disease or terminal illness.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB259/HB853 HEALTH CARE: Review of a child's health and medical records by parent or legal guardian.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Reneau, Michele  
*Summary:* Clarifies that a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may access and review all health and medical records of the child, including those records related to treatments available to unemancipated minors without parental consent. Allows an employee of a local education agency to provide bandages, gauze, or ice packs for the treatment of minor cuts, scrapes, bumps, and bruises. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 24, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB282/HB192 HEALTH CARE: Individualized Investigational Treatment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Enacts the "Individualized Investigational Treatment Act." Authorizes a manufacturer operating within an eligible facility to make available an individualized investigative treatment and an eligible patient to request an individualized investigational treatment from an eligible facility or manufacturer operating within an eligible facility. Defines an "eligible patient" as one who has a life-threatening or severely debilitating illness and meets other criteria. Defines "eligible facility" to mean an institution operating under principles of Federalwide Assurance (FWA) for the Protection of Human Subjects in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 46 and 42 U.S.C. § 289(a). Permits a health plan, third-party administrator, or governmental agency to provide coverage for the cost of an individualized investigational treatment or the cost of services related to the use of an individualized investigational treatment. Specifies, if a patient dies while being treated by an individualized investigational treatment, the patient's heirs are not liable for any outstanding debt related to the treatment or lack of insurance due to the treatment.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB321/HB498 HEALTH CARE: Creates the advisory task force on state reimbursement rates.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Wright, Dave

*Summary:* Creates an advisory task force on state reimbursement rates to recommend annual adjustments to ensure adequate compensation for agencies providing healthcare services. Requires the advisory task force members to represent a different health-related profession. Establishes all member appointments are for six-year terms. Establishes that the task force is attached to the department of health for administrative purposes. Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to serve as chair of the advisory task force. Authorizes the task force to make recommendations about salaries, benefits, and administrative costs for agencies as well as causes and solutions for the healthcare frontline workforce shortage. Requires the task force to consider a wide range of specified factors affecting the health care agencies. Requires the task force to submit an annual report with recommendations to relevant state officials by August 1 or each year.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 4, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$13,200

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB325/HB455 HEALTH CARE: Tennessee council on autism spectrum disorder.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hurt, Chris

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee council on autism spectrum disorder to submit an annual report by February 1 of each year to legislative committees that details, at a minimum, the council's findings, progress on the comprehensive statewide plan and system of care, and recommendations for legislation. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB421/HB1239 HEALTH CARE: Prescribing of buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

*Summary:* Authorizes certain prescribing physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder when the physician assistant or nurse practitioner is employed by or contracts with a state correctional facility or county or municipal jail, and certain other conditions are met, including having an active registration with the federal drug enforcement agency. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB460/HB516 HEALTH CARE: Annual report on hypodermic syringe exchange program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Adds the legislative librarian as a party to which the department of health must submit an annual report based on data received by a county or district health department that operates a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, including the number of people served, number of needles, syringes, and supplies dispensed and returned to the program, number of naloxone kits distributed, and the number and type of treatment referrals provided. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB468/HB571 HEALTH CARE: Women's Safety and Protection Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Barrett, Jody

*Summary:* Specifies that a governmental agency shall not prohibit distinctions between the sexes with respect to athletics, correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, or other accommodations where biology, safety, or privacy is implied and that result in separate accommodations that are substantially related to the important government interest of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of individuals in such circumstances. Requires a public school to designate each multi-occupancy restroom or changing room for the exclusive use of either females, males, or members of the same family. Requires a correctional facility or juvenile detention facility to designate each multioccupancy restroom, changing room, and sleeping quarters for the exclusive use of either females, males, or members of the same family (10 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB575/HB572 HEALTH CARE: Posting on post-birth warning signs prior to discharge following a birth.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Requires all hospitals and birthing centers to provide information on post-birth warning signs, including symptoms and resources, to a mother and, if possible, to the mother's caregiver or at least one of the mother's family members prior to discharge following a birth. Requires the department to provide all hospitals and birthing centers with information on post-birth warning signs, including symptoms and resources, and to have the information available on the department's website. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

**SB584/HB688 HEALTH CARE: Buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Authorizes the commissioner to develop and maintain an essential buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies to be distributed during a natural or man-made disaster, mass casualty event, or public health emergency. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB587/HB1219 HEALTH CARE: Pilot program for the placement of hygiene vending machines.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Requires the department to establish and administer a pilot program for the placement of hygiene vending machines that dispense feminine hygiene products to students at no cost to the student in women's restrooms or locker rooms in each eligible school selected to participate in the program. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB662/HB625 HEALTH CARE: Mental health evaluations for persons charged with certain criminal offenses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm and needs emergency detention if the person is charged with a crime that would require the defendant to serve at least 85% of the sentence before becoming eligible for release from incarceration and ordered by the criminal, circuit, or general sessions court to undergo an evaluation to determine if the person is incompetent to stand trial. .

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB692/HB1119 HEALTH CARE: Report on violations of prohibition against using medical procedures to enable a minor to identify with purported identity inconsistent with minor's sex.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Carringer, Michele

*Summary:* Requires the attorney general to report to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives certain information regarding violations of the prohibition against using medical procedures to enable a minor to identify with, or live as, a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex or to treat purported discomfort or distress from discordance between the minor's sex and asserted identity. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB716/HB839 HEALTH CARE: Date of the annual report from the commissioner of health as it relates to the safety net program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Extends the date of the required annual report of the commissioner of health, along with the department of finance and administration, and any other state agency that was involved in the administration of the safety net program, to the general assembly on data relating to access to care and safety net adequacy related issues from January 15 to March 1. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB817/HB760 HEALTH CARE: Prescribing and dispensing of bronchodilator rescue inhalers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Darby, Tandy

*Summary:* Allows a healthcare practitioner to prescribe a bronchodilator rescue inhaler to be maintained for use in the name of an authorized entity, under a standing protocol from the healthcare practitioner. Allows a pharmacist to dispense a bronchodilator rescue inhaler established by a prescription issued in the name of an authorized entity. Requires an authorized entity that is prescribed and dispensed a bronchodilator rescue inhaler to designate an employee to maintain the inhaler in a secure location that allows the inhaler to be administered in an emergency situation. Allows said designated employee to administer the bronchodilator rescue inhaler when a physician is not immediately available. Encourages each school in an LEA and public charter school to keep a bronchodilator rescue inhaler in a minimum of two locations in the school. Allows school nurses or other trained school personnel to utilize the supply of a bronchodilator rescue inhaler. Provides immunity from liability for a designated employee, authorized entity, prescribing healthcare practitioner, school nurse, or other trained school personnel if a person is injured or harmed due to the administration of a bronchodilator rescue inhaler. Defines "authorized entity" as an entity that may, at any time, have allergens present that are capable of causing a severe allergic reaction. Defines "bronchodilator rescue inhaler" medication used to relieve asthma symptoms or respiratory distress along with devices and device components needed to appropriately administer the medication, including, but not limited to, disposable spacers. Defines "healthcare practitioner" as a physician or other healthcare provider who has prescriptive authority. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB853/HB970 HEALTH CARE: Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2025," which redefines "healthcare Institution" and makes changes to the requirements for certificates of need (12 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1031/HB1157 HEALTH CARE: Restore Trust in Public Health Messaging Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Enacts the "Restore Trust in Public Health Messaging Act," which prohibits the promotion, distribution, or endorsement information regarding an FDA regulated product in a manner that conflicts with or does not accurately reflect the FDA approved or FDA-authorized label for such product. Allows for public complaints. Specifies corrective action upon notice of violation. Requires the removal of nonconforming materials by January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1039/HB1102 HEALTH CARE: Drug or alcohol test or screen for a patient who is pregnant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Prohibits a healthcare facility from authorizing a licensed healthcare professional from performing a drug or alcohol test or screen on a patient who is pregnant, less than one year postpartum, or a newborn without written and oral consent. Allows for a drug or alcohol test or screen to be performed without the consent of the patient if, in the healthcare professional's judgment, an emergency exists and the patient or newborn is in immediate need of medical attention, and an attempt to secure consent would result in a delay of treatment that could increase the risk to the patient's or newborn's life or health. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1195/HB740 HEALTH CARE: Report on births involving neonatal abstinence syndrome.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Sherrell, Paul

*Summary:* Removes an obsolete provision that required, on or before January 15, 2018, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the perinatal advisory committee and with the assistance of relevant state agencies, to report to legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care concerning aspects of births involving neonatal abstinence syndrome and opioid use by women of childbearing age Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1283/HB111 HEALTH CARE: Required pregnancy serological tests.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Adds as a disease for which a laboratory must test during a standard serological test of a pregnant woman hepatitis C antibody (anti-HCV) with automatic reflex to HCV RNA if anti-HCV is reactive, and makes certain other changes to the process of conducting required pregnancy serological tests.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

**SB1305/HB1319 HEALTH CARE: Sunset - CoverKids program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Extends the CoverKids program from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2030.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1391/HB1084 HEALTH CARE: Grant program to reimburse LEAs, public charter schools, and private schools for costs anti-choking devices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Martin, Greg

*Summary:* Requires the department of health to establish and, by July 1, 2025, administer, a grant program to reimburse LEAs, public charter schools, private schools, and medical first responders for the costs of anti-choking devices purchased by the LEA, public charter school, private school, or medical first responder on or after July 1, 2025.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SJR37 HEALTH CARE: Maternal Health Day.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London ,

*Summary:* Designates October 17 as Maternal Health Day in Tennessee.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*Status:*

**HJR28 HEALTH CARE: Constitutional amendment - right to forgo medical treatment.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee to grant a person the right to forgo medical treatment.

*House Status:* 01/29/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**HJR69 HEALTH CARE: Urges the state to adopt a plan to make Tennessee healthy.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Martin, Brock

*Summary:* Urges the state to support and adopt the principles and priorities for a healthier citizenry, including reforming the food economy, supporting lifestyle medicine and education, and encouraging good governance.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR149 HEALTH CARE: Supports efforts to make Tennesseans healthy again.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Supports efforts to make Tennesseans healthy again.

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## INSURANCE GENERAL

### SB1243/HB1240 **INSURANCE GENERAL: Insurance discounts for proper firearm storage and maintenance.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

*Summary:* Requires an insurance company providing coverage for tangible personal property in this state to offer a discount on a policyholder's homeowners or renters insurance if the policyholder secures any firearms on the property in a firearm safe or uses a firearm safety device. Requires the discount be provided on a recurring basis that aligns with the policyholder's billing cycle. Defines "tangible personal property" as personal property that may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## INSURANCE HEALTH

### SB589/HB169 **INSURANCE HEALTH: Coverage by health benefit plan of contraceptives.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

*Summary:* Expands the definition of "health benefit plan" to mean a hospital, surgical, or medical expense policy; health, hospital, or medical service corporation contract; a policy or agreement entered into by a health insurer, or a health maintenance organization contract offered by an employer; other plan administered by the state; or a certificate issued under those policies, contracts, or plans, which include a policy or contract for health insurance coverage provided under the TennCare program or the CoverKids Act. Requires a health benefit plan that amends, renews, or delivers a policy of coverage on or after January 1, 2026, and that provides coverage for prescription contraceptives, to provide coverage for a 12-month refill of contraceptives obtained at one time by an insured person. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

### SB1248/HB1291 **INSURANCE HEALTH: Mental health coverage in parity with alcoholism and drug dependence coverage.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Requires health insurance carriers to provide mental health coverage in parity with alcoholism and drug dependence coverage. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## JUDICIARY

### SB194/HB26 **JUDICIARY: Unborn Child Protection Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Establishes the "Unborn Child Protection Act of 2025," which prohibits the sale, manufacture, or distribution of abortion-inducing drugs in the state. Specifies that a person or entity who mails or delivers an abortion-inducing drug into this state and the mailing or delivery results in the death of an unborn child is strictly liable in the amount of \$5,000,000 in damages for the death of the unborn child. Specifies that an action brought pursuant to this subsection must be commenced within five years of the death of the unborn child.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

### SB255/HB490 **JUDICIARY: Annual report by AOC may be submitted in electronic format.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Authorizes the administrative office of the courts to submit its annual report in an electronic format to the attorney general and reporter and the appropriate legislative committees. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 24, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### SB304/HB583 **JUDICIARY: Child forensic interviews.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Allows the introduction into evidence of a video recording of a child victim being interviewed by a forensic interviewer regarding sexual or physically violent contact with the child if the forensic interviewer confirms the accuracy of the recording and the child is available for cross examination. Includes forensic interviews conducted by a forensic interviewer who is employed by a federal agency and conducted the forensic interview in the course of investigating a federal crime to the video recordings that may be submitted as evidence.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

### SB391/HB762 **JUDICIARY: Use of certified facility dogs during court proceedings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hatcher, Tom , Rep. Lafferty, Justin

*Summary:* Permits a court to allow a certified facility dog to accompany a victim or other witness while testifying or in other court proceedings for the purpose of reducing the stress of the witness and to enhance the ability of the court to obtain full and accurate testimony. For this purpose, certified facility dog means a trained working dog that has documentation showing that the certified facility dog is a graduate of an assistance dog organization as defined, has at least two years of training and has passed the service dog public access test, has a current annual certificate of health from a veterinarian licensed in this state and has proof of liability insurance in amount of at least \$500,000. Establishes specific procedures a court must follow when allowing a certified facility dog to accompany a witness.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB791/HB1037 JUDICIARY: Persons unlawfully present in state do not have standing to commence or appear as plaintiff in civil actions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Garrett, Johnny  
*Summary:* Specifies that an unauthorized alien does not have standing to commence or appear as a plaintiff in certain civil actions. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1046/HB609 JUDICIARY: Unauthorized alien does not have standing to appear as a plaintiff in a civil action.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Rudd, Tim  
*Summary:* Specifies that an unauthorized alien does not have standing to commence or appear as a plaintiff in any civil action in this state. For this purpose, unauthorized alien means a person who is unlawfully present in the United States pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1234/HB1301 JUDICIARY: Statue of limitations on sexual assault.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Warner, Todd  
*Summary:* Revives causes of action based on a sexual assault that occurred when the injured party was 18 years of age or older and are time-barred because the applicable statute of limitations has expired. Allows such actions to be commenced within a certain time period.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## JUVENILES

**SB219/HB38 JUVENILES: Order of restitution against parent of child who has committed a delinquent act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John  
*Summary:* Requires a juvenile court, upon finding a child has committed a third or subsequent delinquent act, to enter an order of restitution against the parent, legal custodian, or guardian who had custody of the child at the time of the act for the expenses incurred by any law enforcement agency in responding to and investigating the delinquent act. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB237/HB77 JUVENILES: Transfer to criminal court for juvenile who has been accused of delinquent acts and who has prior offenses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Stevens, Robert  
*Summary:* Requires a juvenile 16 years of age or older accused of a delinquent act to be transferred from juvenile court to criminal court to be tried as an adult if the juvenile has a prior adjudication of delinquency for any offense and the juvenile court finds probable cause to believe the juvenile committed the delinquent act. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB312/HB1235 JUVENILES: Conserving of federal funds for children in care of DCS.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. McKenzie, Sam  
*Summary:* Requires the Department of Children's Services to conserve federal funds for a child's reasonable, foreseeable future needs or use the funds for special needs services not provided if the child is in the department's care. Allows the department to use the funds to set up trust or bank accounts for the child. Requires the department to maintain records related to the conservation and use of these federal funds and be made available to the child's attorney.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB374/HB1358 JUVENILES: DCS to study the need for a new juvenile detention facility to be constructed in western grand division.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Littleton, Mary  
*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to study the need for a new juvenile detention facility in west Tennessee for detention and treatment needs in that grand division. Requires the department to give its report and recommendations to the senate judiciary committee and to house committee that has jurisdiction over criminal justice on or before January 1, 2026.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB444/HB501 JUVENILES: Creates the Tennessee Juvenile Justice Review Commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Raper, Kevin



*Summary:* Creates the Tennessee Juvenile Justice Review Commission and specifies membership of the commission. Also specifies that the commission is administratively attached to the commission on children and youth. Requires the commission to review an appropriate sampling of juvenile justice cases and allows the commission to review any critical incidents involving delinquent juveniles in the custody of the department of children's services for the purpose of providing the general assembly with findings and legislative recommendations. Defines "critical incident" to include an escape by a delinquent juvenile from a youth development center or a youth detention center, an act of aggression committed by a delinquent juvenile against department of children's services staff or others while the juvenile is in the custody of the department, an act of self-harm committed by a delinquent juvenile in the custody of the department, an allegation of abuse by department staff against a delinquent juvenile in the custody of the department, and incidents involving the need for psychiatric in-patient treatment by a delinquent juvenile. Requires the department of children's services, the district attorney general of each judicial district, the district public defender of each judicial district, the administrative office of the courts, any law enforcement agency, any juvenile court officer or investigator, and other entities that provide services to juveniles to provide, upon request by the commission, information and data concerning a second or subsequent incident of juvenile delinquency or unruly conduct involving the same juvenile or a critical incident (13 pp.).

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB718/HB797 JUVENILES: Dedicated courtroom in proximity to juvenile detention center.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin  
*Summary:* Requires a juvenile court conducting a child custody, detention, or adjudicatory proceeding to conduct the proceeding in a dedicated courtroom provided by the county that is closest in proximity to an approved detention center. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB992/HB1038 JUVENILES: Statewide juvenile case management system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny  
*Summary:* Requires the administrative office of the courts to maintain a criminal justice information services compliant centralized statewide juvenile case management system. Requires all juvenile court clerks to adopt and convert to the new juvenile case management system on a schedule to be determined in consultation with the administrative office of the courts. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1186/HB629 JUVENILES: Authorizes juvenile court to order child accused of being delinquent to wear a GPS monitoring system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.  
*Summary:* Authorizes a juvenile court to order a child who is accused of being delinquent or unruly and released prior to a hearing to wear a global positioning monitoring system device. If the court issues such an order, requires the entity operating the global positioning monitoring system to notify the probation officer or other entity ordered to take charge of the child if the child violates the instructions issued by the court upon release. Requires students who are expelled for committing a zero tolerance offense for threatening mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity to undergo counseling and a mental health evaluation before returning to school. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1241/HB1360 JUVENILES: Reunification between a parent and child following child abuse.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Stevens, Robert  
*Summary:* Expands the definition of child abuse to include any child under the age of 18 witnessing abuse, whether that be abuse of another child in the child's immediate family or domestic abuse of a member of the child's immediate family. States that reunification between a parent and child placed in foster care due to abuse cannot occur until the parent has complied with the parent's statement of responsibilities in the permanency plan and the child has received mental health counseling. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1401/HB1245 JUVENILES: Juvenile detention facilities - delay of phone call or in-person visit if child is subject to disciplinary action.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Decreases from six to four the number of hours a juvenile detention facility may delay a telephone call or in-person visit if a child is subject to disciplinary action. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**HJR131 JUVENILES: Acknowledges the importance of positive male role models and mentorship opportunities in schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Acknowledges the importance of positive male role models and mentorship opportunities in schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations.  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## LABOR LAW

**SB190/HB827 LABOR LAW: Benefits for terminated employee who is pregnant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie  
*Summary:* Requires an employer that terminates the employment of an employee who the employer knows to be pregnant and who is covered under an employer-sponsored health benefit plan to continue to provide coverage under the plan until the employee's pregnancy ends. Requires the terminated employee to notify the employer within 30 days after the date the employee's pregnancy ends in childbirth or otherwise that the pregnancy has ended. Specifies that such notification be a signed written statement indicating the date the pregnancy ended.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB322/HB915 LABOR LAW: Employee leave to care for family member with serious health condition.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Sparks, Mike

Summary: Requires that an eligible employee be granted leave of up to six workweeks because the employee is caring for a family member with a serious health condition. Provides that leave granted may be taken on a reduced schedule or intermittently as provided under the Family and Medical Leave Act. For purposes of this section, defines a family member and a serious health condition.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB361/HB532 LABOR LAW: Employment of unemancipated minor - reporting by employer of suspected child abuse.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Rudder, Iris

Summary: Requires a person who employs an unemancipated minor and who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that the minor has been subjected to child sexual abuse or attempted child sexual abuse in the course of the minor's employment or on the premises of the employer to report such knowledge or suspicion to the minor's parent within 24 hours of discovering the abuse or attempted abuse. Requires the employer to also note the specific circumstances warranting the report in the minor's employment file. Imposes a penalty of \$1,000 for a first violation or \$2,000 for a second or subsequent violation, to be paid to the commissioner of labor and workforce development. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB1190/HB1216 LABOR LAW: Increases hourly minimum wage.**

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary: Increases the hourly minimum wage to \$20.00, or the federal minimum wage established pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, whichever rate is greater.

Senate Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1357/HB1399 LABOR LAW: Increases minimum hourly wage.**

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Increases, from \$7.25 to \$20.00, the minimum hourly wage for employees within this state. Prohibits an employer from paying an employee less than 1.5 times the regular wage rate done by the employ in excess of 40 hours per work week. Provides that an action to recovery damages must be instituted within two years from the date wages were due, unless the complaint filed with the court alleges a willful violation, in which case, the action must be instituted within three years. Provides that the right of employees to collectively bargain through representatives of the employees' own choosing remains intact. Defines relevant terms.

Senate Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**SB17/HB1202 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Immigration status of individuals arrested for a criminal offense.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

Summary: Requires law enforcement agencies and officials to communicate with federal officials regarding the immigration status only for an individual who has been arrested for a criminal offense. Specifies that this requirement does not apply to a school resource officer with regard to the immigration status of a student of the local education agency to which the school resource officer has been assigned. Sets a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a law enforcement agency that does not comply to be enforced by the attorney general and reporter. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB140/HB384 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Recall process for members of municipal legislative body or school board.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary: Creates a recall process for members of a municipal legislative body and of a city or county school board. Specifies reasons for which a public officer may be recalled, including physical or mental lack of fitness, incompetence, a violation of the oath of office, official misconduct, lack of confidence, malfeasance, neglect of duty, voter dissatisfaction, and conviction of a felony offense. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

House Status: 02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB425/HB66 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Confidential records - exceptions.**

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Sparks, Mike

Summary: Expands public records exception to include residential information of local government employees such as street address, city, state and zip code.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB1083/HB622 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Dismantle DEI Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Maberry, Aron

Summary: Enacts the "Dismantle DEI Act." Prohibits local governments from basing hiring decisions on any metrics that considers a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or hiring a candidate in order to achieve any goals to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion in the workplace.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1169/HB1215 LOTTERY: Exempts a child care agency from the registration requirements for charitable organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Exempts a child care agency from the registration requirements for charitable organizations. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## MEDIA & PUBLISHING

**SB390/HB418 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Publishing of survey data by comptroller.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Scarborough, Rick  
*Summary:* Authorizes the comptroller of the treasury to publish certain survey data that is otherwise deemed confidential, including aggregate survey data and survey responses that cannot be used to identify individuals completing the survey.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred for House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB701/HB715 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Freedom to Read Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Justin  
*Summary:* Creates the Freedom to Read Act. Prohibits a public library from banning, removing, or otherwise restricting access to a book or other material based solely on its viewpoint or the messages, ideas, or opinions it conveys. Allows a public library to restrict access to books or other materials for practical reasons, legitimate pedagogical concerns, or to be in compliance with state or federal law. Requires a governing body of a public library to adopt a policy that establishes procedures for selection of, challenges to, and reconsideration of library materials. Requires the governing body to submit a report of a content challenge to the Tennessee state library coordinator. Defines "public library" as a library that provides free access to all residents of a city or county; a school library operated by a local board of education or public charter school governing body; a library operated by a public institution of higher education. Defines "governing body" as a group of persons that oversee the operations, budget, policies, and other administrative responsibilities of a public library. Defines "materials" as books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, films, prints, documents, microfilm, discs, cassettes, videotapes, video games, applications, and subscription content in any form.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

## MENTAL HEALTH

**SB241/HB206 MENTAL HEALTH: Notification regarding discharge of patient who was involuntarily committed for mental health treatment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Barrett, Jody  
*Summary:* Requires the chief officer of an inpatient mental health treatment resource to notify the committing court when the person is eligible for discharge. Requires the clerk to send a copy of the complete notice and plan to the person's counsel, person's next of kin, the district attorneys general for the judicial district in which the committing court is located, and the Tennessee bureau of investigation. Allows the court to hold a hearing within 21 days of the receipt of the chief officer's notice.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate  
*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1199/HB1347 MENTAL HEALTH: Adds legislative librarian to list the department of mental health and substance abuse services must submit its quarterly report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Reeves, Lee  
*Summary:* Adds legislative librarian to the list the department of mental health and substance abuse services must submit its quarterly report to on the implementation and impact of available suitable accommodations, including the number and length of any delayed admissions, in state-owned or -operated hospitals or treatment resources. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1354/HB1400 MENTAL HEALTH: Directs department of mental health and substance abuse services to develop a suicide prevention program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin  
*Summary:* Requires the department of mental health and substance abuse services to develop and implement a suicide prevention program. Encourages the department to collaborate with qualified mental health professionals in the development and implementation of this program. Requires the department to submit a report to the specified committees regarding the program and any suggestions from the department based upon the research conducted from the previous calendar year. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1418/HB1375 MENTAL HEALTH: Tennessee Mental Health Volunteer Alliance Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires the state to create and manage a statewide database for volunteer mental health professionals to provide on-site or virtual at a school or public facility immediately after an act of gun violence or a significant traumatic event for students, staff, and educators. Requires a recurring amount of \$250,000 must be used to fund the database's administrative overhead and any additional costs, including virtual counseling services software, reimbursing qualified mental health professionals for travel expenses with the federal mileage rate, and lodging for on-site services. States that any funding left at the end of the fiscal year does not revert back to the general fund. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **SJR43 MISCELLANEOUS: Honors those individuals, organizations, and agencies that came to the aid of their fellow citizens during Hurricane Helene.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,

*Summary:* Honors those individuals, organizations, and agencies that came to the aid of their fellow citizens during Hurricane Helene.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

## PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE

### **SB171/HB182 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: The Ink of Hope Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Requires each tattoo operator or tattoo artist to complete up to one hour of online or in-person training, at no cost to the applicant, by a nonprofit organization approved by the Tennessee human trafficking advisory council that focuses on how to recognize the signs of human trafficking, how to respond to those signs, how to refer a client to resources for victims of human trafficking, and reporting signs of human trafficking to the Tennessee Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline. Requires certain persons holding a license as of December 31, 2025, to complete up to one hour of online or in-person training by December 31, 2028, and provides that failure to do so will render the license invalid. Provides that the employer of a person, who responds to signs of human trafficking with a client, refers a client to resources for victims of human trafficking, or fails to respond or refer is not civilly or criminally liable for those actions or inactions.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/11/25.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 02/12/25.

### **SB234/HB89 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Peace officers providing security outside of primary jurisdiction requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Expands the notification and uniform requirements for peace officers who provide security or other duties outside of their primary jurisdiction to apply statewide rather than only in certain counties.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

### **SB474/HB387 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership of firearm ammunition.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Butler, Ed

*Summary:* Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership, possession of, or access to firearm ammunition or firearm accessories. Prohibits a healthcare provider from denying future treatment of a patient based upon a patient's ownership or control of a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories. Subjects the healthcare provider to disciplinary action and a fine of \$1,000 if the healthcare provider makes such inquires.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

### **SB742/HB643 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Dental services in rural and underserved areas.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Carringer, Michele

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of health to create programs designed to enhance access to dental services in rural and underserved areas subject to the approval of the commissioner of finance and administration.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

### **SB789/HB959 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Associate license for certain marriage and family therapists.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

*Summary:* Changes the term "temporary license" to "associate license" for a marriage and family therapist who has completed the academic coursework and training required for the license and who has successfully passed the examination required by the board. Redefines an approved supervisor for marital therapy and counseling services to no longer include a board-approved marriage and family supervisor. Redefines the exemptions to current law for professional counselors and marital and family therapists. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

### **SB849/HB960 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Continuing medical education - course in maternal mental health.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Requires the board of medical examiners, the board of osteopathic examination, and the board of examiners in psychology to each develop and offer an optional course in maternal mental health when establishing continuing medical educational requirements for persons licensed to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, or psychology, respectively.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

## PROPERTY &amp; HOUSING

**SB242/HB298 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Homes not Hedge Funds Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Behn, Aftyn

*Summary:* Enacts the "Homes not Hedge Funds Act." Prohibits certain business entities from purchasing more than 100 single-family homes in certain counties in this state for purposes of renting the purchased properties. Establishes a state and private cause of action and establishes damages for violations, including equitable relief; compensatory damages; costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and punitive damages in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or three times the total of compensatory damages, costs, and fees, whichever is greater. Provides enforcement mechanism for damage recovery. Specifies that this act takes effect upon becoming law and applies to contracts for single-family homes entered into on or after that date.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB244/HB396 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requirements for buildings constructed under a voluntary attainable housing incentive program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Requires multi-family facilities, buildings, and structures constructed under a voluntary attainable housing incentive program to be deed-restricted to ensure that the attainable housing continues for at least 30 years, instead of in perpetuity. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1013/HB1069 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Restriction in a homeowners' association declaration that would prohibit the operation of a family child care home.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

*Summary:* Makes void and unenforceable a restriction in a homeowners' association declaration that would prohibit the operation of a family child care home at a property that is the site of a proposed family child care home, if the operator of the proposed family child care home has obtained a license from the department of human services and any necessary permits or licenses from the applicable local government for the operation of the family child care home. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

## PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**SB178/HB22 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Governing body to provide public with opportunity to comment at meeting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Davis, Elaine

*Summary:* 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.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated December 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB212/HB885 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Agendas for meetings of governing bodies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Expands the requirement that state and local governing bodies make an agenda available to the public prior to regular public meetings of the body to include the governing bodies of certain nonprofit organizations, including nonprofit community organizations that receive federal funding, nonprofit organizations that receive community grant funds from this state or certain funding from local governments, nonprofit organizations created for the benefit of local governments, and nonprofit organizations that provide the metropolitan government of Nashville/Davidson County with certain utility services; requires, rather than permits, such governing bodies that maintain a website to post the agenda to the website.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB251/HB313 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Reemployment for Tennessee consolidated retirement system members.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Requires a retiree who is a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system to have had a bona fide separation of service before the retiree is allowed to accept temporary reemployment without a loss or suspension of benefits in the retirement system. Prohibits the retiree from working more than 120 days or the equivalent of 120 days during a 12-month period. Prohibits a person employed as a teacher at an institution of higher learning from working more than 24 quarter credit hours or 18 semester credit hours in a 12-month period. Allows for exceptions for a retired member employed as a substitute teacher in a public school system. Stipulates that the entire compensation payable to the retired member for the temporary employment period must not exceed an amount equal to the sum of 60% of the annual full-time salary received by the retired member in the year immediately prior to the member's last paid day of covered employment, adjusted by 5% for each year since the member's last paid day of covered employment or as determined by the treasurer and the commissioner of human resources.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB314/HB1150 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Paid family leave for the adoption of a minor child.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Adds adoption as an option for public eligible employees to receive family leave for the birth or placement of a child. Defines "adoption" as that period of time beginning with the filing of an adoption petition and the initial placement of a minor child within the residence of a prospective adoptive parent pursuant to a court-ordered parental power of attorney or guardianship or custodial order until the issuance of a final order of adoption by the court. Defines "eligible employees" as a teacher, principal, supervisor, or other individual required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in the public schools of this state and who has been employed full time with a local education agency or public charter school for at least twelve consecutive months.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB579/HB427 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Living organ donation leave for state employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Allows for eligible employees to be absent 12 weeks from work following a living organ donation surgery. Prohibits insurers from denying coverage or varying any term or condition of a life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy based solely on the person's status as a living organ donor. Requires the department of health to create living organ donor informational material and make such material available on the department's website.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB674/HB900 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Regulation of employment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Clarifies that the general assembly preempts and occupies the entire field of regulating the terms and conditions of employment. Prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any law, rule, or policy that requires a term or condition of employment that exceeds or conflicts with state or federal law.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB808/HB632 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Paid leave for qualified volunteer work.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Authorizes an employee who has been employed full-time with this state for at least 12 months to receive up to 15 hours of paid leave for certain qualified volunteer work. Specifies that volunteer leave may only be used for absence from duty because of non-state Tennessee community commitments and obligations, such as activities with nonprofit organizations, schools, or community initiatives, as a non-paid volunteer following prior approval from a direct supervisor.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB908/HB731 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Tennessee One Health Committee - meetings required to be open to public.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby , Rep. Hulsey, Bud

*Summary:* Specifies that the Tennessee One Health Committee is a governing body under the open meetings act and requires meetings of the committee to be open to the public.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB936/HB1271 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Recognition of sexes in Tennessee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Cochran, Mark

*Summary:* States that the state of Tennessee only recognizes two sexes, being biological male and biological female. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB938/HB957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Mandatory paid leave for fostering a minor child.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Slater, William

*Summary:* Grants eligible state employees mandatory paid leave for fostering a minor child.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1037/HB845 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Plan submitted by governing body detailing how to comply with electronic communication requirements for meetings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Reneau, Michele

*Summary:* Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days the office of open records counsel has to acknowledge and approve a plan submitted by a governing body detailing how the body plans to comply with electronic communication requirements that address meeting by means of an internet forum.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1278/HB108 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Pay period for state employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Requires the pay period for state employees be no less than twice per month as determined by the commissioner of finance and administration. Removes the requirement that the pay period be semimonthly.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Public Service Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB1285/HB1312 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Bereavement leave for certain state officers and employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Expands bereavement leave for certain previously excluded state officers and employees upon the death of certain relatives. Provides three days paid leave in the event of the death of such officers' or employees' siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, foster parents, or parents-in-law; five days paid leave in the event of such officers' or employees' parents or stepparents; and 10 days paid leave in the event of the death of such officers' or employees' spouse, children, or stepchildren.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1329/HB1186 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Notice required prior to execution of state professional facilities management contract for services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

*Summary:* Reduces from 30 to 21 days the period by which a state department or agency, prior to executing a state professional facilities management contract for services within a state legislative district that would result in the outsourcing of facilities management services to private, non-state government entities, must notify each member of the general assembly representing such district of the contract. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1358/HB1398 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Bereavement leave.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

*Summary:* Increases, from three days to three months, the amount of paid leave provided to the officers and employees of the various agencies, boards, and departments of state government in the event of the death of such officers' or employees' children or stepchildren.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## PUBLIC FINANCE

**SB450/HB641 PUBLIC FINANCE: Savannah Grace Copeland Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Carringer, Michele

*Summary:* Requires an increase in funding for positions or office expenses for the department of children's services in child protective services to be accompanied by an increase in funding of 75% of the increase in funding to the contracts of the child advocacy center in each judicial district. Requires the department of children's services to increase the base amount of each child advocacy center contract. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB873/HB822 PUBLIC FINANCE: Appropriations - school safety grants to LEAs, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Appropriates funds to the department of education for the purpose of providing school safety grants to LEAs, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools to be used for walk-through detectors and scanners in schools.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1071/HB46 PUBLIC FINANCE: Reimbursement payments to child advocacy centers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

*Summary:* Requires that a reimbursement payment to a child advocacy center be completed within 30 days of receipt of a request for reimbursement. Requires payment of a 10 percent late payment fee for failing to make a timely reimbursement to a child advocacy center. Requires the department of children's services to submit to the general assembly an annual report on the timeliness of reimbursement payments to child advocacy centers. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB1366/HB1092 PUBLIC FINANCE: State agency reporting under the Block Grant Review Act of 1996.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Extends the date in which state agencies are required to report under the Block Grant Review Act of 1996 from February 1 to March 1 of each year.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1392 PUBLIC FINANCE: Bond issuance.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo ,

*Summary:* Authorizes the state, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its bonds and bond anticipation notes for certain purposes.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1393 PUBLIC FINANCE: Appropriations - FY beginning July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo ,

*Summary:* Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2025 session of the 114th General Assembly; earmarks sufficient state funds for the purpose of funding any bill naming a highway or bridge in honor of a service member killed in action.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## SAFETY

**SB346/HB453 SAFETY: Fire drills in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris

*Summary:* Requires schools to hold fire drills requiring full evacuation must be held at least once every 30 school days with two fire drills occurring during the first 30 days of the school year. Requires four fire safety announcements to be held throughout the school year. States that full evacuation fire drills must be held every two months. Requires a record of all fire drills with dates and times be made available to the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants, for inspection and review. Clarifies that should this law contradict any local, county, city, or municipal law as it relates to the timeframe in which these types of drills must occur for schools, this law controls.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**STATE GOVERNMENT****SB116/HB140 STATE GOVERNMENT: Audits of human resource agencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hatcher, Tom , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

*Summary:* Removes a requirement that audits and working papers prepared by independent public accountants be reviewed by the comptroller of the treasury for annual reports prepared by a governing board operating under the Human Resource Agency Act of 1973.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/15/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB180/HB285 STATE GOVERNMENT: UAPA - permanent rules filed on or after January 1, 2024.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Lafferty, Justin

*Summary:* Generally establishes that permanent rules filed in the office of the secretary of state on or after January 1, 2024, that are in effect on the effective date of this act, and that are scheduled for expiration on June 30, 2025, do not expire on June 30, 2025, but remain in effect until repealed or amended by subsequent rule of the appropriate rulemaking agency or until otherwise superseded by legislative enactment.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

**SB226/HB470 STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB263/HB318 STATE GOVERNMENT: Prohibits enforcement of requirements by WHO, UN, or World Economic Forum.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Prohibits the enforcement and recognition of requirements or mandates issued by the World Health Organization, United Nations, or World Economic Forum in this state or its political subdivisions.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB266/HB304 STATE GOVERNMENT: Display of flags by state and local governments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

*Summary:* Prohibits state and local government entities from displaying or allowing display of flags other than Tennessee and U.S. flags on courthouses and public roads and sidewalks. Prohibits LEAs and public charter schools from displaying in public schools flags other than the official United States flag, the official Tennessee state flag, the POW/MIA flag, a flag that represents an Indian tribe as defined in federal law, a flag that represents any unit, branch or division of the armed forces, including an ROTC program, a city, county or metropolitan government flag, and an official flag representing a college, university or school. Prohibits the alteration of any permissible flag. Provides that any citizen of the state has standing to file a civil action against a governmental entity, or agency thereof, for violation. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**SB305/HB744 STATE GOVERNMENT: Discrimination on basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Sherrell, Paul

*Summary:* Prohibits an organization or entity receiving financial assistance from this state for programs or activities from denying benefits to, excluding from participation in, or discriminating against a person otherwise eligible for the program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB329/HB321 STATE GOVERNMENT: Acceptance of electronic transmissions by state departments and agencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Lamberth, William



*Summary:* Requires each department, agency, office, commission, institution, or instrumentality of the executive branch that could accept a fax or facsimile to accept electronic transmissions. Defines "electronic transmission" to mean any form of communication not directly involving the physical transmission of paper that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient of the communication, and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process including, but not limited to, electronic mail, electronic communication, and internet communication. Clarifies such definition does not include a fax or facsimile. Removes the terms "fax" or "facsimile" in certain statutes and replaces the terms with electronic transmission.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Department & Agencies Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB354/HB338 STATE GOVERNMENT: Reports filed by head of each administrative department, state treasurer, and secretary of state.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby , Rep. Crawford, John

*Summary:* Authorizes the head of each administrative department, the state treasurer, the secretary of state, and the adjutant general to file electronically with the governor the annual report concerning the functions, management, and financial transactions of such person's department or agency for the preceding fiscal year. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

**SB585/HB566 STATE GOVERNMENT: Funding for grants to reduce gun violence.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle

*Summary:* Allows the department of finance and administration, office of criminal justice programs, to use available existing resources to seek appropriate funding and resources from the federal and state governments to design and implement grants to reduce gun violence in this state. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

**SB599/HB519 STATE GOVERNMENT: Governor's Books from Birth Fund nonprofit partner report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

*Summary:* Increases from 90 to 180 days the period by which a nonprofit public benefit corporation that partners with the Governor's Books from Birth Fund must report to the governor and the speakers of the senate and house of representatives on its operations and accomplishments after the end of the fiscal year of the nonprofit corporation. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB867/HB332 STATE GOVERNMENT: Government Serves the People Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of finance and administration to designate a state official as the state of Tennessee government service delivery coordinator within the department of finance and administration to improve government service delivery by agencies. The commissioner will designate each agency that must comply, and that agency will select an official to be responsible for the government service delivery of the agency. A report must be submitted annually by the commissioner or commissioner's designee to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives on current and future government-wide efforts to improve government service delivery by agencies. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/04/25 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

**SB1084/HB923 STATE GOVERNMENT: Dismantling DEI Departments Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Maberry, Aron

*Summary:* Enacts the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act," which requires that a department, agency, or other unit of state government, county government, municipal government, metropolitan government, or a public institution of higher education shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion with all mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1316/HB1330 STATE GOVERNMENT: Less is More Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

## TAXES BUSINESS

**SB36/HB156 TAXES BUSINESS: Business tax exemption for child care agencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Exempts child care agencies from business tax. Requires the state to annually allocate the amount of such taxes derived from child care services and received from counties and municipalities in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

**SB763/HB968 TAXES BUSINESS: Privilege tax on tobacco and closed-system vapor products.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Requires the department of revenue to maintain a directory on its website that lists all vapor products certified as authorized to be sold. Levies a privilege tax of seven cents per milliliter of consumable material contained in a closed-system vapor product. Levies a privilege tax at the rate of 10 percent of the wholesale cost price on an open-system vapor product. (12pp.). Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**TAXES SALES**

**SB2/HB2 TAXES SALES: End the Grocery Tax by Closing Corporate Loopholes Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Behn, Aftyn  
*Summary:* Creates the "End the Grocery Tax by Closing Corporate Loopholes Act," which removes the state sales tax on retail food and food ingredients. Revises the definition of "retail food store" for purposes of sale of wine in retail food stores. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

**SB117/HB170 TAXES SALES: Removes obsolete language regarding a sales tax holiday in August 2020.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther  
*Summary:* Deletes obsolete language concerning a one-time sales tax holiday that occurred in August 2020.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/16/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB188/HB813 TAXES SALES: Exemption - feminine hygiene products.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Exempts feminine hygiene products from sales tax on the annual sales tax holiday. Defines relevant terms. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB337/HB308 TAXES SALES: Rate of local option sales tax increased to pay for new county jail.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Gillespie, John  
*Summary:* Authorizes Shelby County to levy a local option sales tax at the rate of 3.75 percent, instead of a maximum of 2.75 percent, if the revenue from the increase in such tax is used by the county exclusively for the construction of a new county jail or to retire debt, including principal and interest and related expenses, on such construction.  
*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB872/HB784 TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of infant formula, diapers, and wipes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Martin, Greg  
*Summary:* Exempts from the sales and use taxes the retail sale of infant formula and diapers and wipes designed to be used by infants and children. Defines "infant formula" as a liquid or powder that purports or is represented to be for special dietary use solely as a food for infants and children by nature of its simulation of human milk or its suitability as a complete or partial substitute for human milk.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1164/HB633 TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of fresh, frozen, and canned fruit and vegetables.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Exempts the retail sale of fresh, frozen, and canned fruit and vegetables for human consumption from the food retail sales tax.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

**SB1295/HB118 TAXES SALES: Reporting on sales tax collected on electronic nicotine delivery devices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Extends from 2030 to 2031, the time period in which the department is to submit annual reports to the general assembly regarding sales taxes the department collects on all electronic nicotine delivery devices. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 01/14/25 - Introduced in the House

**TENNCARE**

**SB44/HB295 TENNCARE: Doula services as medical assistance under TennCare.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Adds doula services performed by a person with a verification of certification to the list of services that may be provided as medical assistance under the TennCare program. Directs the department of health to establish by rule a process for the verification of certification to a person who demonstrates that the person has completed a doula training program that meets certain requirements.

*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Insurance Committee.

### SB164/HB18 **TENNCARE: Temporary TennCare benefits program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Directs the bureau of TennCare to establish a temporary TennCare benefits program to provide medical assistance on a temporary basis to certain individuals who do not qualify for enrollment in TennCare, CoverKids, or a successor program. Requires the bureau to submit a waiver to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by December 31, 2025.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$128,382,900 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 \$234,686,300 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$233,686,300 Total Positions Required: 169 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 \$2,057,164,800 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$2,048,164,800 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive healthcare services from Medicaid, rather than the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined. HB 18 - SB 164

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House TennCare Subcommittee 02/11/25.

### SB185/HB173 **TENNCARE: Reimbursement rate levels for rural hospitals.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Martin, Brock

*Summary:* Establishes TennCare minimum and maximum reimbursement rate levels for rural hospitals and requires that the reimbursement rate is based on the rural hospital's current federal fiscal year. Provides that, for routine, nonspecialized inpatient services at rural hospitals, the minimum level of reimbursement is 100% and the maximum level is 120%. Specifies that implementation does not require the expansion of Medicaid. Requires the bureau to publish the list of MS-DRGs included in each service category on its website, to update the list annually and to annually furnish an updated list of MS-DRGs directly to participating rural hospitals. Defines relevant terms. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 26, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$594,800 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,072,300

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

### SB316/HB1104 **TENNCARE: Authorization by the general assembly - expansion of optional enrollment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Removes the requirement that the governor receive authorization by the general assembly prior to making any decision or obligating the state with regard to the expansion of optional enrollment in the medical assistance program. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

### SB331/HB204 **TENNCARE: TennCare report regarding outcomes in perinatal care.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Changes from March 1 to January 15 the date by which the bureau of TennCare, in consultation with the perinatal advisory committee and with the assistance of relevant state agencies, must report to legislative committees concerning aspects of quality and outcomes in perinatal care for the last two available fiscal years or calendar years, as may be available. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### SB334/HB372 **TENNCARE: Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hulsey, Bud

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025," which aligns TennCare's current Medicaid reimbursement rates for key services, meaning obstetrics/gynecology, primary care, outpatient mental health, and substance use disorder treatment with the Medicare fee schedule or average commercial rates, whichever is higher. Requires the department of health to consult with the bureau of TennCare to conduct an annual review to ensure TennCare reimbursement rates align with changes in the Medicare fee schedule and average commercial rates and with the CMS 2024 final rule. Defines CMS annual rule to mean the May 2024 guidelines set by CMS updating Medicaid reimbursement rates. Provides healthcare provider of key services that is entitled to receive TennCare reimbursement to submit a written request for an administrative hearing following an allegation of a delay in payment or receipt of erroneous reimbursement. Provides that the general assembly must appropriate funds under the general appropriations act.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

### SB401/HB1387 **TENNCARE: Minors enrolled in TennCare or CoverKids program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Requires, on and after July 1, 2026, a minor who is enrolled in TennCare Medicaid or the CoverKids program to remain eligible for such program until the minor reaches 18. Prohibits the division of TennCare from subjecting the minor to a redetermination of eligibility or disenrollment, except under certain circumstances. Requires the director of TennCare to submit any necessary federal waiver request to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by December 31, 2025. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

### SB610/HB428 **TENNCARE: Continuous glucose monitoring eligibility for TennCare enrollees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Stinnett, Tom

*Summary:* Requires TennCare to provide eligible covered enrollees with continuous glucose monitoring. Establishes criteria for eligibility to include an enrollee who has a diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes mellitus, gestational diabetes, a history of problematic hypoglycemia or requires the use of insulin, or who has a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes mellitus and meets certain conditions. Provides that coverage is only mandatory if the continuous glucose monitor is prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or healthcare practitioner with experience in diabetes management.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB647/HB1280 TENNCARE: Medical expense relief fund - assistance for next of kin of decedent who was enrolled in TennCare.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Creates the medical expense relief fund to assist the next of kin and the estate of a decedent who was enrolled in TennCare at the time of death with paying the decedent's medical debt and expenses. Requires the department of human services to administer the fund and establish procedures for the next of kin or the estate of a decedent who was enrolled in TennCare at the time of death to apply for grants awarded pursuant to this section

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB650/HB364 TENNCARE: Emma's Bill.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

*Summary:* Enacts "Emma's Bill," which requires that when making a determination of medical necessity, the bureau of TennCare shall take into consideration the patient's overall condition and use such overall condition as a factor to determine the level of funding and what medical items and services the patient receives, even if such determination does not result in the least costly course of diagnosis or treatment. Specifies that consideration of a patient's overall condition requires a comprehensive medical review of the patient and includes, but is not limited to, consideration of the patient's mobility or ability to move or turn, the patient's cognitive awareness and ability to communicate, the patient's need for constant nursing supervision, and the patient's need for a ventilator or other life-sustaining equipment. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB706/HB711 TENNCARE: TennCare Network Reporting Reform Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hale, Michael

*Summary:* Requires the director of TennCare or the director's designee to gather, collate, and make available to the public on the TennCare website data relevant to the network adequacy of TennCare's 1115(c) and 1915(c) waiver programs, federally required network adequacy reporting metrics, and data on service utilization percentage, appointment wait time, and time between approval and receipt of service. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB851/HB1101 TENNCARE: Authorizes governor to expand Medicaid eligibility.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Salinas, Gabby

*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; authorizes the governor to negotiate with the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB898/HB867 TENNCARE: Pilot program to provide pregnant TennCare recipients improved maternal health care.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hicks, Tim

*Summary:* Creates a pilot program to be administered by the bureau of TennCare to provide pregnant TennCare recipients improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1053/HB1158 TENNCARE: Katie Beckett program - wraparound home- and community-based services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Requires the director to take such actions as the director deems necessary to enable the bureau to make available to an enrollee in Part A of the Katie Beckett program the option to use the wraparound home- and community-based services funds allotted to the enrollee by means of a health reimbursement arrangement, including seeking a waiver amendment or new amendment.

*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1356/HB1393 TENNCARE: Directs the governor to seek a new TennCare waiver.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

*Summary:* Directs the governor to seek a new TennCare waiver within 180 days of the effective date of this act which would provide medical assistance coverage for individuals whose gross annual income is 138% of the federal poverty levels or less and clarifies that the amendment takes effect upon federal approval.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1389/HB638 TENNCARE: TennCare or CoverKids coverage based on vaccination status.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Carringer, Michele

*Summary:* Prohibits a healthcare provider who participates in the TennCare or CoverKids programs from refusing to provide healthcare services to an enrollee based solely upon the enrollee's refusal to obtain a vaccine or immunization. Prohibits the bureau from reimbursing a healthcare provider in violation of such prohibition. Requires the director to adopt rules. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1426/HB411 TENNCARE: Coverage for treatment of PANDAS and PANS.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Requires TennCare coverage of treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**TORT LIABILITY****SB227/HB811 TORT LIABILITY: Charitable organizations providing housing to persons unlawfully present in the US.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Grills, Rusty

*Summary:* Allows a charitable organization that provides housing to a person who the charitable organization knows is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States while the person is receiving housing services from the charitable organization if the charitable organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB408/HB534 TORT LIABILITY: Providing of school-related transportation services - liability coverage.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Rudder, Iris

*Summary:* Prevents a governmental entity or local board of education from extending immunity to independent school bus contractors in performing or providing school-related transportation services. Requires the contract or agreement between a local school board and an independent school bus contractor to limit tort liability exposures. Requires evidence of such coverage by including, without limitation, a certificate of insurance from the provider of insurance coverage that has the local board of education listed as an additional insured.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**TRANSPORTATION GENERAL****SB141/HB16 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Establishes a student pedestrian protection grant program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires the department of transportation to establish and administer a student pedestrian protection grant program to provide grants to local governments to be used solely for designing, constructing, and repairing or replacing sidewalk infrastructure around public schools in this state. Requires each recipient of student pedestrian protection grant funds to provide a quarterly report to the department detailing the progress on use of the funds and a final report once all of the grant funds have been expended. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**SB147/HB60 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Family restroom road signs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Raper, Kevin

*Summary:* Requires the department of transportation to install signs or markers displaying an appropriate symbol indicating to motorists that a rest area or welcome center has a family restroom. Requires the department to post on its website rest areas and welcome centers that have family restrooms.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Highway Fund FY25-26 \$30,700

*Senate Status:* 01/16/25 - Held on Senate clerk's desk.

*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 02/11/25.

**TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES****SB199/HB209 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Driver's need for assistance with expressive language or communicating.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

*Summary:* Authorizes the commissioner of revenue to take reasonable measures to publicize the availability of the option to designate in the Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) database a driver's need for assistance with expressive language or communicating needs due to an intellectual or developmental disability or medical condition. Authorizes the department of safety to take such measures with respect to the voluntary designation on a driver license or identification of an intellectual or developmental disability or medical condition. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB200/HB210 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Reports published by department of safety on number, cause, and location of highway accidents.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

*Summary:* Authorizes the department of safety to publish biannually, instead of annually, statistical information regarding the number, cause, and location of highway accidents based on its analysis of accident reports that it receives. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB375/HB359 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Penalty for driving upon a highway without a valid driver license.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Increases the penalty for driving upon a highway without a valid driver license for the vehicle being driven from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense committed within 10 years of a prior offense. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB498/HB425 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Order denying driving privileges for juvenile offender.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Love Jr., Harold  
*Summary:* Removes requirement that certified copy of court order that withdraws order denying driving privileges for juvenile offender be submitted to the department of safety within ten days of issuance.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1373/HB556 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Written driver license examinations to be in English only.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Capley, Kip  
*Summary:* Requires all written driver license examinations to be administered in English only. Prohibits the use of a translation dictionary, electronic device, or interpreter to assist a person taking the examination.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

## UTILITIES

**SB1142/HB898 UTILITIES: Certificate of analysis for any water sold by the utility system that contains fluoride.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Darby, Tandy  
*Summary:* Requires each utility system to obtain a certificate of analysis for any water sold by the utility system that contains fluoride, and to post the certificate and the material safety data sheet for fluoride online.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

## VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

**SB42/HB557 VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Creates the State Disaster Relief Program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Capley, Kip  
*Summary:* Creates the State Disaster Relief Program to be administered by TEMA for the purpose of providing grants to local governments where a natural disaster has occurred that does not exceed the threshold for federal disaster relief. Specifies criteria that a natural disaster in a county must meet in order to qualify for a grant.  
*Senate Status:* 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

## WELFARE

**SB452/HB496 WELFARE: Earnings in an achieving a better life experience account.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Removes the restriction that earnings in an achieving a better life experience account may only be expended for a student's education expenses. Redefines "disability certification" and "eligible individual" to have the same meaning as in the Internal Revenue Code and all rules and regulations released by the United States Treasury.  
*Senate Status:* 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB516/HB727 WELFARE: Annual report concerning the effectiveness of the drug testing program for TANF applicants**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hicks, Gary  
*Summary:* Requires the department to annually report by December 1 of each year to legislative committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter pertaining to health concerning the effectiveness of the drug testing program for TANF applicants. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB523/HB838 WELFARE: Pilot program in which eligible households are awarded an annual income grant of \$5,000.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Requires the department of human services to develop and implement a five-year pilot program in which eligible households are awarded an annual supplemental income grant of \$5,000 beginning in 2026. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB576/HB829 WELFARE: Increased frequency reporting on the annual coverage assessment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Hicks, Gary  
*Summary:* Authorizes the bureau of TennCare to submit its report on the annual coverage assessment to the finance, ways and means committees and health committees of both houses more frequently than quarterly.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB879/HB684 WELFARE: Identifying of federal waivers that would aid in application approval and delivery of benefits for the food assistance program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Darby, Tandy  
*Summary:* Requires the department of human services to annually identify federal waivers it deems necessary to alleviate federal regulatory limitations that inhibit the department's ability to timely review and approve applications and deliver benefits for the food assistance program and to submit, no later than October 31 of each year, as applicable, applications for such waivers. Requires the department to annually submit a report describing any waiver applications submitted and the status of such applications, and including recommendations for statutory changes needed to facilitate efficient processing and delivery of such benefits.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB902/HB992 WELFARE: Child Care Workforce Improvement Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Love Jr., Harold  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of human services to develop a program to provide longevity payments to eligible child care workers and a program to provide child care assistance payments to certain early childhood educators. Requires the commissioner to annually adjust the payments for the program by the percentage increase in the consumer price index's United States average for all urban consumers, as prepared by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB958/HB1068 WELFARE: Creation of a community grant advisory board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf  
*Summary:* Creates in the department of human services a community grant advisory board for the purpose of administering the community-based organizations grant program to financially support eligible nonprofit organizations that serve communities in the areas of education, public health, housing, social issues, and economic and workforce development.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1012/HB936 WELFARE: Laws governing child care agencies - nieces and nephews of a primary caregiver.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie  
*Summary:* Specifies that nieces and nephews of the whole or half-blood of a primary caregiver as being related to the caregiver for purposes of present laws governing child care agencies.  
*Senate Status:* 02/05/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**SB1154/HB1236 WELFARE: Tennessee Health SNAP Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Health SNAP Act," which requires the department of human services to submit a request for a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service to seek authorization to prohibit the use of SNAP benefits for the purchase of candy and soft drinks.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

**SB1286/HB105 WELFARE: Grants under the child care improvement pilot program - requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Removes the requirement that grants under the child care improvement pilot program be provided explicitly to nonprofit organizations in order to establish or make improvements to a child care agency. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB1287/HB107 WELFARE: Personal responsibility plans - requirements for parents or caretaker relatives.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Removes the requirement that a parent or caretaker relative enter a personal responsibility plan that requires a child to attend school and receive immunizations and health checks. Removes certain requirements for a parent or caretaker regarding personal responsibility plans. Also removes a 20 percent reduction in temporary assistance payments for failure to comply with personal responsibility plan requirements pertaining to children attending school and children receiving immunizations and health checks.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction  
*House Status:* 02/05/25 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/12/25.

**SB1288/HB106 WELFARE: Licensing exemption categories for programs that fall within the definition of a child care agency.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Makes various changes to the licensing exemption categories for programs and activities that fall within the definition of a child care agency, including adding gym care and Tennessee professional sport event care program requirements. Specifies that a program that does not provide child care for five or less children in certain circumstances is not subject to licensure. Removes the requirement for a drop in center that provides child care for certain hours to register as casual care.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 01/28/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

**SB1365/HB1091 WELFARE: DCS determination regarding temporary childcare licensee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Reduces the time in which the department of children's services has to determine whether a temporary childcare licensee has complied with all regulations to receive a permanent childcare license from 90 days from the date the temporary license was issued to 80 days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/25 - Filed for Introduction

*House Status:* 02/06/25 - Introduced in the House

## WORKERS COMPENSATION

**SB289/HB310 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Maberry, Aron

*Summary:* Creates a presumption that the diagnosis of a law enforcement officer or emergency medical responder with post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of responding to certain incidents was incurred in the line of duty for purposes of workers' compensation coverage.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

*House Status:* 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.