



Bills Filed in 2024 Session

(3/15/2024)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SB2355/HB2658 **Establishing fines and regulations for serving alcohol to minors.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John

Summary: Requires the commission to levy certain fines and suspend the server permit of a person for certain violations, including the sale of alcohol or beer to a person who is under 21 years of age.

Amendment Summary: House Departments & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (014766) prohibits the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) from revoking or suspending the license of an establishment for a server who sells, furnishes, disposes of, gives, or causes to be sold, furnished, disposed of, or given, any alcoholic beverage or beer to any person under 21 years old, and instead authorizes ABC to impose a fine up to \$1,000 for a violation if the licensee does not have such a violation in the previous 12 months and the licensee has not violated an employment restriction in the previous 12 months prior to that time period. Requires ABC to suspend the server permit of a server with a violation for a minimum of seven consecutive days. Requires a server permit to be suspended for at least 12 months if the server commits a violation more than once during a 12-month period. Prohibits a server who does not obtain the appropriate licensure after 61 days from their hiring date and sells, furnishes, disposes of, or gives any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21 years old from obtaining a server permit for 24 months from the date of such violation. Effective January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

SB2714/HB2552 **Report on underage and other high-risk alcohol consumption.**

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary: Requires that beginning in 2025 the commission to compile and submit to the general assembly a biennial report on underage and other high-risk alcohol consumption, including incidents of accidents, injuries, death, and citations relating to such consumption.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

COVID-19

SB2329/HB2354 **Prohibition of mask mandates related to COVID-19.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Prohibits a government entity, school, or local education agency from implementing a mask mandate related to COVID-19 or from requiring an employee of a government entity to wear a face covering as a condition of employment.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING

SB1836/HB1649 **Closure of schools on presidential primary election days.**

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

Summary: Requires LEAs and public charter schools of a county to be closed for instruction on presidential primary election days if the county election commission uses such schools as a polling place.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2634/HB2716 **Filling of vacancies in the general assembly by local legislative bodies.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny

Summary: Prohibits a local legislative body from electing a member, who was expelled for disorderly behavior, to fill a vacancy in the general assembly that was created because of the member's expulsion.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.

SB2649/HB1852 General assembly member prohibited from engaging in private business with a lobbyist.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

Summary: Prohibits a candidate for a seat in the general assembly during candidacy or a member of the general assembly during their term from engaging in business with, or providing goods or services for consideration to, a lobbyist or an employer of a lobbyist. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2868/HB2401 Selection of candidates for US senator.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Lynn, Susan

Summary: Creates a process for the majority and minority party caucuses of the general assembly to nominate candidates for United States senator. Provides that such process becomes operable for each respective senatorial seat when the respective incumbent declines to run for re-election, loses a re-election bid, or a vacancy is created in the office.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

SB2903/HB2948 Selection of candidates for United States senator.

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

Summary: Establishes that for a person to be nominated for the United States senate and be placed upon the appropriate general election November ballot, one candidate will be nominated by a joint caucus for the majority party in the house and senate, one candidate will be nominated by a joint caucus for the minority party in the house and senate, and one candidate may be nominated by a recognized minor party.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

COMMERCIAL LAW

SB1651/HB2823 TACIR study on approaches to the regulation of artificial intelligence.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Camper, Karen

Summary: Requires TACIR to conduct a study on approaches to the regulation of artificial intelligence and submit a report of such study, Requires TACIR to submit a report of its findings, including recommended legislative approaches, to the speakers of the house and senate and the legislative librarian no later than January 1, 2025. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1661/HB1707 Charitable Solicitations Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

Summary: Revises various provisions regarding the regulation of charitable solicitations regarding the age of organization to be regulated, public contributions, and tax exemption status. Allows a civil penalty to be assessed if violations occur.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/12/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2042/HB2160 Websites blocked through internet or cellular service by request.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Barrett, Jody

Summary: Requires commercial entities that knowingly publish materials that are harmful to minors to allow for subscribers to request the website access through the subscriber's internet or cellular service subscription to be blocked without charge with the ability to rescind a prior request once an adult's age has been verified.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2097/HB1891 Protecting Children from Social Media Act.

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

Summary: Enacts the "Protecting Children from Social Media Act," which requires a social media company to verify the age of an individual who attempts to become an account holder or is an account holder. Requires the social media company to obtain parental consent if the individual is a minor in order for the individual to obtain an account or to continue as an account holder. Requires a social media company to allow a parent to revoke consent for a minor to become or continue as an account holder. Prohibits a social media company or third party from retaining personally identifying information that was used to verify age or parental consent. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (015588) requires a social media company to verify the age of an individual who attempts to become an account holder of the social media company's platform or is a current account holder within an outlined timeframe. Requires a social media company to prohibit a minor from becoming an account holder, or continuing as an account holder, unless the social media company has the express consent of the minor's parent to allow the minor to become or continue as an account holder. Requires a social media company to provide a minor account holder's parent with means for the parent to supervise the minor's account. Prohibits a social media company or third party from retaining personally identifying information that was used to verify age or parental consent. Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring an action against a social media company for violation. Authorizes the AG to recover costs incurred in bringing the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and reasonable investigative costs if an injunction is granted. Effective January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/12/24 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015588). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status:

03/12/24 - House Commerce Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015588). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2372/HB2709 **Social media company required to obtain parental consent before allowing minor to create an account.**

Sponsors:

Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Garrett, Johnny

Summary:

Requires a social media company to obtain parental consent before allowing a minor to create an account or access an already existing account. Prohibits a social media company from using practices, designs, or features on the social media platform that the social media company knows or should know to cause minors to develop an addiction to the social media platform. (12 pp.). Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status:

02/07/24 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2460/HB2340 **Intent to damage a reputation using synthetic media.**

Sponsors:

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary:

Creates a violation under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 for a person or entity that alters the appearance, action, or speech of an individual through the use of synthetic media in a communication that is knowingly distributed publicly with the intent to malign, slander, defame, or otherwise intentionally mislead the public and damage the reputation of the individual. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

CORRECTIONS

SB1771/HB2808 **Makes the state responsible for paying for HIV medication for inmates.**

Sponsors:

Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hulsey, Bud

Summary:

Requires a county jail or workhouse to provide HIV medication for an inmate if the inmate is known or determined to be HIV positive or if the inmate previously received prescription medication to treat the condition through a state department, agency, or program, including TennCare. The state may use federal funding to pay the medication expenses.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House State Government Committee amendment 1 (014686) requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to provide payment to county legislative bodies for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) medication for inmates committed to a county jail or workhouse who previously received prescription medication to treat HIV or AIDS through a state department, agency, or program, including the Division of TennCare. Excludes the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program administered by the Department of Health (DOH). Requires a sheriff or the sheriff's designee to file a claim to receive such payment or reimbursement. Authorizes the DOC to use federal funding to pay the medication expenses. Authorizes a sheriff or sheriff's designee to transport an inmate housed in a local jail who was participating in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program immediately prior to incarceration to the location of the healthcare provider that was treating the patient immediately prior to incarceration for HIV treatment under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program. Requires the healthcare provider to continue HIV treatment for the inmate for the duration of the inmate's incarceration in a county jail or workhouse. Authorizes the healthcare provider to treat the inmate via telemedicine upon request.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 17, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$98,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$98,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact The extent and timing of any decrease in state expenditures associated with additional federal funding cannot reasonably be determined.

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/06/24 - House State Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014686). Sent to House Finance.

SB1871/HB2407 **Creates the select oversight committee on corrections.**

Sponsors:

Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne

Summary:

Creates the select oversight committee on corrections to oversee the department of corrections. Also details the member and meeting requirements, the authority of the committee, the duties and responsibilities of the committee, and the reports and ultimate termination of the committee.

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status:

02/06/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2459/HB2339 **Report on diversion and educational programs provided for justice-involved youth.**

Sponsors:

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary:

Requires the department of correction, the department of children's services, the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and state and local law enforcement agencies to each submit a separate report to the general assembly listing all diversion and educational programs provided by the entity for justice-involved youth. Requires the report to include program participation demographics and to be submitted to the general assembly by no later than July 1, 2024. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status:

02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2756/HB2832 Tennessee Reconciliation Sentencing Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Reconciliation Sentencing Act" which allows inmates upon completion of 50% of the inmate's incarcerated sentence to file a motion to reduce their incarcerated sentence and allows for inmates to request a review of their incarcerated sentence with proof of extraordinary and compelling circumstances which may result in a reduced sentence. Also requires the department of correction to promulgate rules to effectuate this part and make the request forms to effectuate this part available to inmate in all correctional facilities in the state. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Any increase in expenditures to the court system is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably quantified. To the extent a hearing is held and an inmates sentence is reduced, there will be a reduction in state incarceration expenditures. The timing and amount of any sentence reduction is unknown and unable to be determined with reasonable certainty.
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2879/HB2959 Creates a committee to study the establishment of incarcerated parenting plans.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.
Summary: Creates a committee to study the establishment of incarcerated parenting plans to facilitate the ongoing relationships between incarcerated parents and their children within this state. Requires the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the civil justice committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate by December 1, 2024, including any model incarcerated parenting plan and any proposed legislation. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$5,700/FY24-25
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

CRIMINAL LAW

SB1577/HB1602 Audio or video recording required for interrogation of juvenile.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Chism, Jesse
Summary: Requires an audio or video recording to be made of any formal interview or interrogation of a child who has been taken into custody on suspicion that the child committed a delinquent act or unruly conduct unless a technical issue with the equipment or exigent circumstances prevents the recording.
Fiscal Note: (Dated December 19, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1578/HB1827 Detaining of a child alleged to be unruly.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Martin, Brock
Summary: Extends the period of time during which a child who is alleged to be unruly may be detained prior to a detention hearing from no more than 24 hours excluding nonjudicial days or 72 hours total to no more than 72 hours excluding nonjudicial days or 96 hours total. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (014156) rewrites the bill to revise the present law prohibiting children alleged to be unruly from being detained for more than 24 hours, excluding nonjudicial days unless there has been a detention hearing and a judicial determination that there is probable cause to believe the child has violated a valid court order, and in no event must such a child be detained for more than 72 hours exclusive of nonjudicial days prior to an adjudicatory hearing. This amendment replaces the present law and, instead, encourages the court to make reasonable efforts to ensure that a child alleged to be unruly is not detained for more than 24 hours, excluding nonjudicial days, unless there has been a detention hearing and a judicial determination that there is probable cause to believe the child has violated a valid court order. In no event must a child be detained for more than 72 hours, excluding nonjudicial days, unless there has been a detention hearing and a judicial determination that there is probable cause to believe the child has violated a valid court order.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Any increase in state and local expenditures cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. Additionally, the proposed legislation is out of compliance with 34 United States Code 11133(a)(23), and 28 Code of Federal Regulations 31.303(f)(2) as it relates to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; therefore, federal funding to the Commission on Children and Youth may be jeopardized.
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014156).
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1583/HB2363 Ledford's Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Carringer, Michele
Summary: Enacts "Ledford's Law," which requires a prisoner convicted of vehicular homicide involving intoxication or aggravated vehicular homicide to attend substance abuse treatment as a condition of parole. Specifies that failure to attend required treatment shall be punished as a violation of the conditions of the defendant's parole. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (013120) adds behavioral counseling as an alternative to substance-abuse treatment. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (014380) requires a person convicted of vehicular homicide involving intoxication or aggravated vehicular homicide to attend substance abuse treatment upon release for the duration of any period on parole and as a condition of parole. Establishes that failure to attend required treatment is a violation of parole. Prohibits a person convicted of vehicular homicide involving intoxication or aggravated vehicular homicide who is released on parole from possessing or consuming alcohol or a controlled substance for which the person does not have a valid prescription for the duration of any period of parole. Establishes that possession or consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance for which the person does not have a valid prescription during parole is a violation of parole.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013120).
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/18/24.

SB1584/HB2810 Time frame for warden to report certain offenses to the district attorney general.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Hulse, Bud
Summary: Changes the deadline, from five to three business days, for a warden or chief administrative officer to report certain offenses, including aggravated assault, sexual batter, aggravated rape, and first degree murder to the district attorney general. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated December 15, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB1587/HB1727 Leaving a minor child in the care of a sexual offender.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Gant, Ron
Summary: Specifies that a parent or guardian who knowingly allows their minor child to be under the care or supervision of a person who is required to register as a sexual offender commits a Class A misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures \$900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1645/HB1620 Use of drones by law enforcement.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Gillespie, John
Summary: Deletes the July 1, 2024, termination date for Chapter 462 of the Public Acts of 2021, allowing a law enforcement agency to continue to use a drone to search for and collect evidence or obtain information with the consent of a private property owner, in case of a natural emergency, or to investigate a crime that is occurring or has occurred.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/17/24 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status: 02/20/24 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status: 03/15/24 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0524 effective March 1, 2024.

SB1649/HB1845 Creates the Tennessee violence intervention program.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Clemmons, John
Summary: Creates the Tennessee violence intervention program within the department of finance and administration's office of criminal justice programs. Specifies that the purpose of the program is to invest in effective, evidence-based violence reduction initiatives focused on the highest-risk individuals in communities disproportionately impacted by community violence.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$335,400/FY24-25 \$332,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact The Office of Criminal Justice Programs currently receives approximately \$28,194,500 in federal Victims of Crime Acts Assistance (VOCA) funding and it is assumed that at least five percent or \$1,409,700 would be needed to fund the Tennessee Violence Intervention Program. However, the extent to which VOCA funds or funding from federal, private, or other sources is available and the timing of such funds being received is unknown. Should sources not become available, additional state funds will be necessary or current program funds will be reduced, resulting in an increase in state expenditures of an unknown amount. To the extent this legislation results in an increase in grants provided to municipalities and local law enforcement agencies, there will be an increase in local revenue and local expenditures. Based upon multiple unknown variables, any such impact cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.
Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Committee.

SB1652/HB1712 Issuance of risk protection order.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Permits a court to issue a risk protection order upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to the person or others if allowed to possess or purchase a firearm. Specifies that a petition for a risk protection order must be filed in the county where the petitioner's law enforcement office is located, as applicable, or the county where the respondent resides. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to petition for the risk protection order (17 pp.).
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$605,000/FY24-25 \$248,800/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years \$127,000 Incarceration SB 1652 - HB 1712
Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 04/02/2024.

SB1654/HB1713 Offense of knowingly transferring a firearm to a person prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Creates the Class A misdemeanor offense of knowingly giving, selling, lending, delivering, or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person when the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee.

SB1655/HB1714 Dispossession of firearm by a domestic assault offender.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires a domestic assault offender who transferred possession of a firearm to a third party in order to dispossess the firearm to submit to the court an affidavit of firearms receipt in which the third party attests that the third party may lawfully possess a firearm, has received the firearm from the defendant, and accepts responsibility for possession of the firearm. Requires the administrative office of the courts to develop the affidavit of firearms receipt form.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB1664/HB1698 Suspension of driver license for juveniles found to have made a threat to commit mass-violence at school.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert
Summary: Requires the juvenile court to include in the disposition for a juvenile who has been found to have made a threat to commit mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity, in addition to any other disposition authorized by law, the suspension of the juvenile's driving privileges or ability to obtain a driver license for a period of one year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$300/Driver Services/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB1693/HB2824 Creation of an office of gun violence prevention.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Creates an office of gun violence prevention within the department of safety with the goal of collecting and analyzing gun violence data in this state to develop and implement strategies to prevent gun violence and mass shootings. Places the office in sunset review in 2027. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,071,500/FY24-25 \$951,200/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1697/HB1823 Firearm hold agreement.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Defines "firearm hold agreement" as a private transaction between a licensed federal firearms dealer and a firearm owner under which the dealer takes possession of the owner's firearm at the owner's request, holds the firearm for an agreed period of time, and then returns the firearm. States that a person does not have a cause of action against a licensed federal firearms dealer for any act or omission arising from a firearm hold agreement and resulting in personal injury or death of any natural person unless the action was the result of unlawful conduct by the licensed federal firearms dealer. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/05/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB1700/HB1638 Extension of a search warrant return date.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Barrett, Jody
Summary: Extends the time a search warrant must be executed and returned to the magistrate from five days to seven days. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/25/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1703/HB1979 Transfer of juvenile to criminal court for firearm theft.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Requires the transfer of a juvenile to criminal court for the offense of theft of a firearm from a motor vehicle if the child was 14 years of age or more but younger than 17 years of age. Increases from a Class E felony to a Class D felony theft of a firearm worth less than \$2,500. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,098,000 Incarceration
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB1704/HB1978 Offense of burglary of a conveyance.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Increases from a Class E felony to a Class D felony the offense of burglary of a conveyance. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$610,600 Incarceration
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/12/24 - House Criminal Justice Committee recommended. Sent to House Finance.

SB1709/HB1628 Creates new criminal offense of assault within a healthcare facility.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Creates Class A misdemeanor offense of assault within a healthcare facility and specifies that the offense shall be punished by a mandatory fine of \$5,000 and a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 days incarceration. Also creates a Class A felony offense of aggravated assault within a healthcare facility and specifies that such offense shall be punished by a mandatory \$15,000 fine and a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days incarceration. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1, Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (012403) enacts the "Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act." Creates the offenses of assault and aggravated assault committed within a healthcare facility.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,700 Incarceration Increase Local Expenditures \$119,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (012403). Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1719/HB1624 Brittany's Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Enacts "Brittany's Law," which creates a Class B misdemeanor offense of knowingly failing to seek medical assistance for an individual who the person knows or reasonably should know is experiencing a drug-related overdose. Specifies that the sentencing court may order the defendant to complete a clinical substance abuse assessment and participate in a substance abuse treatment program licensed or certified by the department of mental health and substance abuse services, including aftercare recommended by the treatment program.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$2,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/27/24 - Failed in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB1728/HB1729 Abortion - pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
Summary: Specifies that the offense of criminal abortion does not include an abortion that was necessary due to a medical emergency affecting the physical or mental health of the pregnant person or performed on a patient whose pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. Requires the physician performing the abortion to verify that the patient reported the offense to the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the procedure. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1729/HB1728 Expands the offense of aggravated stalking.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
Summary: Expands the offense of aggravated stalking to include persons who purchase a semi-automatic rifle or attempt to use a semi-automatic rifle for the course and furtherance of stalking.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$24,600 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$1,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1731/HB2288 Creation of Class D felony for an offense other than a dangerous felony.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hale, Michael
Summary: Creates the Class D felony employing a firearm during the commission of, attempt to commit, or flight or escape from an offense other than a dangerous felony. Requires a person convicted of the offense to be sentenced to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$291,500 Incarceration
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB1746/HB2014 Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Allows a person to voluntarily waive their firearm rights through filing a waiver with the clerk of the circuit court in the county of the person's residence or with their healthcare provider. Specifies procedures the clerk, healthcare provider, TBI, and department of health must follow upon receipt of a waiver.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB1754/HB1947 Makes various changes to criminal offenses involving fentanyl.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Increases the penalty one classification higher for criminal offenses involving fentanyl if the defendant crossed county lines in the course of course of manufacturing, delivering, selling, or possessing the substance. Defines "incapacitating agent" for purposes of the "Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2002" to mean a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, including its derivatives, analogues, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers. Requires certain drug offenses to be punished as second-degree murder if the substance involved is a Schedule I or II controlled substance and the offense resulted in the death of another person. Creates a new Class C felony offense of aggravated assault on a first responder by exposing the first responder to fentanyl and specifies that such offense is to be punished by a mandatory fine of \$15,000 and a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days incarceration. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (015049) enhances the punishment one classification for the sale, manufacture, delivery of, and possession with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver fentanyl or any other fentanyl analogue or derivative, if the defendant crossed county lines in the course of the criminal offense. Requires certain drug offenses to be punished as second-degree murder if the substance involved is a Schedule I or II controlled substance and the offense resulted in the death of another person. Establishes fentanyl, including its derivatives, analogues, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, is an incapacitating agent, and is considered a weapon of mass destruction. Adds incapacitating agent to the offense of distributing or delivering, as an act of terrorism or as a hoax, any substance that is intended to, or that such person has reason to believe may, create a fear or apprehension on the part of any other person that such substance may be an incapacitating agent. Expands the offense of aggravated assault on a first responder to include exposing the first responder to fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, thiafentanil or a fentanyl analogue, while the first responder is discharging or attempting to discharge the first responder's official duties resulting in serious bodily injury or death of the first responder.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$5,113,900 Incarceration
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015049). Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1775/HB1858 Home address confidentiality program for victims.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Davis, Elaine
Summary: Expands the ways in which applicants may apply for the home address confidentiality program to include moving to a new address unknown to the offender and not previously identified in a public record.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.

SB1781/HB1856 Criminal impersonation - use of blue flashing lights or flashing emergency lights on vehicle.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Moon, Jerome
Summary: Defines "law enforcement activity" for the offense of criminal impersonation to include operating a motor vehicle that displays logos or decals that give the appearance of being operated by a law enforcement officer or the use of blue flashing lights, flashing emergency lights, or a siren, unless certain vehicle identification requirements have been met. Specifies that the motor vehicle being purchased from a law enforcement agency is not a defense to criminal impersonation. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee.

SB1782/HB2068 Increases penalties for certain animal cruelty offenses involving a cock.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Raises the penalty, from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony, for certain offenses involving a cock. Requires the fine to be between \$1,000 and \$2,500 for the offense of being a spectator at a cock fight.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 2 03/19/24.

SB1785/HB2199 MaKayla's Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo
Summary: Expands offense of reckless endangerment to include a person failing to lock, secure, or otherwise store or make unavailable a firearm and ammunition for the firearm as a Class E felony if a child younger than 13 years of age obtains possession of the firearm, discharges the firearm, and the discharge results in bodily injury or serious bodily injury to the child or to another. Specifies where a child is younger than 13 years of age obtains possession of the firearm, discharges the firearm, and the discharge results in the death of the child or another then the offense is a Class C felony.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$163,900 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$9,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB1792/HB1614 Protect Tennessee Minors Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
Summary: Enacts the Protect Tennessee Minors Act, which requires an individual or commercial entity that publishes or distributes in this state a website that contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors to perform reasonable age-verification methods to verify the age of individuals attempting to access the material. Requires a website owner, commercial entity, or third party that executes a required age-verification method to (1) retain at least seven years of historical anonymized age-verification data; and (2) not retain any personally identifying information of the active user after access to the content harmful to minors has been granted. Specifies that a violation of age-verification or data retention requirements is a Class C felony.
Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (014447) enacts the Protect Tennessee Minors Act. Requires an individual or commercial entity that publishes or distributes in Tennessee a website that contains a substantial portion of content defined by the legislation as harmful to minors to verify that a user attempting to access the website is at least 18 years of age. Requires such entities to retain at least seven years of historical anonymized age-verification data; prohibits them from retaining any personally identifying information of the user after access to the content has been granted. Establishes that an entity that fails to comply with the age-verification requirement is liable to an individual for damages resulting from a minor's accessing the content deemed harmful, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees. Establishes that an entity that is found to have knowingly retained personally identifying information of an active user after access to the content has been granted is liable to the user for damages resulting from retention of the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees. Creates Class C felony offenses for violations of the proposed requirements and prohibitions. Delegates responsibility for overseeing and enforcing the requirements to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DOS). Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring appropriate action or proceeding against a commercial entity for violations of the requirements. Effective January 1, 2025, and applies to conduct occurring on or after that date.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$29,900 Incarceration \$4,139,800/FY24-25/General Fund \$2,020,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ General Fund
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014447). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB1809/HB1735 Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary: Enacts the "Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act," which expands the offenses of assault against a first responder or nurse and aggravated assault against a first responder or nurse to apply to assaults committed against licensed physicians and osteopathic physicians, and to hospital employees who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties in a hospital emergency department.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$7,700 Incarceration Increase Local Expenditures \$1,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/25/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1811/HB2943 Expands offense of indecent exposure and increases penalties.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe
Summary: Increases the penalty for indecent exposure if the victim is between 13 and 17 years of age. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014445) specifies that the Class B misdemeanor offense of indecent exposure includes victims between the age of 13 and 17 years old, when the offense involved a person who knowingly invites, entices, or fraudulently induces a minor into the person's residence or engages in the person's own residence, in the intended presence of any minor, without the consent of the minor, and intentionally engages in the following conduct for the purpose of attaining sexual arousal or gratification: (1) exposure of such person's genitals, buttocks, or female breasts; or (2) masturbation.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 21, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$416,500 Incarceration Increase Local Expenditures \$13,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status:

03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014445). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1818/HB2036 Possession of a firearm while under indictment for a crime.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

Summary:

Creates a Class D felony offense for a person to unlawfully possess a firearm, or firearm ammunition, while under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or more.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 24, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Due to a number of unknown factors, the extent and timing of any fiscal impact resulting from the proposed legislation cannot be quantified.

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

01/31/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1819/HB2037 Penalty for the unlawful purchase by or unlawful sale to a person prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

Summary:

Increases from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class C felony the offenses of unlawful purchase by or unlawful sale to a person who is prohibited by state or federal law from owning, possessing, or purchasing a firearm. Prohibits the purchase or sale of ammunition by or to such a person. Prohibits the transfer or sale of a firearm or ammunition to a person receiving treatment at a treatment resource for mental illness or serious emotional disturbance and not just when the person is receiving inpatient treatment.

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

02/01/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1826/HB1884 Offense of criminal abortion - exception for health of pregnant person.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

Summary:

Provides an exemption to a Class C felony for criminal abortion if the abortion was necessary to protect the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman or if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

02/06/24 - Failed in House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB1830/HB1821 Enhanced handgun permit or a concealed handgun carry permit to carry a handgun in Shelby County.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry

Summary:

Requires a person to obtain an enhanced handgun permit or a concealed handgun carry permit to carry a handgun in Shelby County. Requires the department of safety to create a three-year pilot program in Shelby County that waives the application and processing fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit and a concealed handgun carry permit for applicants residing in those counties.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 11, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$258,800/FY24-25/Handgun Permit Division \$517,600/FY25-26/Handgun Permit Division \$517,600/FY26-27/Handgun Permit Division \$258,800/FY27-28/Handgun Permit Division Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$40,000 in FY24-25.

Senate Status:

01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

02/13/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB1834/HB1663 Authorization of the death penalty as a punishment for rape of a child.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary:

Authorizes the death penalty as a punishment for rape of a child, aggravated rape of a child, or especially aggravated rape of a child.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1 (013184) requires an individual convicted of rape of a child be sentenced to death, imprisonment for life without possibility of parole, or imprisonment for life. Requires the sentence for a juvenile convicted of rape of a child be as a Range II offender. Authorizes a sentence of death for an individual convicted of aggravated rape of a child and especially aggravated rape of a child. Changes the age at which a person can be a victim of especially aggravated child rape, from less than 18 years old, to more than 12 years but less than 18 years. Prohibits a defendant with intellectual disability from a sentence of death for any offense.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 20, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Passage of the proposed legislation may result in future increases in expenditures to the Public Defenders Conference, Office of the Post-Conviction Defender and Indigent Defense Fund. The extent and timing of any such increases cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status:

02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/12/24.

House Status:

02/07/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (013184).

SB1835/HB1905 Child abuse - knowingly treating a child under 18 in such a manner as to inflict injury.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

Summary:

Increases, from Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony, the penalty for a person who commits child abuse by knowingly treating a minor in a way to inflict injury.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 2, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,003,700 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$74,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status:

02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status:

03/12/24 - House Criminal Justice Committee recommended. Sent to House Finance.

SB1852/HB1934 Firearms offenses involving minors.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
Summary: Creates the Class A misdemeanor of knowingly selling, loaning, or making a gift of a firearm to a minor for the purpose of inducing or coercing the minor to commit an offense. Subjects a person convicted of such offense to civil liability for any criminal act committed by the minor. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/05/24 - House Criminal Justice Subcommittee deferred to final calendar 2.

SB1859/HB1920 Extends the percentage of a misdemeanor sentence a defendant may be required to serve.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Extends the percentage of a sentence a court may require a defendant to serve for a misdemeanor offense from 75% to 100%.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.

SB1868/HB1909 Self-defense - adult person carrying pepper spray or taser.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Specifies that it is not a criminal offense for an adult person to carry or possess pepper spray, a taser, mace, stun gun, or another similar device for purposes of self-defense when on property owned, operated, or in use by any college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution. Prohibits the adoption of a policy by a college, university, or other educational institution prohibiting an adult person from carrying pepper spray, a taser, mace, or another similar device for purposes of self-defense when on property owned, operated, or in use by any college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013495) rewrites the bill to make changes to law relative to carrying weapons on school property, as described below: This amendment prohibits a public college or university or other public institution of higher education, an adult person, including, but not limited to, a staff member, student, employee, and other adult person lawfully present on the property of the college, university, or institution from carrying a non-lethal weapon for purposes of self-defense when in any building or bus, on the campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field, or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public higher educational institution. This amendment defines a "non-lethal weapon" as pepper spray, a pepper spray gun, pepper gel, mace, a stun gun, an electronic control device, or other conducted energy device. This amendment authorizes a public college or university or other public institution of higher education to prohibit the carrying of non-lethal weapons on the grounds of any pre-K-12 school located on its campus. This amendment authorizes a public college or university or other public institution of higher education to prohibit the carrying of non-lethal weapons in any building where armed security is provided or where such carrying is prohibited by contract.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013495).

SB1880/HB1981 Increasing charges for criminal offense involving possessing a firearm and stalking.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Justin
Summary: Increases the charge for a person who commits an offense possessing a firearm and has been convicted of stalking from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1912/HB2030 Expands the offense of unlawful exposure.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Jones, Justin
Summary: Expands the offense of unlawful exposure to include images of an identifiable person engaged in sexually explicit conduct or of the person's intimate parts that were created or modified by means of a computer software program, artificial intelligence, or other digital editing tools. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (013377) expands the offense of unlawful exposure to include the distribution of images of an identifiable person created or modified by means of a computer software program, artificial intelligence application, or other digital editing tools. Increases the penalty for the offense of unlawful exposure from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013593) expands the offense of unlawful exposure to include the distribution of images of an identifiable person created or modified by means of a computer software program, artificial intelligence application, or other digital editing tools. Enhances the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of unlawful exposure from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The legislation will result in a significant mandatory increase in local expenditures related to incarceration. A precise estimate of the extent and timing of such increases cannot be determined at this time. *
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 02/13/24 - House Criminal Justice Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013593). Referred to House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee.

SB1918/HB2227 Offense of criminal abortion does not include contraceptives and certain devices or procedures.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: Clarifies that the term "abortion" as used in the offense of criminal abortion does not include contraceptives or other devices and procedures used to prevent pregnancy or the disposal of embryos resulting from fertility treatments. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/05/24 - Failed in House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB1920/HB2229 Disposal of a person's miscarriage.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: States that it is not a violation of the criminal offense of abuse of a corpse for a person to dispose of the person's miscarriage. Defines miscarriage as the unintentional loss of pregnancy, which may occur spontaneously or as the result of an accident. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB1927/HB2218 Regulation of storage of firearms in certain municipalities.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
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.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB1929/HB2223 Creates an Amber+ Alert system.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: Creates a missing person alert program called the Amber+ Alert system which is to be used for missing persons between the ages of 12 and 25 who are reported missing under either unexplained or suspicious circumstances, are at risk of harm, or are developmentally disabled or cognitively impaired.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$975,700/FY24-25 \$718,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1932/HB2106 Criminal history records sealed after completion of sentencing requirements.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Dixie, Vincent
Summary: Allows for a person who was convicted of certain criminal offenses to petition the court in which they were convicted to seal the person's criminal history records after having fulfilled the requirements of the sentence imposed, is not subject to any pending criminal charges, and has not been convicted of a criminal offense for at least five years after the completion of any term or imprisonment, supervised or unsupervised release, or probation. (12pp.)
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact - The extent and timing of any mandatory increase in local revenue and expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1949/HB2073 Change of residence for handgun carry permit holder - notification.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Reduces the time within which a handgun carry permit holder must notify the department of safety of a change of residence from 60 days to 30 days. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/29/24 - Held on House clerk's desk.

SB1953/HB2546 Offense of stalking - harassment committed by defendant.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: States that, as used in the offense of stalking, harassment must be committed by the defendant with reckless disregard for whether the victim will suffer emotional distress as a result of the conduct and the victim does suffer emotional distress as a result of the conduct. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB1966/HB2220 Creates the Tennessee Do Not Sell List.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: Creates the "Tennessee Do Not Sell List" operated by the Tennessee bureau of investigation which is a secure internet-based platform to be developed by January 1, 2025, and will allow for a person to request to be added to the list which will make the individual ineligible to receive a firearm.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB1971/HB1895 Criminal offense - abortion trafficking of a minor.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Creates the Class C felony offense of abortion trafficking of a minor if an adult, who is not the legal parent or guardian, recruits, harbors, or transports a pregnant unemancipated minor within the state for the purpose of concealing an act, procuring an act, or obtaining an abortion-inducing drug that would constitute a criminal abortion.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Population Health Committee amendment 1 (013539) creates the Class C felony offense of abortion trafficking of a minor. Establishes the offense does not apply to the parents or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor, or to the provision of a medical diagnosis or consultation regarding pregnancy care of an unemancipated minor. States that a medical diagnosis or consultation regarding pregnancy care does not include performing or attempting to perform an abortion or arranging for travel for the unemancipated minor to procure an abortion or an abortion-inducing drug without the consent of the unemancipated minor's parent or legal guardian. States that it is not a defense to a prosecution that the pregnant minor consented to the actions that led to the offense. Provides for a civil action against a person committing the offense of abortion trafficking of a minor for the wrongful death of an unborn child that was aborted. House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1 (014490) establishes the offense of abortion trafficking of a minor if the adult recruits, harbors, or transports a pregnant unemancipated minor within this state with the purpose of concealing the act from the parents or guardians, procuring an abortion for the minor that would constitute criminal abortion regardless of where the abortion is performed, or obtaining an abortion-inducing drug for the minor. A violation of this law will be punished as a Class A misdemeanor and must be imprisoned for 11 months and 29 days. Does not apply to the legal guardian of an unemancipated minor. A person who violates this section can also be held liable in civil action for the wrongful death of an unborn child that was aborted and can be brought on behalf of the unborn child by the biological mother or father, unless the pregnancy resulted from an act of rape or incest, or a parent of the minor. A civil action can also seek recovery for economic damages, noneconomic damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney fees and court costs. States that at medical diagnosis or consultation does not include performing or attempting to perform a criminal abortion. Takes effect Jul. 1, 2024 the public welfare requiring it.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 4, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$55,300 Incarceration

Senate Status:

01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (014490).

SB1972/HB2692 GPS device for domestic violence abuser.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Doggett, Clay

Summary:

Requires the court to order an offender to wear a global positioning monitoring system device under certain circumstances unless the court finds the offender no longer poses a threat to the alleged victim or public safety. Specifies that a cellular device application or electronic receptor device provided to the victim must be capable of notifying the victim if the offender is within a prescribed proximity of the victim's cellular device or electronic receptor device. Requires a county or municipality utilizing global positioning monitoring system devices to enter into a written agreement with a qualified contract service provider. Removes civil and criminal liability under certain circumstances. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1, Senate Judiciary amendment 1 (013874) enacts The Debbie and Marie Domestic Violence Protection Act. Requires the court to order a person charged with aggravated assault to wear a global positioning monitoring system (GPS) as a condition of bail if the alleged victim is a domestic abuse victim and the alleged assault involved certain specified actions. Requires the GPS to be worn by the defendant, rather than carried or worn. Requires a defendant ordered to wear a GPS or to provide a victim with a GPS mobile application or receptor device as a condition of bail to pay all costs associated with operating the system for the defendant and the victim. Establishes that such defendants are no longer eligible to receive assistance from the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund (EMIF) to help pay for the GPS service, regardless of whether or not a defendant is indigent. Requires, if a defendant is released without a GPS, the court to make reasonable efforts to directly notify the defendant of such release and that the defendant will not be provided with access to notifications of the offender's proximity. Requires every county and municipality to enter into a written agreement with a qualified GPS provider. Requires such a GPS system to be able to notify the victim through a cellular device application or electronic receptor device if the defendant is within a prescribed proximity of the victim's device. Requires the entity that provides the GPS service to notify a designated law enforcement employee and the appropriate emergency communications dispatch center when a defendant violates a condition of bond. Provides civil and criminal immunity to GPS providers and manufacturers if the victim voluntarily chooses not to utilize a device that provides proximity notifications or is noncompliant in the device's correct usage, and when the actions of those entities and the entities' employees are in accordance with the law and done in good faith and without gross negligence or malice.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 10, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$65,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Electronic Indigency Monitoring Fund Increase Local Expenditures \$65,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status:

03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013874). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status:

02/28/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1989/HB2221 Offenses involving large-capacity magazines.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

Summary:

creates the Class B misdemeanor of possessing, with intent to go armed, a large-capacity magazine outside of the person's residence, business, or premises; defines a large-capacity magazine as an ammunition feeding device with capacity to accept more than 10 rounds. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2003/HB1964 Expands the offense of unlawful exposure.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Powell, Jason

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. Specifies that for the purposes of sexual exploitation of children offenses, the term "material" includes computer-generated images created, adapted, or modified by artificial intelligence. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2005/HB2203 Recommendations to court regarding a person's petition to expunge an offense.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

Summary:

Decreases from 60 to 30 days when the district attorney may submit recommendations to the court and the petitioner regarding a person's petition to expunge an offense. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

01/31/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2020/HB1695 Autopsy reports of minors who were victims of violent crimes.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca
Summary: States that reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports of victims of violent crime who are minors are not public documents. Authorizes the release of these records if the parent or legal guardian consents to the release. Broadly captioned.
Amendment
Summary: House amendment 1 (013524) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Provides that reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports of minors whose manner of death is listed as a homicide are not public documents; (2) Allows for the report of a county medical examiner or autopsy report of a minor whose death is listed as a homicide to be released if another state or federal law requires such release; and (3) Deletes the definition of a "violent crime."
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013524).

SB2034/HB2432 Fine for transporting an individual who has illegally entered or remained in the United States.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Increases, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the fine for transporting into the state, for the purpose of commercial advantage or private financial gain, an individual who the person knows or should have known has illegally entered or remained in the United States, as determined by the bureau of immigration and customs enforcement of the United States department of homeland security. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2038/HB2172 Increases the penalties for threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca
Summary: Increases the penalty for making threats to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony. The court will conduct an examination to determine whether the defendant poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm to others or oneself as a condition of bail or pretrial release. Additionally, the penalty for any person who possesses knowledge of a threat of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity and knowingly fails to report the threat is increased from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2040/HB2265 Offense of committing criminal infrastructure vandalism.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary: Adds using, altering, encrypting, ransomware, destroying, or otherwise rendering unavailable without authorization, electronic data, electronic devices, or network providers of critical infrastructure or of a farm to the offense of committing criminal infrastructure vandalism. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2041/HB2159 Introducing civil liability in cases involving obscene materials.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Barrett, Jody
Summary: Authorizes an injured party to hold a person who produces, sells, sends, or distributes obscene matter in violation of state law civilly liable for damages in addition to criminal penalties.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.

SB2043/HB2572 Aggravated rape when defendant is infected with HIV.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie
Summary: Extends the definition of aggravated rape to include rape when the defendant is knowingly infected with HIV.
Amendment
Summary: Senate amendment 1 (014397) revises the bill to provide that aggravated rape is unlawful sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant or the defendant by a victim when the defendant both (i) knows that the defendant is infected with HIV and (ii) transmits HIV to the victim.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014397).
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2044/HB2188 Sentence reduction credits usage.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: States that, for inmates serving a sentence of two years or more for an offense committed on or after July 1, 2024, sentence reduction credits shall not operate to alter the defendant's sentence expiration date but may be used to reduce the percentage of the sentence imposed by the court that the person must serve before becoming eligible for release on parole. Requires release eligibility for each defendant to occur when the defendant becomes eligible for parole or upon expiration of the entire sentence imposed on a defendant. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Due to a number of unknown factors, the extent and timing of any fiscal impact to state expenditures associated with a change in sentence reduction credits resulting from the proposed legislation cannot be quantified.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/28/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2048/HB1825 Increase in the limit on the amount of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base that a pharmacy may sell.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

Summary: Increases the limit on the amount of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers that a pharmacy may sell or a person may purchase in a 30-day period from 5.76 grams to 7.2 grams. Removes the limit on the amount of such products that may be purchased or sold within a one-year period.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (015567) increases, from 5.76 grams to 7.2 grams, the maximum amount of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, that a pharmacy may sell to the same person or that may be purchased by a single person in any period of 30 consecutive days. Increases, from 28.8 grams to 43.2 grams, the maximum amount of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, that a pharmacy may sell to the same person or that may be purchased by a single person in any one-year period.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2060/HB2216 Extends the statute of limitations for sexual assault of an adult.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Establishes the statute of limitations for a civil action for an injury or illness based on a sexual assault that occurred when the person was 18 years of age or older to be within three years of the last act of sexual assault if law enforcement was not notified or within five years of the last sexual assault if law enforcement was notified. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (014336) enacts "Danielle's Law." Extends the statute of limitations for bringing a civil suit for an injury or illness based on a sexual assault occurring when the injured person is at least 18 years old to three years from the date of the assault if law enforcement was not notified or to five years from the date of the assault if law enforcement was notified.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/07/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014336).

House Status: 03/11/24 - House deferred to next available calendar.

SB2062/HB1881 Penalty for assault against a law enforcement officer.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Capley, Kip

Summary: Establishes a penalty for assault against a law enforcement officer that is a Class E felony and mandates a \$10,000 fine and a minimum of 60 days incarceration. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,360,600 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$352,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to the Final Calendar.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2116/HB2302 Notification regarding a defendant's conviction of aggravated cruelty to animals.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Changes the number of days the court may send notification of a defendant's animal cruelty conviction to the appropriate protective agencies if the defendant lives with minor children or elderly individuals from within 15 days to 15 business days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2127/HB2475 Truancy - additional info required by parent or guardian to be provided to court.

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

Summary: Authorizes the court to require a parent or guardian to provide additional information addressing the child's circumstances, educational barriers, and root causes of truancy in cases where a child is adjudicated unruly, either in whole or in part, due to habitual and lawful absence.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2155/HB2323 Third or subsequent offense of domestic assault.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

Summary: Increases the mandatory minimum confinement period for a defendant after a third or subsequent conviction of domestic assault to 90 days. Upgrades the offense classification to a Class E felony upon a defendant's conviction for a sixth or subsequent qualifying misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,482,000 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$613,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2160/HB2454 Anti-Road Rage Act of 2024.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Enacts the "Anti-Road Rage Act of 2024," which creates a Class E felony for the reckless discharge of a firearm while operating, or as a passenger in, a motor vehicle. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for the reckless brandishing or display of a firearm while operating, or as a passenger in, a motor vehicle.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2178/HB2908 Program for a person to voluntarily waive the right to purchase firearms.

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

Summary: Enacts the Suicide Prevention Act of 2024 which requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to establish a program and form for a revocable voluntary waiver of the right to purchase firearms. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$200,000/FY24-25

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/05/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB2180/HB1904 Persons authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to an enhanced handgun carry permit or concealed handgun carry permit.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Fritts, Monty

Summary: Exempts persons who are authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to an enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed handgun carry permit from the criminal offense of possessing a firearm in a concealed manner at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity that is properly posted.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/05/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB2192/HB2196 Offense for a person to possess a large capacity magazine.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Creates an offense for a person to possess or manufacture an ammunition feeding device that has capacity to accept more than 10 rounds, unless certain circumstances apply. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact There will be a recurring mandatory increase in local expenditures related to incarceration in FY24-25 and subsequent years. Due to unknown variables, a precise estimate of this increase cannot be quantified. * The extent of any impacts on state and local tax revenue cannot be quantified.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2193/HB2277 Prohibits the sale of firearms to persons under 21 years of age.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Prohibits the sale of firearms to anyone under 21 years of age and makes the sale of firearms to persons under 21 years of age a Class A misdemeanor. Captioned broadly.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$339,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$138,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2194/HB2192 Transferring of a firearm to a purchaser.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Requires a gun dealer to ensure that 14 days have passed since the transaction of a firearm was initiated by the purchaser before transferring the firearm to the purchaser.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2196/HB2448 Required reporting date for the report on the number of victims of female mutilation.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry

Summary: Extends the date of submission of the district attorneys general's report on the number of reported victims of female genital mutilation to the senate judiciary committee and the criminal justice committee of the house to be no later than July 1 of each year instead of no later than January 15 of each year. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2199/HB2456 Deletes an exception to handgun carry.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Chism, Jesse

Summary: Deletes an exception to the offense of carrying a firearm with the intent to go armed for persons carrying a handgun if the person lawfully possesses the handgun, if the person is at least 21 years of age, at least eighteen years of age and an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces, if the person lawfully possesses the handgun, and if is in a place where the person is lawfully present. Broadly Captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2206/HB2680 Deletes an exception to handgun carry.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

Summary: Deletes an exception to the offense of carrying a firearm with the intent to go armed for persons carrying, whether openly or concealed, a handgun if the person lawfully possesses the handgun, is in a place where the person is lawfully present, and the person meets certain age requirements.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2221/HB1658 Creates a Class E felony offense of assault against a participant in judicial proceedings.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Creates the Class E felony offense of assault against a participant in judicial proceedings, which occurs when a person, while on the premises of a building in which judicial proceedings occur, knowingly assaults a victim that the person knows or reasonably should know is present due to the victim's participation in judicial proceedings. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013386) creates the Class E felony offense of assault against a participant in judicial proceedings while on the premises of a building in which judicial proceedings occur.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$25,300 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$1,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2222/HB2395 Requires Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to submit a report of child trafficking to the legislative librarian.

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

Summary: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to submit a report on child and human trafficking crimes and trends in Tennessee and current programs and activities of the bureau's human trafficking unit to the legislative librarian as well as to the governor, and the speakers of each house of the general assembly. Broadly Captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013605) expands the Class C felony offense of intentionally initiating or circulating a report of a past, present, or impending bombing, fire or other emergency to include an active shooter or hostage situation, if the person knows the report is false or baseless and knows: (1) it will cause action of any sort by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with those emergencies, including, but not limited to, action by a special weapons and tactics team or other division of law enforcement designed to deal with high-risk situations; or (2) that it will prevent or interrupt the occupation of a private residence or residential building.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to 03/21/24.

SB2233/HB2958 Storage of firearms.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Creates a Class A misdemeanor under which is an offense for a person to store or keep a firearm on the premises of a residence under the control of the person if the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian of the minor or a resident of the residence is ineligible to possess a firearm under federal or state law.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$118,800 Incarceration

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2259/HB2197 Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act," which creates a process for a person to file a voluntary waiver of firearm rights for the purpose of prohibiting the person from purchasing or possessing a firearm. Provides for a revocation of the voluntary waiver of firearm rights. Creates the offense of selling or transferring a firearm to a person who has executed a voluntary waiver of firearm rights form that has not been revoked.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB2263/HB2198 Threat of mass violence on school property or at a school related activity.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Increases the penalty for threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school related activity from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (013960) enhances the penalty, from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony, for the offense of threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity. Provides an exception for a person with an intellectual disability. House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 2 (015095) prohibits a student from being charged with the offense of threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity unless: (1) the student is 17 years of age or older; and (2) the school has conducted a thorough threat assessment to determine whether the student poses a credible and imminent threat of causing mass violence at the school and, pursuant to such assessment, determines that the student does in fact pose a credible and imminent threat of causing mass violence. Requires the threat assessment be conducted by a knowledgeable team of school personnel, including a school psychologist, a teacher who provides classroom instruction to the student, a school administrator, and other school personnel, as appropriate. Prohibits a student from being charged with the offense of threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity if the threat is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2277/HB2898 Registry for persons convicted of the offense of domestic assault.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

Summary: Requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to create and maintain a registry of persons who have been convicted of the offense of domestic assault that occurred on or after January 1, 2025, who shall be added when they are convicted of or plead guilty to the offense and the victim consents to the defendant being required to register and the defendant is required to pay a registration fee of \$150 to the clerk of the court imposing the sentence. Also details the conditions which must be met in order for a person to be removed from the registry. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$17,200/FY24-25/TBI \$68,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/TBI Increase State Expenditures \$490,900/FY24-25/TBI \$468,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/TBI Increase Local Revenue \$8,600/FY24-25 \$34,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2278/HB2433 Annual report on efforts to prevent the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Allows for the annual report of enforcement efforts against underage use of tobacco, smoking hemp, and vapor products by the department of agriculture to be submitted to the general assembly electronically and published on the department's website. Broadly captioned.
Amendment
Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (015630) directs TACIR to conduct a study on the effects of vaping and the use of vapor products on persons under the age of 21 including the initiation of vapor products, access, and use. TACIR should submit a report of the findings to the general assembly no later than Jan. 31, 2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2280/HB2672 TBI - reporting of findings on criminal background checks.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Requires TBI to report its findings on criminal background checks to persons, organizations, or entities who request such information within five business days of the bureau's completion of the background check.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2287/HB2350 Prohibits permitting a child to have access to a firearm without supervision.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Creates the Class A misdemeanor of knowingly or recklessly permitting a child under 12 years of age to have access to or possession, custody, or use of a firearm unless the person has the permission of the child's parent or guardian, the child is under the supervision of an adult, and the firearm was used for lawful sporting activity.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$23,800 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$1,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years HB 2350 - SB 2287
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2288/HB2352 Requires owner of a firearm to reports its theft within 48 hours.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Requires a person who owns a firearm shall report the loss or theft of the firearm to a law enforcement agency within forty-eight hours of the discovery of the loss or theft. Not reporting the theft is punishable only by a civil penalty, not to exceed five hundred dollars.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2305/HB2881 Creation of a felony offense for the possession of a firearm with the serial number removed.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Todd, Chris
Summary: Imposes a Class E felony on a person to knowingly receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell, transfer or dispose of a firearm that has had the importer's or manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated or altered. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2309/HB2307 Reporting results of HIV test electronically to the victim of assault.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary: Permits the licensed medical laboratory to report the results of the HIV test to the victim of assault electronically. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2337/HB1924 Increases penalty for indecent exposure.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Increases the penalty for indecent exposure from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony if the person was confined in a penal institution at the time of the commission of the offense and if the offense was intended to abuse, torment, harass, or embarrass a guard or staff member of the penal institution. Requires a minimum sentence of 14 days.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$43,100 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$1,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Passage of the proposed legislation will result in an additional increase in state incarceration expenditures for individuals serving consecutive sentences; however, the precise timing and impact is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 02/21/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2342/HB2538 Creation of a criminal offense for threatening to commit an act of mass violence.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary: Creates the criminal offense of recklessly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence and the threat causes a reasonable expectation or reasonable fear of the commission of an act of mass violence.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014483) creates a Class E felony offense for recklessly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence and the threat causes a reasonable expectation or reasonable fear of the commission of an act of mass violence. The classification is enhanced to a Class D felony if: (1) the violation involves threatening to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a school, a house of worship, or a federal, state, or local government, or at a live performance or event; (2) the defendant has one or more prior convictions for such offense or a Class A misdemeanor threat of mass violence on a school property; or (3) the defendant has taken a substantial step towards carrying out an act of mass violence. Requires the court to make every effort to determine whether the defendant is a threat to the public using all available resources, prior to making a bail determination. Authorizes the court to consider evidence or testimony from law enforcement officers, the District Attorney General, a psychologist with forensic experience or training, the Department of Safety, or any other appropriate person in making such a determination. Requires, as a condition of bail or other pretrial release, a court to order a defendant charged with threatening to commit an act of mass violence to undergo a mental health assessment to determine if emergency involuntary admission to a treatment facility is needed. Authorizes a court to also order a defendant to undergo a mental health evaluation to determine whether the defendant is competent to stand trial or the defendant's mental capacity at the time of the commission of the offense. Authorizes a sentencing court to order a person convicted of threatening to commit an act of mass violence to pay restitution. Prohibits a defendant charged with threatening an act of mass violence from being released on bail unless authorized by a judge.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$859,000 Incarceration \$6,305,100/FY24-25/General Fund \$2,101,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ General Fund SB 2342 - HB 2538

Senate Status:

02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment (014483). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2348/HB2511 Persons under 21 years of age allowed to purchase tobacco in aid of an investigation.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary:

Prohibits generally the sale of tobacco products to a person born on or after January 1, 2007. Allows for two exceptions to the prohibition of selling tobacco products to a person born on or after January 1, 2007. Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in vending machines. Defines "hookah," "hookah lounge," and "shisha tobacco product" for purposes of the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Act." (13 pp.).

Senate Status:

02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2388/HB1868 Delivery of trigger crank or bump stocks to purchaser.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Justin

Summary:

Prohibits gun dealers from delivering to a purchaser any part, combination of parts, component, device attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of a firearm until 72 hours have passed from the initial time the sale of the firearm accessory was sought by the purchaser. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status:

02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2397/HB2539 Study of sale and distribution of vapor products to persons under 21 years of age.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary:

Declares that the department of health will work with the department of agriculture in their study and recommendations regarding the effects of the sale and distribution of vapor products to persons under 21 years of age.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (014788) prohibits the sale of vapor products, excluding hemp-derived cannabinoid vapor products, from being sold anywhere except for retail vapor product stores, defined as a retail store that sells vapor products and accessories and restricts access to only those who are 21-one years of age or older. Requires that any person engaged in the sale or distribution of vapor products demand proof of age from any person who enters the retail vapor product store, as soon as practicable, upon entering the building or facility, if such person appears to be under the age of 30. Establishes signage requirements specifically for retail vapor product stores.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee after adopting amendment 1 (014788).

House Status:

03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

SB2405/HB2515 Deletion of the offense of aggravated prostitution.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary:

Deletes the offense of aggravated prostitution. Requires the public records of a person charged with a misdemeanor or a felony offense that has been repealed to be removed and destroyed without cost upon petition by the person. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 7, 2024) Decrease State Expenditures \$42,600/FY24-25 Incarceration \$84,300/FY25-26 Incarceration \$85,300/FY26-27 Incarceration

Senate Status:

02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2411/HB2518 Community supervision sentence for crimes committed under the control of the department of corrections.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary:

Establishes a mandatory sentence of community supervision for 90 days if a person commits certain offenses under the supervision and control of the department. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 21, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/01/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status:

02/27/24 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2415/HB2471 Conditions for a juvenile to be tried as an adult.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Raper, Kevin

Summary:

Expands the conditions for a juvenile to be tried as an adult to include a second or subsequent criminal gang offense or an attempt to commit any qualifying offense for any child less than 17 years of age at the time of the alleged conduct. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$336,900 Incarceration Decrease State Expenditures \$648,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Federal Expenditures \$72,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2438/HB2505 Requirement to maintain ammunition in an area inaccessible to customers.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary: Requires retailers and sellers of firearm ammunition to maintain ammunition in an area inaccessible to a customer in a retail establishment. Classifies a violation as a Class A misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2439/HB2513 Sentencing enhancement factor for a defendant who wears a mask during an offense.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary: Creates a sentencing enhancement factor for a defendant who wears a mask or other device that conceals the defendant's identity during the commission of an offense. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$555,700 Incarceration

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2449/HB2329 Offense of carrying a firearm with the intent to go armed.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Deletes an exception to the offense of carrying a firearm with the intent to go armed for persons carrying, whether openly or concealed, a handgun if the person lawfully possesses the handgun, is in a place where the person is lawfully present, and the person meets certain age requirements.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$7,451,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division \$2,280,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Increase State Expenditures \$3,152,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division \$1,045,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Increase Local Revenue \$685,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2451/HB2331 Assigning officers to suspected homicide cases.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Requires a law enforcement agency to assign a law enforcement officer to begin an investigation of a suspected homicide within the agency's jurisdiction and, in determining which law enforcement officer will lead the investigation, requires the law enforcement agency to assign the investigation to an officer who will be available to investigate the offense for at least two days following the opening of an investigation. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2453/HB2333 Possession or manufacture of a switch or auto sear device made to convert a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Prohibits the possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of a switch or auto sear device designed, made, or adapted to convert a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger, and a firearm built from a weapon parts kit, including a frame or receiver parts kit, and not marked with a serial number, unless certain exceptions apply. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$4,200 Incarceration Other Fiscal Impact The extent of any impacts on state and local tax revenue cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2474/HB2651 Required reports by clerks of each court.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse

Summary: Requires the clerk of each court to compile a monthly report of all criminal fines and fees assessed by the court in the previous month and submit the report to the administrative office of the courts. Requires the administrative office of the courts to create and maintain a statewide database and searchable public website that compiles the reports received by the office from the court clerks. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB2479/HB2928 Quarterly report on information regarding criminal proceedings within a judicial district.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Requires each district attorney general to file a quarterly report with the administrative office of the courts that includes information regarding criminal proceedings within the judicial district. Requires the administrative office of the courts to compile the reports into a quarterly criminal justice report. Requires each law enforcement agency to file a quarterly report with the Tennessee bureau of investigation regarding law enforcement outcomes within the jurisdiction. Requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to compile the reports into a quarterly law enforcement activity report. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2500/HB2667 Expands the definition of crime relative to victims' rights.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Raper, Kevin
Summary: Expands the definition of crime for purposes of determining who is a victim entitled to constitutional and statutory victims' rights to include a violation of an order of protection, restraining order, or no contact order. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2502/HB2082 TBI report on money collected for background checks associated with firearm sales.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Fritts, Monty
Summary: Requires the TBI to submit a report on the amount of money collected for background checks associated with firearm sales in excess of the costs associated with conducting the background checks to the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate by March 1, rather than February 1, of each year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to final calendar.
House Status: 03/12/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 04/02/2024.

SB2507/HB2665 Child adjudicated as a traffic violator.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Slater, William
Summary: Allows for courts to impose a fine of no more than \$50 on a child as well as the child's parent or legal guardian when a child is adjudicated as a traffic violator. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2514/HB2643 The Gabby Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John
Summary: Adds the short title "The Gabby Act" to Chapter 237 of the Public Acts of 2023, which requires district attorneys general to designate one assistant district attorney general as the lead prosecutor in cases involving crimes committed against children and requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to provide annual training to assistant district attorneys designated as lead prosecutors in crimes committed against children. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB2529/HB2932 Sexual offender registry - offender to report any change in social media username.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Sexton, Cameron
Summary: Requires a sexual offender or violent sexual offender to report any change to the offender's social media username to the offender's designated law enforcement agency within three days, excluding holidays. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2531/HB2681 Increase of the penalty for possession of a pill press device.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary: Increases the penalty for use or possession of drug paraphernalia from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony if the drug paraphernalia used or possessed is a pill press device or pieces of a pill press device.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$108,000 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$8,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2554/HB2601 Makes changes to the requirements for investigating sexual offenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Makes various changes to the requirements for investigating sexual offenses, including requiring all law enforcement personnel involved in investigating sexual assault crimes to complete a minimum of 16 hours annually of sensitivity training provided by the POST commission related to interacting with victims of sexual violence and requiring the Tennessee bureau of investigation to complete DNA analysis on any sexual assault evidence collection kit within 90 days of submission. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2555/HB2606 Emergency orders of protection.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Allows a court to issue an emergency protection order upon a finding that a person poses an imminent risk of harm to the person or others if allowed to purchase or possess a firearm. Authorizes a family member, household member, intimate partner, or law enforcement officer to petition for an emergency protection order. Specifies that a person filing a petition for an emergency protection order shall not be required to bear the costs, including any court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes, or any other costs associated with the emergency protection order whether issued inside or outside the state.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$4,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years HB 2606 - SB 2555
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2562/HB1642 **Pretrial release of a defendant charged with a criminal offense.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Revises provisions regarding pretrial release of a defendant charged with a criminal offense to require the magistrate to give first consideration to ensuring the safety of the community when determining whether to impose conditions of release or require a deposit of bail. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 19, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/08/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2563/HB1641 **Violating a condition of release on bail.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense of violating a condition of release on bail. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to arrest a person without a warrant based on probable cause to believe that the person has violated a condition of release. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 22, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Passage of this legislation may result in an increase in state expenditures and a mandatory increase in local government expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years. The extent of such increases cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/07/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2565/HB1719 **Determination of amount of bail.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Removes the defendant's financial condition as a consideration for the magistrate in determining the amount of bail necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant at trial and protect the safety of the public. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013684) requires a magistrate to not consider the defendant's ability to pay when determining the amount of bail necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant while protecting the safety of the public.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/29/24 - Held on House clerk's desk.

SB2566/HB1718 **Conditions of bail.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Requires any conditions of release imposed on a defendant to include a requirement that the defendant submit to pretrial monitoring to ensure compliance with the conditions. Requires the court to order bail to be forfeited and an arrest warrant issued if the defendant does not comply with conditions of release. Limits, to criminal or circuit court judges, those who may release a defendant who has been arrested for failure to comply with the conditions of release. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (014544) requires, if pretrial services are available within the county and a defendant is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony, any conditions of a pretrial release imposed on a defendant to include pretrial monitoring to ensure that the defendant is complying with the conditions. Requires a pretrial monitoring agency to notify the court if a defendant fails to comply with any conditions of release. Requires, upon the defendant's failure to comply with any condition of a bail bond or recognizance release, the court to declare a forfeiture, an if the defendant is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony to issue a warrant for the arrest of a defendant. Establishes that only a criminal or circuit court judge may release a defendant who has been arrested for failure to comply with conditions of release.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 29, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$34,200,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Local jurisdictions will be required to implement assessment and monitoring programs. It is unknown of the staffing and resources needed for each individual county. The total increase in local expenditures cannot be quantified, but will be significant and mandatory. Any decrease in local expenditures due to reduced violations of conditions of release resulting from pretrial monitoring is unknown. There could also be an increase in state expenditures related to increased workload of state trial courts. Additionally, if decisions to release defendants are delayed in state trial courts, there could be an increase in local expenditures related to additional days those defendants spend incarcerated. Due to multiple unknown variables, a precise estimate for these potential impacts cannot be determined at this time.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/12/24 - House Criminal Justice Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014544). Sent to House Finance.

SB2569/HB2126 **Child to be tried as an adult who commits offense of organized retail crime or theft of a firearm.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary: Allows a juvenile court to transfer a child 15 years of age or older to be tried as an adult in criminal court for the offense of organized retail crime, theft of a firearm, or an attempt to commit such offense. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (014134) adds to the bill by revising present law that provides that when a child transferred from juvenile court is detained, the juvenile court may, in its discretion, order confinement in a local juvenile detention facility, or a juvenile detention facility with which it contracts or an adult detention facility separate and removed from adult detainees. This amendment revises the present law by, instead, requiring that when a child transferred from juvenile court is detained, the juvenile court must order confinement in a local juvenile detention facility or a juvenile detention facility with which it contracts, except that the juvenile court may order confinement in an adult detention facility separate and removed from adult detainees if the sheriff affirms to the court that the adult detention facility has the ability to comply with the requirements of existing law, and that the population of the adult detention facility does not exceed the capacity of the facility.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (014134).

SB2571/HB1930 **Parental Accountability Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Creates the Parental Accountability Act. Present law provides that if a child is found to be delinquent, the court must determine if any monetary damages actually resulted from the child's delinquent conduct. Upon a determination that monetary damages resulted from such conduct, the court must order the child to make restitution for such damages unless the court further determines that the specific circumstances of the individual case render such restitution, or a specified portion thereof, inappropriate. The court must also identify whether a restorative justice program addressing loss resulting from a delinquent act is available and may be utilized appropriately in the place of financial restitution. Any financial obligations or restitution assessed against the child or the child's parents, legal custodians, or guardians must be considered collectively with community service work to ensure that the order of disposition is reasonable and, where applicable, prioritizes restitution to the victim. Adds to the present law by providing that if the child is found to be delinquent for a second or subsequent delinquent act, then the court must assess a fine of \$1,000 as part of the disposition. The fine must be assessed against the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian who had custody of the child at the time of the offense. If the court finds the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian is indigent, then the court must order the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian to perform community service work in lieu of the mandatory fine. Specifies that this bill applies to acts committed on or after July 1, 2024.

Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014198) creates the "Parental Accountability Act." Allows that if the child is found to be delinquent for a second or subsequent delinquent act, the court may 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. Allows a restitution order entered must be no less than \$250, if the act committed by the child would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, or no less than \$500, if the act committed by the child would be a felony if committed by an adult. Requires that the restitution order entered must not exceed \$1,000. Allows that if the court finds that the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian is indigent and waives restitution, then the court must order the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian to perform community service work in lieu of the restitution.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$122,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2574/HB1720 Theft of a firearm valued at less than \$60,000.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Increases from Class E and Class D to a Class C felony the classification of theft of a firearm valued at less than \$60,000 and related offenses. Specifies that it is a Class C felony to receive, possess, store, barter, sell, transfer, or dispose of a stolen firearm or firearm ammunition. Clarifies that it is not an offense for a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency to confiscate and dispose of a stolen firearm or firearm ammunition.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,780,800 Incarceration

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2575/HB1721 Adverse employment action for reporting theft of merchandise or organized retail crime.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Prohibits a merchant from taking adverse employment action against an employee based solely on the employee reporting theft of merchandise or organized retail crime to law enforcement. Defines "adverse employment action" as dismissing, demoting, suspending, reducing compensation, or transferring an employee for punitive reasons. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2576/HB2124 Communication with federal officials regarding immigration status.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary: Requires, rather than authorizes, law enforcement agencies to communicate with the appropriate federal official regarding the immigration status of any individual, including reporting knowledge that a particular alien is not lawfully present in the United States or otherwise cooperate with the appropriate federal official in the identification, apprehension, detention, or removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.

SB2599/HB2386 Search warrant for medical records to determine the alcohol or drug content of a person's blood.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary: Authorizes a law enforcement officer to execute a search warrant for medical records or a test to determine the alcohol or drug content, or both, of a person's blood anywhere in the state, rather than in the county in which the warrant was issued. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2610/HB2348 Support of terrorist organizations.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Prohibits an entity supported in whole or in part by public funds from knowingly providing meeting spaces or other forums, including, but not limited to, electronic and print platforms, to a designated entity by which the designated entity may solicit material support, recruit new members, encourage violent action, or advocate divisive concepts. Specifies a violation of the prohibition as a Class E felony, punishable only by a fine of up to \$3,000.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (014237) creates a Class E felony offense, punishable only by a fine of up to \$3,000, for an entity that is supported in whole or in part by public funds to knowingly provide meeting spaces or other forums, including, but not limited to, electronic and print platforms, to any of the following for the purpose of soliciting material support, recruiting new members, encouraging violent action, or advocating divisive concepts: (1) any entity designated by the United States Department of State as a foreign terrorist organization or by the United States Department of the Treasury as a specially designated national; (2) a group or organization found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have engaged in an act of terrorism; or (3) a group or organization that receives financial or other support from a designated entity.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

SB2613/HB2603 Exemptions from the offense of criminal abortion.*Sponsors:* Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Johnson, Gloria*Summary:* Exempts from the offense of criminal abortion an abortion that is performed or attempted by a licensed physician in a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center on a patient who is under 13 years of age. Requires the physician to confirm the patient's date of birth prior to performing or attempting to perform the abortion. Broadly captioned.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT*Senate Status:* 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.*House Status:* 02/20/24 - Failed in House Population Health Subcommittee.**SB2626/HB2702 Offenses involving theft or use of a firearm - child transferred to sheriff of the county.***Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary*Summary:* Requires the juvenile court to transfer a child to the sheriff of the county to be held according to law and dealt with as an adult in the criminal court if the child is charged with an offense involving theft of a firearm or a felony offense involving the use of a firearm and the child was 14 or older at the time of the alleged conduct. Broadly captioned.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 10, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,268,700 Incarceration Decrease State Expenditures \$7,489,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Federal Expenditures \$832,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*Senate Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.*House Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.**SB2630/HB1617 Filing of request to terminate requirement to register as a sexual offender.***Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Richey, Bryan*Summary:* Extends the required time from 10 years to 15 years following the termination of probation or release from incarceration before an offender convicted of a sexual offense can file for the termination of registration requirements with the TBI.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$3,800/FY34-35 \$7,700/FY35-36 \$11,500/FY36-37 \$15,300/FY37-38 \$19,100/FY38-39 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$7,700/FY34-35 \$15,300/FY35-36 \$23,000/FY36-37 \$30,600/FY37-38 \$38,300/FY38-39 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Additional staff for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation may be necessary in the future; the extent and timing of any increase in expenditures cannot be determined at this time.*Senate Status:* 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to Final Calendar.*House Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.**SB2656/HB1822 Reporting of information about orders for wiretapping and electronic surveillance.***Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Gillespie, John*Summary:* Changes the reporting month from January to March for when the attorney general and reporter must report information about orders for wiretapping and electronic surveillance to the administrative office of the United States courts, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT*Senate Status:* 03/14/24 - Senate passed.*House Status:* 03/11/24 - House passed.*Executive Status:* 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.**SB2657/HB2789 Creates the offense of aggravated patronizing prostitution.***Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Littleton, Mary*Summary:* Creates the offense of aggravated patronizing prostitution when a person infected with HIV knowingly patronized prostitution and engages in sexual activity. Requires testing of a person initially arrested for aggravated patronizing prostitution for HIV. Broadly captioned.*Senate Status:* 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.*House Status:* 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.**SB2662/HB1817 Offense of child endangerment by a parent or custodian.***Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Littleton, Mary*Summary:* Increases the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony for the offense of child endangerment by a parent or custodian of a child eight years of age or less if the parent or guardian knowingly exposes the child to, or knowingly fails to protect the child from, abuse or neglect resulting in physical injury or imminent danger to the child; increases the penalty from a Class D felony to a Class B felony for a person who negligently, by act or omission, engages in conduct that places a child eight years of age or less in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment. Broadly captioned.*Amendment Summary:* House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (014635) enhances, from a Class D felony to a Class B felony, the penalty for a person who negligently, by act or omission, engages in conduct that places a child eight years of age or less in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,002,500 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$44,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*Senate Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.*House Status:* 03/11/24 - House deferred to next available calendar.**SB2668/HB2163 Sexual exploitation of children - images created by artificial intelligence.***Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Littleton, Mary*Summary:* Expands the definition of material in relation to the sexual exploitation of children to include any computer image, or computer-generated image, including an image created, adapted, or modified by artificial intelligence. Also introduces a definition for artificial intelligence. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014522) clarifies, for the purposes of sexual exploitation of children offenses, that the term "material" includes computer-generated images created, adapted, or modified by artificial intelligence. Defines "artificial intelligence" and "generative artificial intelligence".

Summary:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014522). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/11/24 - House passed.

SB2669/HB1911 Increase of penalties for violations of unlawful photography.

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

Summary: Increases the penalties for unlawful photography if the person is convicted of distributing the photography or if the victim is under the age of 18. Requires the court to require a person convicted of these offenses to register as a sexual offender.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$1,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Increase State Expenditures \$267,100 Incarceration Increase Local Revenue \$2,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$19,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years HB 1911 SB 2669

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2679/HB2630 Cash bail deposits presented by charitable bail organizations.

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

Summary: Prohibits a clerk of court from accepting a cash bail deposit presented by a charitable bail organization on behalf of a defendant. Excludes a person soliciting donations with respect to a defendant who is related to the person by blood, marriage, or adoption from the meaning of "charitable bail organization." Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2696/HB2279 Sexual offender registry - offenses that constitute a violent juvenile sexual offense.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Expands the definition of Violent juvenile sexual offense for the purposes of registering the offender to include an offense where the victim is less than four years younger than the offender and the judge orders that the juvenile be required to register as a violent juvenile sexual offender with consideration to the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense. Broadly captioned.

Amendment House amendment 1 (014385) clarifies that a "violent juvenile sexual offense" includes, in addition to other offenses, the rape of a child if (i) the victim is at least four years younger than the offender; or (ii) for acts occurring on or after July 1, 2024, the victim is less than four years younger than the offender, and the judge, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the delinquent act, orders that the juvenile be required to register as a violent juvenile sexual offender.

Summary:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/11/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (014385).

SB2700/HB2077 Instigation - offense creation.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary: Creates the offense of instigation. Requires an affiant to file an affidavit for abeyance when requesting an arrest warrant. Permits a citizen's arrest following two verbal notices for the offense of trespassing. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2710/HB2814 Raises the penalty for the offense of drag racing.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Raises the penalty for the offense of drag racing from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$134,300 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$10,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2720/HB2918 Report on offenses that occur within a penal institution.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Allows the warden or chief administrative officer's report to the district attorney general of certain offenses that occur within a penal institution to be submitted electronically. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2721/HB2917 Report on offenses that occur within a penal institution.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Allows the warden or chief administrative officer's report to the district attorney general of certain offenses that occur within a penal institution to be submitted electronically. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2722/HB2703 Deletes obsolete requirements for a joint report on juvenile justice data collection.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Removes the requirement for a joint report addressing statewide data collection in the juvenile justice system by the administrative office of the courts, the department of children's services, and the commission on children and youth.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2725/HB2785 Revises elements of first-degree murder.

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: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2736/HB2812 Right to a justifiable use of force hearing prior to trial.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary: Grants a defendant who has been charged with a criminal offense based on the use of force or threatened use of force and who asserts that the force was justified by law the right to a justifiable use of force hearing prior to trial, at which the prosecution has the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the use of force was unlawful. Requires the court to dismiss the criminal charges and find the defendant immune from criminal prosecution if the prosecution fails to meet that burden. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2740/HB2939 Coercing a victim of a sexual offense not to report the offense to law enforcement.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo
Summary: Creates a Class E felony for a person who witnesses a sexual offense or sexual exploitation of children and, by means of coercion, intentionally influences or attempts to influence the victim to not report the offense, provide false information to law enforcement, or withhold any truthful information, document, or thing from law enforcement.
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2759/HB2778 Validated risk and needs assessment for delinquent child.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie
Summary: Changes the time frame within which each delinquent child ordered to probation supervision or committed to the custody of the department of children's services must undergo a validated risk and needs assessment to inform supervision levels, referrals to programs, and case planning from within seven days of the court's disposition to within five days of the court's disposition. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2763/HB2035 Extreme risk protection orders.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Barrett, Jody
Summary: Preempts the entire field of legislation regarding extreme risk protection orders to the exclusion of all county, city, town, municipality, or metropolitan government laws, ordinances, resolutions, enactments, or regulations. Declares a federal statute, rule, executive order, or federal judicial order that has the effect of enforcing an extreme risk protection order to be null and void. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense of attempting to enforce a federally implemented extreme risk protection order. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 02/20/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB2768/HB2821 Sentencing for first-degree murder.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Reduces the percentage of sentence that a person convicted of first-degree murder on or after July 1, 1995, and sentenced to life imprisonment is required to serve before becoming eligible for release from 100% of 60 years less sentence credits earned and retained to 60 percent of 60 years less sentence credits earned and retained. Prohibits a defendant becoming eligible for parole before serving 25 years of the sentence, if the defendant was 25 years of age or younger at the time of the offense, or 30 years of the sentence, if the defendant was 26 years of age or older at the time of the offense. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Passage of the proposed legislation may lead to a decrease in state incarceration expenditures. The extent and timing of any such decrease cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2770/HB1872 Enhancement of criminal penalties upon conviction of violent crimes by illegal aliens.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Fritts, Monty

Summary: Allows for a court to enhance the statutory penalty up to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole when an illegal alien commits a violent crime, an illegal alien is using or displaying a deadly weapon when convicted, or there is a conviction for a violent crime which occurred on the property of a school. Also requires that any arrest and conviction that the enhancement factors would apply to is reported to the Tennessee bureau of investigation's human trafficking advisory council. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (014625) authorizes a court to enhance the statutory penalty up to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole for a conviction under the following circumstances: (1) the conviction is for the commission of a violent crime and the defendant was an illegal alien at the time the offense was committed; (2) the conviction involves the use or display of a deadly weapon and the defendant was an illegal alien at the time the offense was committed; or (3) the conviction is for the commission of a violent crime committed by an adult and the offense occurred on the property of a school. Specifies that a judge may consider whether a defendant is lawfully present in the state when making a determination as to: (1) whether or not a defendant should be released on bail; and (2) the amount of bail necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant while at the same time protecting the safety of the public. Requires an arrest and subsequent conviction to which certain enhancement factors apply to be reported to the Department of Safety (DOS).

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2773/HB1622 Annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police 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. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$403,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House State Government Committee recommended. Sent to House Finance.

SB2777/HB2495 Positive prenatal or newborn drug screening result of cannabinoids excluded from the definition of child abuse.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Excludes a positive prenatal or newborn drug screening test result for cannabinoids from as constituting child abuse. Additionally, excludes a child under eight years old that tests positive in a drug test due to exposure to cannabinoids that occurred in utero from severe child abuse.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2781/HB1949 Expands the offense of observation without consent.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Expands the offense of observation without consent to include a person or entity that adopts rules or enforces a policy or other work-related guidance for employees or contractors to promote or assist in the commission of observation without consent in a place where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, including a restroom, locker room, dressing room, or shower, designated for multi-person, single-sex use. Creates a civil action for invasion of privacy based on a violation of observation without consent.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (013840) changes the definition of the offense of observation without consent to require that the viewing: (1) would offend or embarrass an ordinary person if the person knew the person was being viewed: or (2) was for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification of the defendant, as opposed to requiring both criteria to occur. Expands the offense of observation without consent to include a person or entity that adopts rules or enforces a policy or other work-related guidance for employees or contractors to promote or assist in the commission of observation without consent in a place where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, including, but not limited to, a restroom, locker room, dressing room, or shower, designated for multi-person, single-sex use. Establishes that incidental viewing by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other official first responder while performing official duties or providing essential services, or incidental viewing by a person who is sincerely acting in a good Samaritan capacity while rendering first aid or humanitarian, medical, or rescue assistance or other actions that would be judged by an ordinary person to be reasonable or appropriate, does not constitute the offense of observation without consent. Creates a civil action for invasion of privacy based on a violation of observation without consent.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2788/HB2883 Carrying of handguns in public schools buildings and buses by law enforcement officers.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Allows law enforcement officers, whether on-duty or off-duty, retired law enforcement officers, active duty and retired members of the armed forces of the United States, whether in discharge of official duties or not, and enhanced handgun carry permit holders, except in certain circumstances, to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, with or without the intent to go armed, a handgun in any Pre-K-12 public school building or bus, school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field, or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any public board of education or Pre-K-12 school. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Liability insurance expenditures for schools is estimated to increase; however, the precise amount or timing of the increase cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to Final Calendar.

House Status: 03/05/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/2024.

SB2802/HB2078 Transportation of illegal aliens.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Richey, Bryan

Summary: Prohibits any person from transporting an illegal alien into this state. Increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the fine for transporting illegal aliens. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (015062) revises the offense of unlawfully transporting an illegal alien from applying to those that do so for the purpose of commercial advantage or private financial gain to applying to any person or entity who does so knowingly or recklessly. Increases the fine for a violation of the offense from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Removes immunity for common carriers to the offense. Clarifies that the offense does not apply to the transportation of children in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Children's Services (DCS), a law enforcement officer who is transporting an individual in the course of the officer's official duties, or the transportation of an individual by the Department of Correction (DOC).

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2804/HB2912 Minimum number of criminal investigators from TBI that must be detailed to serve in each grand division.

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

Summary: Reduces the minimum number of criminal investigators from the criminal investigation division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation that must be normally detailed to serve in each grand division of the state from two to one. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2814/HB2385 Report of epinephrine administration by a law enforcement officer.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Marsh, Pat

Summary: Allows for a law enforcement officer who administered epinephrine to file a record of the event with the appropriate local emergency medical services agency electronically. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2817/HB2101 Mental health adjudications regarding children - reporting requirements for juvenile court clerk.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Requires a court that makes mental health adjudications regarding children to enter a standing and continuing order instructing the juvenile court clerk to collect and report certain information regarding children who have been adjudicated as a mental defective or judicially committed to a mental institution within three business days for the purposes of complying with federal law. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2835/HB1653 Release of records related to school shooting incident.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Upon written request by a member of the general assembly, requires all state and local law enforcement agencies to release to the member making the request a copy of all records collected by the agency, including, but not limited to, all writings and medical, toxicology, and other reports, of a perpetrator involved in a school shooting incident that occurred at a public or private school in this state in March of 2023. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2848/HB2811 Filing of a petition for post-conviction relief alleging actual innocence based on new evidence.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Hulsey, Bud

Summary: Allows for the filing of a petition for post-conviction relief alleging actual innocence based on new evidence when a petition has not been previously filed and determined based on the same evidence. Requires a court to vacate and set aside a conviction if the court determines the petitioner has shown it is more likely than not that no reasonable judge or juror would have convicted the petitioner of the offense if the new evidence had been known by the judge or jury at the time guilt was determined or at the time of conviction. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent a hearing is held and a defendants conviction is vacated, there will be a reduction in state incarceration expenditures. The timing and amount of any sentence reduction is unknown and unable to be determined with reasonable certainty. Any increase in expenditures to the Indigent Defense Fund is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably quantified.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2871/HB1954 Increases penalty for illegally transferring a firearm to a minor.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Increases the penalty for illegally transferring a firearm to a minor from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony and requires that an adult who is convicted be punished as criminally responsible for any resulting crime. Creates the Class D felony offense of inducing or coercing a minor to commit theft of a firearm, robbery, burglary, or aggravated burglary involving theft of a firearm.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013908) creates a Class D felony offense for knowingly inducing or coercing a minor to commit one of the following offenses: (1) theft of a firearm; (2) robbery involving theft of a firearm; (3) aggravated robbery involving theft of a firearm; (4) especially aggravated robbery involving theft of a firearm; (5) burglary involving theft of a firearm; (6) aggravated burglary involving theft of a firearm; or (7) especially aggravated burglary involving theft of a firearm. Enhances the penalty, from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony, for a person who commits the offense of intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly selling, loaning or making a gift of a firearm to a minor. Effective October 1, 2024.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,613,600 Incarceration Decrease Local Expenditures \$100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact There will be additional increases in state expenditures related to an increase in admissions for adults who are criminally responsible for offenses minors commit with unlawfully sold, loaned, or gifted firearms. The extent and timing of any such impacts cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2874/HB2947 Time frame for law enforcement agency to submit sexual assault evidence kit to TBI.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: Decreases from 30 to 15, the number of days a law enforcement agency, after taking possession of a sexual assault evidence collection kit with the victim's name affixed to it, shall submit the kit to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation or similar qualified laboratory for either serology or deoxyribonucleic acid testing. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2878/HB2960 Restitution - violation that resulted in death of a parent of a minor child.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Adds first-degree murder, second-degree murder, and voluntary manslaughter to the offenses for which a defendant, who has been convicted of a violation that resulted in the death of a parent of a minor child, must pay restitution in the form of child maintenance to each of the victim's children until each child reaches 18 and has graduated from high school.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2888/HB2965 Criminal offense of child endangerment.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Includes engaging in domestic abuse of a member of a child's household or immediate family in the presence of the child as an act that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment when determining a criminal offense of child abuse, neglect or endangerment.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$10,748,100 Incarceration Increase Local Expenditures \$162,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to the final calendar.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2911/HB1600 Juvenile offenders - prohibits purchase or possession of a firearm.

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

Summary: Prohibits the purchase or possession of a firearm by a person under 25 years of age if the person was previously adjudicated delinquent for an act that, if committed by an adult, would have constituted one or more certain offenses. Allows TBI access to juvenile court records for the limited purpose of performing a background check prior to the purchase or transfer of a firearm to determine whether a person has been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental health institution at 16 years of age or older, as required by federal law, or is prohibited from purchasing a firearm because of an adjudication as delinquent.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures - \$9,700/FY25-26* Exceeds \$9,700/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years* HB 1600 SB 2911

Senate Status: 02/15/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2937/HB2933 Documenting of psychotropic drug use by deceased individuals.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Requires the medical examiner's office or regional forensic center to ascertain and document current psychotropic drug use, and prescription drug use from the past 10 years, by a deceased individual who died under suspicious, unusual, or unnatural circumstances, and any blood, tissue, or other tests as necessary. Requires the medical examiner's office to disclose the psychotropic drug use of the individual to the public, to ensure accurate vital statistics relating to homicides and suicides. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

EDUCATION

SB1576/HB1604 Financial assistance for dependents of disabled veterans.

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

Summary: Waives tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees, and required registration or matriculation fees to a public institution of higher education for dependent children of veterans who are residents of this state and who are 100 percent permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected injury. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$2,357,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions Exceeds \$1,447,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee College System Exceeds \$448,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents College System Decrease State Expenditures Exceeds \$141,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c). The precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/22/24 - Taken off notice in House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB1589/HB1627 Safety school grants to be used for the purchase of a wearable emergency alert system for teachers.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Lynn, Susan

Summary: Requires the department of education to award school safety grants to LEAs, public charter schools, private schools, and church-related schools for the purchase of a wearable emergency alert system for teachers and substitute teachers employed by the school or school system. Requires the department to annually study and collect data regarding the school safety grants and report its findings to the education committees of the house and senate.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) Increases State Expenditures \$30,344,400/FY24-25 Increase Local Revenue \$23,973,300/FY24-25/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures \$23,973,300/FY24-25/Permissive \$13,700,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact The extent and timing of any increase in the number of teachers eligible to receive a grant, prior to the termination of the grant program, is unknown. Therefore, any increases in future appropriations in FY25-26 and FY26-27 cannot be estimated. SB 1589 - HB 1627

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Withdrawn in Senate.

House Status: 01/29/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1647/HB1929 Tuition discount for children of Tennessee Army National Guard members.

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

Summary: Provides a 25 percent discount on the tuition charged by a state institution of higher education to the child of an active or retired member of the Tennessee Army National Guard or the Tennessee Air National Guard.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$939,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions Exceeds \$576,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee System Exceeds \$178,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents Decrease State Expenditures Exceeds \$113,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for fee discount and waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c); the precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 02/07/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB1656/HB1847 Employment of school counselors.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Requires the department of education to allocate to each local education agency sufficient funds for the LEA to employ one full-time licensed professional school counselor position for every 250 student members of the LEA or one full-time position for each LEA and public charter school within the LEA, whichever is greater. Requires each LEA and public charter school to employ a licensed professional school counselor for each position funded. Specifies that the funds allocated to an LEA pursuant to this section are in addition to the funds allocated to the LEA for purposes of the TISA. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$277,674,300/FY24-25 Exceeds \$278,966,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$3,825,000/FY24-25* Exceeds \$45,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House K-12 Subcommittee for lack of a second motion.

SB1663/HB1697 Pretest administered to students participating in an after-school learning mini-camp.

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

Summary: Removes the requirement that LEAs administer a pretest to students participating in an after-school learning mini-camp, learning loss bridge camp, or summer learning camp. Deletes various reporting, funding, and accountability provisions regarding such pretests. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) Decrease State Expenditures \$600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$3,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/11/24 - House deferred to next available calendar.

SB1665/HB1699 School safety training requirement for substitute teachers.

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

Summary: Requires local boards of education to include school safety training in the training requirements for substitute teachers. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1672/HB2132 Age eligibility for the Tennessee reconnect grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Powers, Dennis

Summary: Reduces, from 23 to 21, the minimum age required for a student to be eligible for the Tennessee reconnect grant.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$4,953,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact Funding in an amount estimated to be \$4,953,300 in FY24-25 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Senate Status: 02/07/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB1679/HB1644 Policy for responding to fire alarm activated on school premises outside of a scheduled fire drill.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Requires each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school to develop a policy to direct how students, teachers, and staff are to respond when a fire alarm is activated on school premises outside of a scheduled fire drill to protect students, teachers, and staff in the event the fire alarm was activated due to the presence of an active shooter on school premises. Requires each LEA to coordinate with appropriate safety teams to incorporate the procedure. Specifies that the procedure must be implemented no later than July 1, 2024.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House amendment 1 (011585) rewrites this bill to, instead, require the following: (1) That each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school develop a procedure for determining the cause of a fire alarm activation, including the potential for an active shooter event. The procedure must (i) be developed in consultation with local fire department and law enforcement officials, (ii) comply with applicable fire and building codes, and (iii) include response procedures for students and school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers, after a determination is made regarding whether the emergency situation involves a fire, an active shooter, or other incident; (2) That each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school annually train all school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers, on the safety procedure; and (3) That each LEA, and to the extent applicable, each public charter school, coordinate with its district-wide school safety team and building-level school safety team to incorporate the procedure in its district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan. Each procedure must be implemented no later than January 1, 2025, and must be annually reviewed and updated, if necessary, to ensure the procedure reflects best practices for the safety of students and school staff, including substitute teachers and other part-time staff and school volunteers.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/08/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (011585).

Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1680/HB1700 School buses - procedures concerning persons improperly on bus.

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

Summary: Requires each LEA to post a conspicuous notice on all school buses in operation in the LEA notifying others that no person shall enter onto school buses except those authorized by law. Also requires the training standards for school bus drivers established by the department of education and the department of safety to include procedures concerning persons improperly on school buses. Requires student transportation management training for transportation supervisors appointed by local LEAs, charter schools, and charter management organizations to include procedures concerning persons improperly on school buses.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1688/HB1831 Voluntary student retainment.

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

Summary: Allows the parent or guardian of a student with a documented academic or behavioral delay to voluntarily retain the student in the student's current grade level. Requires the LEA or public charter school in which such student is enrolled to retain the student in the student's current grade level at the request of the student's parent or guardian unless the student has already been retained in that grade level. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (014289) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Authorizes a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in any of the grades K-2 to elect to retain the parent's or guardian's student in the student's current grade level if the student has a documented academic or behavioral delay and the parent or guardian believes that retention may benefit the student; (2) Clarifies that the bill does not supersede an LEA's or public charter school's obligation to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974, or any other federal or state law related to students with disabilities and English language learners; and (3) Requires the state board of education to also promulgate emergency rules, if necessary.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/07/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014289).

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1689/HB2098 Work-based learning program to earn additional credits.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Cochran, Mark

Summary: Increases the number of credits, from three to four, a student in a work-based learning program can earn in a year. Reduces the number of hours of supervised work experience, from 10 to five, required for a student in a work-based learning program to earn one additional credit. Reduces the number of hours of supervised work experience, from 20 to five, required for a student in a work-based learning program to earn additional credits.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/21/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1691/HB1797 Student member of the state board of education.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Carringer, Michele

Summary: Requires the public high school in which the public high school student member of the state board of education is enrolled to count the student as present for time the student spends performing the student's duties as a member of the state board of education.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1696/HB1724 Textbooks and instructional materials that are prohibited from use in public schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary: Expands the category of textbooks and instructional materials that are prohibited from use in a public school in this state from those created to align exclusively with the Common Core State Standards to those that are aligned to, associated with, or derived from the Common Core State Standards.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

SB1701/HB1789 Educator licensure actions taken by the state board of education.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Slater, William
Summary: Clarifies that any educator who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere or convicted of certain criminal offenses are subject to an automatic revocation of an educator license. Requires a director of schools, public charter school, or nonpublic school to report the licensed educator to the state board following the director becoming aware of the educator's offense conviction or plea.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1708/HB1631 Private schools - adoption of handgun carry policies.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Clarifies that a private school serving students in any of the grades pre-K through 12 is authorized to adopt a handgun carry policy for the private school's property.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.

SB1711/HB1630 Policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence technology by students, teachers.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Requires the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, the board of regents, and each local governing board of trustees of a state university to promulgate rules regarding the use of artificial intelligence technology by students, faculty, and staff for instructional and assignment purposes. Also requires each local board of education and governing body of a public charter school to adopt a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence technology by students, teachers, faculty, and staff for instructional and assignment purposes.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (012646) requires the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education and the governing body of each local education agency (LEA) and each public charter school to adopt a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence by students, faculty, and staff for instructional and assignment purposes. Requires the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education to post the policy on each institution's website and to submit the policy to the Chair of the Education Committee of the Senate and the Chair of the Education Administration Committee of the House of Representatives no later than July 1, 2025. Requires the board of each LEA and public charter school to report to the Department of Education such adopted policies and methods of enforcement for the upcoming school year.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (012646).
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1712/HB1655 Mathematics Supports Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Requires the department of education to identify and approve at least one standards-aligned professional development course on mathematics instruction skills that is available, at no cost, to teachers in kindergarten through grade eight. Requires the department to revise the standards for high school students participating in a teaching-as-a-profession career pathway to include standards-aligned mathematics instruction skills in alignment with the professional development course on mathematics instruction skills identified and approved by the department. Requires the department to review and evaluate the mathematics professional development options available in Tennessee. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (012356) creates the Mathematics Supports Act. Requires the Department of Education (DOE), by July 1, 2025, to: (1) conduct a landscape analysis of mathematics education; (2) convene a mathematics expert review committee to help identify a professional development course on mathematics instruction skills; and (3) identify and approve at least one standards-aligned professional development course on mathematics instruction skills that is available, at no cost, to teachers in kindergarten through grade eight. Requires the DOE to report the findings of the landscape analysis and the review committee to the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 31, 2025. Requires the DOE to revise the standards for high school students participating in a teaching-as-a-profession career pathway to include standards-aligned mathematics instruction skills by August 1, 2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 19, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (012356).
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1715/HB1664 Law enforcement officers assigned as school resource officers.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Warner, Todd
Summary: Authorizes a law enforcement agency to assign a law enforcement officer to serve as a school resource officer at a school within a local board of education's control that has not entered into a memorandum of understanding with a law enforcement agency to assign a school resource officer to the school. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB1718/HB1709 Child care assistance for teachers employed in a public school.

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

Summary: Authorizes each LEA and public charter school to reimburse full-time teachers 66% of the child care expenses paid each month by the teacher for the teacher's dependent child to receive child care services through a child care program certified by the department of education or a child care agency licensed by the department of human services. Requires, subject to appropriation, the state to reimburse LEAs and public charter schools a portion of any such monthly reimbursement amount paid by the LEA or public charter school.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/22/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1721/HB1633 Creation of de-escalation training for teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Requires the department of safety to create de-escalation training for teachers, administrators, and other school personnel. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to ensure that the LEA's or public charter school's teachers, administrators, and other school personnel annually receive the de-escalation training beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB1722/HB1605 Flags displayed in schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Prohibits an LEA or a public charter school from displaying any flag other than the official United States flag and the official Tennessee state flag on or in a public school.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013663) prohibits a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school from displaying, or permitting any of its employees or agents to display, any flag other than certain identified flags on or in a public school. Authorizes a parent of a student who attends, or who is eligible to attend, a school operated by an LEA or public charter school to file a civil action against the LEA or public charter school in chancery court to enforce the act, if the LEA or public charter school does not remedy a violation within 10 days of receiving a written notice of the violation from the parent. House amendment 2 (014401) adds that only a current, official flag of a country or political subdivision thereof may be displayed. Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (014290) prohibits a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school from displaying, or permitting any of its employees or agents to display, any flag other than certain identified flags on or in a public school. Authorizes a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee to file a civil action against the LEA or public charter school in which the student is enrolled, or the school employee is employed, in chancery court, if the LEA or public charter school does not remedy a violation within 10 days of receiving a written notice of the violation from the student, parent or guardian, or school employee.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 6, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/21/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014290). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013663) and amendment 2 (014401).

SB1724/HB1793 Approval for school bus in eighteenth year of service to continue to be operated.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Requires, for the purpose of receiving the commissioner of safety's approval for a conventional or Class D school bus in its eighteenth year of service to be operated for additional years, the bus to have less than 300,000 miles, instead of less than 200,000 miles. Requires a bus that has been approved to operate beyond its eighteenth year to be discontinued once it reaches 300,000 miles, instead of 200,000 miles.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$355,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Department of Safety Increase State Expenditures \$414,200/FY24-25/Department of Safety \$340,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Department of Safety Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown variables, the net decrease in local expenditures cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB1726/HB2826 Development of a conflict resolution program to be implemented by LEAs and public charter schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Camper, Karen

Summary: Requires the department, using existing resources, to develop a conflict resolution program that may be adopted and implemented by LEAs and public charter schools to assist students in any of the grades K-12 in developing the skills necessary for nonviolent conflict resolution. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (013527) requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a conflict resolution program which local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools must adopt and implement for students in grade kindergarten to 12.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Education Administration Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB1745/HB1837 Sharing of students' personal information.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Prohibits a public institution of higher learning that holds personal information of students, including campus or home addresses and phone numbers, from sharing the personal information with a third party, unless the third party agrees in writing that the personal information will only be used for the purpose for which information is originally requested. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (012682) prohibits a public institution of higher learning from sharing its students' personal information with a third party that has contracted with the public institution to input personal information of students for administrative purposes, unless the third party agrees in writing that the personal information will only be used for the purpose for which the information was originally provided to the third party.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (012682).

Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1748/HB1736 Civics education in eighth grade.

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

Summary: Requires the department of education to recommend, and the state board of education to adopt, academic standards for a year-long course in civics education for students in eighth grade. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to implement the year-long course in civics education for students in eighth grade beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$184,600/FY23-24 Other Fiscal Impact To the extent LEAs and public charter schools require additional resources in order to incorporate a year-long course in civics education for students in eighth grade, a mandatory increase in local expenditures will occur. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise local fiscal impact cannot reasonably be determined. *

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Education Instruction Subcommittee.

SB1752/HB1809 Student eligibility for a Tennessee Promise Scholarship.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Extends eligibility for a Tennessee Promise scholarship to students who are enrolled full-time in a private, for-profit trade school that has been approved by the Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners to operate in this state for at least 10 consecutive years, that is accredited by the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc., and that is authorized by the THEC to offer diploma programs in cosmetology, esthiology, and master barbering.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$70,800/FY24-25/Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account Exceeds \$106,700/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB1773/HB1936 Career readiness assessments for high school seniors.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Haston, Kirk

Summary: Extends the option for high school seniors attending LEAs and public charter schools to take nationally recognized assessments to each subsequent school year beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$85,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/07/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1783/HB2184 Tennessee Promise completion grant for students.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Reallocates 5% of the privilege tax collected from licensees that offer sports wagering in this state from the lottery for education account to a new Tennessee Promise completion grant special account created to assist the commission in awarding completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students. Makes the four-year pilot program established by the commission to award completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students permanent.

Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (013368) creates the Tennessee Promise Completion Grant Special Account (TPCGSA). Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to annually determine an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to distribute to the TPCGSA from the funds deposited into the Lottery for Education Account (LFEA) pursuant to privilege tax collections under the Tennessee Sports Gaming Act for purposes of awarding completion grants. Extend indefinitely the four-year pilot program to award completion grants to Tennessee Promise scholarship students, currently set to sunset in the 2024-2025 academic year. Removes the requirements that any funds that remain unexpended at the conclusion of the pilot program revert to the General Fund. Requires any money in the TPCGSA to be used to award completion grants beginning July 1, 2027, for the academic years 2027-2028 and each year thereafter. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to ensure that each qualified student eligible for completion grants is assigned a coach under program and has access to a completion grant amount of no more than \$1,000 each semester.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$4,182,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Promise Completion Grant Special Account Decrease State Revenue \$4,182,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact The level of expenditures from the Tennessee Promise Completion Grant Special Account, beginning in FY27-28, cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. The total amount available for such expenditures is estimated to be \$12,547,100 in FY27-28, with an additional allocation of \$4,182,400 in each subsequent year. Funding in an amount of \$4,182,400 in FY24-25 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Senate Status: 02/14/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013368). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB1788/HB1965 Prohibits the use of corporal punishment against students.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Prohibits the use of corporal punishment against students and deletes various provisions relative to the use of corporal punishment. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1790/HB1844 Free school lunch and breakfast program.

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 provides free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in a school under the board's jurisdiction. Requires the state to reimburse each LEA the cost of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in the LEA after all federal funds available pursuant to the national school lunch program, the school breakfast program created by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, or another federal program have been applied.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact If all schools that qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision elect to participate in FY24-25, it is estimated that the increase in state expenditures would be \$272,051,600, the increase to federal expenditures would be \$474,715,500, and the increase in local revenue would be \$746,767,100. Some LEAs may incur both a mandatory decrease in revenue and mandatory increase in expenditures as a result of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student. However, due to multiple variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House K-12 Subcommittee for lack of a second motion.

SB1795/HB1865 Age of eligibility to attend school.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Barrett, Jody

Summary: Changes from August 15 to May 15 the date by which a child must be five years of age in order to enroll in kindergarten. Removes authorization for directors of schools to allow early enrollment in kindergarten for emotionally mature students who do not otherwise qualify for enrollment based on their birth date.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (013855) changes, from August 15th to May 15th, the date by which a child must be five years old in order to enroll in kindergarten. Removes authorization for a director of schools to allow early enrollment in kindergarten for emotionally and academically mature students who are not eligible based on their date of birth. Changes from August 15th to May 15th, the date by which: 1) an at-risk child must be four years of age to attend certain voluntary pre-kindergarten programs (VPK); and 2) a child who is not at-risk must be three or four years of age to attend VPK, if capacity allows. Effective January 1, 2025, and applies to the 2025-26 school year and each school year thereafter.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The proposed legislation will reduce student enrollment in kindergarten classrooms throughout the state, beginning in FY24-25, which will impact the amount of funds generated by the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement in FY25-26 and subsequent years. Actual expenditures will decrease in FY25-26 and subsequent years due to fewer students eligible to attend kindergarten. An increase in voluntary pre-kindergarten enrollment may occur as a result and require increased appropriations beginning in FY24-25 to accommodate such increase. However, due to multiple unknown variables, a precise recurring fiscal impact cannot be determined.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/20/24 - Failed in House K-12 Subcommittee after adopting 1 (013855).

SB1796/HB1866 TCAP tests administered to students enrolled in a virtual school.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Barrett, Jody

Summary: Specifies that Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests may be administered to students enrolled in a virtual school in an online setting. The department of education shall ensure that TCAP tests administered to virtual school students in an online setting are administered in a manner that does not invalidate TCAP tests.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1810/HB2165 Request for accommodating to affirm the student's gender identity.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Requires teachers at an LEA or charter school to notify administration and for the administration to notify the parents of a child who seeks to be called a different name or use different pronouns than the sex written on their birth certificate. Employees are prohibited from knowingly giving false information to the parents of a student regarding the student's gender identity. A parent who is affected, or whose student is affected, by a violation of this order may bring a civil action against the LEA or public charter school in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (015632) requires a request made by a student to an employee of the student's local education agency (LEA) or public charter school for an accommodation to affirm the student's gender identity to be reported to the school administrator and to the student's parent. Prohibits an employee of an LEA or public charter school from knowingly giving false or misleading information to the parent of a student regarding the student's gender identity or the student's intention to transition to a gender that differs from the student's sex at birth. Authorizes the student's parent and the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring an action against a non-compliant LEA or public charter school. Requires the court to award court costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015632). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1853/HB2059 Number of credits a student may earn in a work-based learning program.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Increases from three to six the maximum number of credits a student may earn in a work-based learning program in one school year. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013764) increases, from three to six, the maximum number credits that a student may earn in the work-based learning program per school year, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and each year thereafter. Reduces from 10 to 5 hours per week, the required number of supervised work experience needed to earn one credit. Removes the 20 hours of supervised work experience per week needed to earn two additional credits.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013764).

Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1858/HB1632 Enforcement of the Age-Appropriate Materials Act of 2022.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Gives a parent of a child who attends, or who is eligible to attend, a school operated by a local education agency or a public charter school standing to file a civil action against the LEA or public charter school in a chancery court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the Age-Appropriate Materials Act of 2022.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Any increase in civil actions may result in a mandatory increase in state and local expenditures. However, the extent and timing of any such increase cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 02/21/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1867/HB1908 Beyond Ordinary Learning Opportunities (BOLO) Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Requires the department of education to establish a one-year pilot program to place a therapy dog in five public schools in the 2024-2025 school year. Requires the department to select at least one public school from each grand division to participate in the pilot program and requires the department to strive to select public charter schools and public schools from a variety of LEAs that serve students in a variety of grade levels.

Amendment Summary: House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (013771) enacts the Beyond Ordinary Learning Opportunities (BOLO) Act. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a one-year pilot program to place a therapy dog in five public schools, with at least one school in each grand division of the state, in the 2024-25 school year. Prohibits the DOE from selecting a school that does not agree to participate in the pilot program. Requires the DOE to submit a report providing the outcomes of the pilot program to the General Assembly by July 1, 2025. Repeals the act on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$50,000/FY24-25

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 02/21/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1872/HB1917 Revision of the weighted allocations of a student for purposes of TISA.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hale, Michael

Summary: Revises the weighted allocation for a student who resides in an LEA based on the membership size of the LEA for the purposes of the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement formula.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (012314) increases, from 5 to 10, the weighted allocation percentage for a student who resides in a small district. Changes, from 1,000 or fewer students to fewer than 1,000 students, the criteria for a small district designation. Revises the weighted allocations generated by a student for purposes of the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) based on the number of students who are members of the local education agency (LEA) in which the student resides.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$25,920,700/FY24-25 \$26,748,700/FY25-26 Exceeds \$26,748,700/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Revisions to the TISA weights will increase the required local contributions by \$11,108,900 in FY24-25, \$11,463,700 in FY25-26, and in excess of \$11,463,700 in FY26-27 and subsequent years. However, all of the affected LEAs are currently contributing 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: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB1892/HB2024 Language assistance services during TCAP testing.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Requires the department of education to contract with the TCAP test provider to offer students who receive language assistance services in the classroom the same language assistance services during the administration of a TCAP test. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Requiring the provision of language assistance services to students during the administration of TCAP tests will increase state expenditures for the existing contract with NCS, Pearson Inc. Because language assistance services are not defined, the extent of any required accommodations and the size of the affected student population cannot be estimated. Therefore, a precise increase in state expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1896/HB1860 Free breakfast and lunch for students.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

Summary: Requires each local school board to establish a school lunch program and a school breakfast program that provides a free lunch and breakfast to each student enrolled in a school under the board's jurisdiction. The state shall reimburse the LEA for the free meals after all other federal funding has been exhausted. In addition, clarifies that students who meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced price lunch are exempt from paying school fees.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$272,051,600/FY24-25 Exceeds \$272,051,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$474,715,500/FY24-25 Exceeds \$474,715,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Some LEAs may incur both a mandatory decrease in revenue and mandatory increase in expenditures as a result of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student. However, due to multiple variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1897/HB1951 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 provide a pre-kindergarten program that provides the number of classrooms necessary to serve all eligible children. Under current law, implementation of these programs by LEAs is voluntary. Imposes a data transaction privilege tax is on a person's annual gross revenues that are derived from data transactions from digital advertising services in this state. Specifies that all revenue from the data transaction privilege tax collected under this part, including penalties and interest, must be deposited in a special account in the state treasury to be known as the universal pre-K fund. Specifies that the fund shall be administered by the department of education and used exclusively to fund, establish, and maintain a universal pre-kindergarten program in each public and public charter elementary school in this state.

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/29/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1901/HB1927 Childcare assistance for teachers employed in a public school.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to reimburse teachers for childcare expenses paid by the teacher each month for the teacher's dependent child to receive childcare services through certain childcare programs certified by the department of education or childcare agencies licensed by the department of human services. Requires, subject to appropriation, this state to reimburse LEAs and public charter schools a portion of any such monthly reimbursement amount paid by the LEA or public charter school. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$18,932,100/FY24-25 \$24,690,000/FY25-26 Exceeds \$24,690,000/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$38,430,900/FY24-25/Permissive \$50,131,400/FY25-26/Permissive Exceeds \$50,131,400/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact If the COT audits the reimbursement program, the costs for the audit will be borne by local governments. However, due to multiple unknown variables affecting the cost of any future audit, a precise, permissive increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1902/HB1928 Operation of school buses.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Clarifies, for purposes of obtaining a school bus endorsement on a driver license and for other purposes, that a school bus is a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver. Makes other revisions relative to the operation of school buses.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$2,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Drivers Services
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 02/21/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1923/HB2228 Requirements for participation in the education savings account program.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: Requires, as a condition of participating in the education savings account program, a participating school to retain a participating student in the third grade if the student does not achieve a performance level of "on track" or "mastered" on the English language arts portion of the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test most recently administered to the student. Requires, as a condition of participating in the education savings account program, a participating school to conduct a summer learning camp for participating students identified for retention. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1924/HB2049 Requires equivalent amount given as scholarship to students to attend private schools be disbursed to LEA.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Shaw, Johnny
Summary: Requires the department of education to pay the equivalent amount of scholarship received by a k-12 student to the LEA in which the student was enrolled prior to participating in the scholarship program if the department of education administers a scholarship program for a student to attend private school. The department of education year shall disburse the funds to the respective LEA each year the student participates in the scholarship program.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1925/HB2042 Percentage of out-state-students at public institutions.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Specifies that no more than 49% of a public institution of higher education's entering freshman class may be composed of students who are classified as out-of-state students. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to House Education Administration Committee.

SB1928/HB2726 Reduces maximum class size.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary: Reduces maximum class sizes and maximum average class sizes by one student each school year over a period of five school years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1931/HB2224 State and federal grant program notifications for LEA.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold
Summary: Requires the department of education to annually notify each LEA in writing of all state and federal grant programs available to assist the LEA in expanding mental health services and resources in schools. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1938/HB2155 Michael Maren Paycheck Protection Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Moody, Debra
Summary: Names the law prohibiting an LEA from deducting dues from the wages of the LEA's employees for a professional employees' organization the "Michael Maren Paycheck Protection Act."
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB1943/HB1812 **Payment for all LEA and public charter school employees for personal injury at work.**

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

Summary: Allows all LEA and public charter school employees, instead of only teachers, to receive their full salary, or average pay, and full benefits in the event they sustain a personal injury as the result of a physical assault or other violent criminal act committed against them while they are acting in the course and scope of their employment. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact For employees at LEAs or public charter schools who become injured and absent due to an assault or other violent criminal act, an increase in mandatory local expenditures may occur. However, the extent and timing of any such increase cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1947/HB2058 **Course requirements for high school graduation.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Requires the board, in collaboration with the department of education, to identify math courses that may be substituted for Algebra II for purposes of satisfying high school graduation requirements and to submit a report to the education committees by October 15, 2024. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013398) requires the State Board of Education (SBE), in collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE) and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), to conduct a study to identify math courses that may be substituted for Algebra II for purposes of satisfying high school graduation requirements and to submit a report of their findings to the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 31, 2025.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013398).

Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1959/HB1785 **Uniform accounting policy manual for local school systems.**

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Martin, Greg

Summary: Replaces the uniform accounting policy manual for local school systems with an internal school funds manual. Removes the requirement that the commissioner of finance and administration approve the manual so that only the comptroller of the treasury's approval of the manual is required.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/12/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1977/HB1914 **Establishes the hunger-free campus grant program.**

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

Summary: Creates a hunger-free campus grant program to provide grants to higher education institutions to be used to address hunger on the institutions' campuses, subject to appropriations. Requires THEC to administer the program.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$552,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund \$202,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/TBR \$150,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/LGIs \$125,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/UT System Increase State Expenditures \$552,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$552,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund \$202,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/TBR \$150,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/LGIs \$125,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/UT System HB 1914 - SB 1977

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB1979/HB1861 **Participation in athletic activities by home school students.**

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Summary: Declares if a public school established under the jurisdiction of an LEA offers students the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletic competition without the school being a member of an organization or an association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition, then the LEA shall permit participation in interscholastic athletics at such school by home school students who are zoned to attend the school.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Committee amendment 1 (013438) requires public schools that offer students to participate in interscholastic athletic competition without the school being a member of an organization or an association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition to permit home school students who are zoned to attend the school to participate. Does not interfere with school's abilities to participate in an organization or association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1990/HB2219 **Matching of federal funds appropriated to Tennessee State University.**

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

Summary: Requires this state to match the federal funds appropriated to Tennessee State University at a rate that is two times the rate required by the federal government for receipt of the funds.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2024) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$10,107,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/TSU Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$10,107,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ General Fund

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 2 03/18/24.

SB1998/HB2008 Payment at school athletic events.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Haston, Kirk
Summary: Requires the organizer of a public school athletic event to accept cash as a form of payment for admission to, purchase of concessions, or other items sold at the event and cannot charge a cash price that exceeds the price to purchase the same item if payment is made by a credit or debit card.
Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (013488) prohibits an LEA or public charter school governing body from participating in a public-school athletic activity that is hosted by an organizer who does not allow participating students to purchase tickets for admission to the athletic activity with cash, either in advance of the athletic event or at the site of the athletic event, or both.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013488). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2025/HB1899 Authorization of retired law enforcement officers to be hired as school resource officers.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , 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. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that a school chooses to employ a retired law enforcement officer or an honorably discharged veteran as an SRO, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures of approximately \$73,200 per SRO beginning FY24-25. However, a precise recurring increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2029/HB1915 Notice period required prior to state board of education joining a testing consortium.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Hale, Michael
Summary: Increases from 60 days to 75 days the length of the notice period that the state board of education must observe before joining a testing consortium inclusive of multiple states that requires the adoption of common standards in social studies or science subjects. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 01/25/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2032/HB2489 Temporary teaching permits to teach physical education classes in elementary schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hurt, Chris
Summary: Grants authorization for the issuance of temporary teaching permits for the instruction of physical education courses at elementary schools.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2061/HB1803 Tennessee Promise Scholarship - eligibility requirements.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Clarifies when a student must be enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program to be eligible to receive a Tennessee Promise scholarship.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/12/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2095/HB1855 Higher education institutions to establish policies to promote security of academic research.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Requires each public institution of higher education to establish a policy framework to promote the security of academic research conducted at the institution to mitigate against the risk of foreign influence. Each policy framework must designate an individual to serve as the research security officer for the institution, who is responsible for maintaining classified information, maintaining controlled unclassified information, reporting on any foreign influence at the institution, and addressing other issues at the institution relative to the goals established in the institution's policy framework.
Amendment Summary: House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (015368) requires each public institution of higher education to safeguard its academic research from foreign adversaries by establishing a research security policy to be implemented no later than January 1, 2025, and make the policy available on the institution's website. The research security policy must comply with legal, regulatory and contractual requirements and standards; promote an institutional cultural of compliance; address efforts to maintain publicly accessible contact information, a process to regularly update the policy and establish internal processes to ensure compliance; comply with state and federal distributions of communications on research security matters; make processes to identify and address compliance concerns at the institution. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to submit a report on the institution's compliance no later than July 1, 2025, to the chairs of the education committees of the Senate and House.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$491,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years /Locally Governed Institutions
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2106/HB2272 Directives from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the implementation of department rules.

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

Summary: Requires the Tennessee Department of Education to submit the U.S. Department of Education's interpretations and directives on the implementation of department rules providing guidance to this state to the chairs of the house and senate government operations committees, in addition to the chair of the education instruction committee of the house, the chair of the education administration committee of the house, the chair of the education committee of the senate, the speaker of the house, and the speaker of the senate. Requires such information to be submitted to each member of the joint government operations rule review committee prior to each rule review meeting. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.

SB2107/HB2457 Removal of sexually explicit material from public school libraries.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Lynn, Susan

Summary: Requires the removal of sexually explicit material from the libraries of public schools and creates a process for evaluating library materials for sexually explicit material in public schools. Specifies If the principal of the school fails to timely review the material for sexually explicit content, fails to notify the stakeholder and the director of schools for the LEA or the director of the public charter school, in writing, of whether the principal confirmed the presence of sexually explicit content in the material, or fails to remove sexually explicit material from the school's library collection, then the commissioner of education must withhold state funds from the LEA or public charter school, in the current or upcoming school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Education Committee deferred to summer study.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2121/HB2186 Makes various changes to the Voluntary Pre-K for Tennessee Act of 2005.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

Summary: Makes various changes to the Voluntary Pre-K for Tennessee Act of 2005 including requiring, instead of authorizing, an LEA to provide a pre-kindergarten program that is open to any child who is four years of age on or before August 15 and who resides within the geographic area served by the LEA. Removes the requirement for a community pre-k advisory council. Requires this state to fund 100% of the costs required for an LEA to provide a pre-kindergarten program. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$432,013,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact It is unknown if LEAs will have sufficient space to accommodate additional pre-K classrooms. For LEAs that do not have the capacity, a mandatory increase in local infrastructure expenditures will occur. However, because the amount of available classroom space is unknown, a precise fiscal impact cannot be estimated with certainty. *

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2132/HB2470 Providing internet security software for school-issued electronic devices.

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

Summary: Institutes a two-year pilot program consisting of a representative sample of LEAs with the purpose of studying the effect advanced monitoring and detecting technologies used to detect children at potential risk of harming themselves or others based on their internet patterns on school-issued electronic devices has on youth suicide and violence rates. Requires the department of education and the department of safety to collaborate to choose the schools to implement the pilot program in following the guidelines established and produce a report on the effectiveness of the program no later than December 1, 2026, and submit the report no later than December 31, 2026, to the education committee of the senate, the education instruction committee of the house, and the education administration committee of the house.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,113,000/FY24-25 \$1,060,300/FY25-26

Senate Status: 02/21/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2141/HB2311 Availability of opioid antagonists in schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie

Summary: Requires the principal or head of a school that maintains an opioid antagonist at the school to ensure that the opioid antagonist is stored in accordance with manufacturer instructions. Prohibits a school from prohibiting a student, employee, or visitor from possessing an opioid antagonist while the person is on school property or attending a school-sponsored activity held at a location that is not school property.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/07/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/07/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2156/HB2528 Annual report on implementation of the Schools Against Violence in Education Act.

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

Summary: Changes from February 1 to January 15, the deadline for the commissioners of safety and education to present their annual report to the governor and the general assembly concerning implementation of the Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (014778) requires the Department of Education (DOE) to administer a School Safety Alert Grant Pilot Program to award school safety grants to local education agencies (LEAs), public charter schools, private schools, and church-related schools for the purchase of mobile panic alert systems. Creates a separate fund within the General Fund to be known as the School Safety Alert Grant Pilot Fund (Fund). Requires the DOE to prepare and submit to the General Assembly, a report detailing all funds received and payments made through the Fund by July 1, 2025, and by each subsequent July 1.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014778). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2164/HB2403 Classical Learning Test requirement for financial aid eligibility.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Slater, William
Summary: Adds the Classical Learning Test (CLT) to the assessments on which a student must attain a certain minimum score in order to be eligible for certain financial aid opportunities. Adds the CLT as an acceptable assessment of student readiness for postsecondary education for purposes of high school graduation requirements. Requires each public institution of higher education to accept student scores on the CLT for purposes of admission and to weigh scores achieved on the CLT in the same manner as the institution weighs scores achieved on the ACT or SAT.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB2165/HB2416 Students not testing proficient on math portion of TCAP tests.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Dixie, Vincent
Summary: Requires LEAs and public charter schools to notify parents and guardians of students who do not test proficient in mathematics on the student's most recent TCAP test. Also requires LEAs and public charter schools to notify parents and guardians of academic supports in mathematics that are available to the student before the beginning of the upcoming school year or during the upcoming school year, including learning loss bridge camps. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2167/HB2853 Report on compliance with regulations concerning foster care students participating in interscholastic athletics.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hill, Timothy
Summary: Changes from January 31 to January 1 the date by which the department of education must submit a report to the education administration committee of the house and the education committee of the senate documenting each LEA's and public charter school's compliance with regulations concerning foster care students participating in interscholastic athletics. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2175/HB2251 Smart Heart Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Enacts the "Smart Heart Act," which establishes various requirements for automatic external defibrillators in schools and response protocols for cardiac-related medical emergencies. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013937) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Requires an automated external defibrillator ("AED") maintained by the governing authority of each public and nonpublic school that serves any of the grades nine through 12 that is accessible during the school day and during all school youth athletic activities in which students in any of the grades nine through 12 are participating to be located on-site of the school youth athletic activity or placed and made available in an unlocked location on school property that allows for the AED to be used on an individual who may experience a sudden cardiac arrest event while the individual is on-site of the school youth athletic activity within three minutes; (2) Requires, instead of authorizes, AEDs to be placed within a school or on school grounds in accordance with the guidelines established in the cardiac emergency response plan ("CERP") adopted for the public school pursuant to the bill; (3) Requires, instead of authorizes, local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies to develop CERPs in accordance with guidelines established by the American Heart Association or another nationally recognized organization focused on providing emergency cardiovascular care; and (4) Requires a CERP adopted pursuant to the bill to identify the training required for members of the cardiac emergency response team, and for any teachers, administrators, or other school employees, to assist such individuals in understanding the severity of sudden cardiac arrest events, to educate such individuals on how to respond in such circumstances, and to notify such individuals of the existence, content, and guidance available in the CERP, which must include training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an AED.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/11/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013937).
Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2177/HB2438 Opioid antagonist to be kept in high schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Sparks, Mike
Summary: Requires each school within an LEA and each public charter school in which any combination of grades nine through 12 are taught to maintain an opioid antagonist at the school in at least one unlocked, secure location so that an opioid antagonist may be administered to a student believed to be having a drug overdose. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2183/HB2326 Suspension of schools by commissioner of education.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Changes, from 10 days to 10 business days, the maximum amount of time the commissioner of education can suspend schools in a year when the commissioner requires all teachers to attend county institutes or educational meetings. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2188/HB2384 Person designated to check bus for children at stops under TN Children with Disabilities Transportation Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

<i>Summary:</i>	Changes, from August 1 of each year to before July 31 of each year, the date by which the name, address, and telephone number of the person designated to check a bus or vehicle for children at stops under the Tennessee Children with Disabilities Transportation Act must be sent to the appropriate LEA. Broadly captioned.
<i>Amendment Summary:</i>	Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1 (015571) prohibits a governmental entity or local board of education from extending immunity granted to governmental employees to independent school bus owners and operators or other persons or entities by contract, agreement, or other means in performing or providing school-related transportation services to a local board of education. Requires that a contract or agreement between a local board of education and independent school bus owners and operators requires sufficient limits for tort liability exposures related to performing or providing school-related transportation services to the local board of education by the owners and operators as evidenced by a certificate of insurance from the owners and operators that has the local board of education listed as an additional insured.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/13/24 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015571). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2200/HB2355 Report on appeals filed with department of education regarding students identified for retention.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the department of education to report, for the 2023-2024 school year, the number of appeals filed with the department for a student who is identified for retention in third grade based on the student achieving a performance level rating of "approaching" on the English language arts portion of the student's most recent Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test by December 1, 2025, and each December 1, thereafter. Broadly captioned.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated February 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2202/HB2381 Code of visitor conduct for schools.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a comprehensive code of conduct for each school under the authority of the local board of education or public charter school governing body that describes the types of behavior expected from visitors entering on school grounds. Specifies that each code of visitor conduct must emphasize the importance of appropriate language, respect for the person and property of others, and establishing and maintaining a safe, secure, and peaceful educational setting that promotes learning and positive character development.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/11/24 - Senate passed.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2210/HB2493 Notice of intent to withdraw from an alternative education program.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris
<i>Summary:</i>	Extends from 30 days to 45 days the amount of notice required for a principal or the director of schools to give to the commissioner of education for an intent to withdraw from an alternative program.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2213/HB2181 Education funding through TISA - pre-k students with special education needs.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. White, Mark
<i>Summary:</i>	Adds pre-kindergarten students with special education needs and peer models to the category of students that generate education funding through the TISA. Additionally, specifies that the comptroller of the treasury should examine the TISA to determine the effectiveness of state expenditures.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$148,973,100/FY24-25 \$157,054,900/FY25-26 Exceeds \$157,054,900/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Expanding the number of grade-levels of students funded through the TISA formula by adding special education pre-K students and their peer models will increase the TISA base and weights by an estimated \$361,431,600 in FY24-25 and \$372,977,000 in FY25-26, of which the required local share is 30 percent. LEAs that contribute in excess of the required local match requirements may already be providing sufficient funding to cover the proposed increases to the local match requirements. Therefore, those LEAs would not be required to increase local contributions. LEAs with VPK classrooms contribute a local share ranging from 6.04 percent to 57.89 percent which will be redirected to the TISA beginning in FY24-25. However, due to incomplete data on the funding amounts and sources for students attending non-VPK pre-school programs, the amount of funding that would be redirected to the TISA and the precise, mandatory local share cannot be reasonably determined. *
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2215/HB2283 Annual deadline to provide school building-level safety plans.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Haston, Kirk
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires each private school and church-related school to submit their school's building-level school safety plan to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction by December 1, 2024, and each December 1 thereafter instead of by October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2224/HB2400 Enrollment in courses for credit without payment of tuition or fees - minimum age of person.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Chism, Jesse
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Summary: Reduces, from 65 to 62, the minimum age of a person who is eligible to enroll in courses for credit at state-supported colleges and universities without payment of tuition and certain fees. Adds law schools and veterinary schools to the list of schools at which disabled persons and persons of a certain age are not eligible to audit or enroll without payment of tuition and fees. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2255/HB2764 Notifications to school regarding student adjudicated delinquent for any criminal offenses involving a firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary: Requires parents or guardians, including the department of children's services to notify a school if the student has been an adjudicated delinquent in this state or another state for an offense involving a firearm.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/13/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2265/HB2591 TCAP tests to be administered to students enrolled in a virtual school.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Powers, Dennis

Summary: Authorizes the TCAP test to be administered to students enrolled in a virtual school or virtual education program virtually only if the assessment is administered at the same time designated by the commissioner of education for TCAP assessments, is synchronous, can be monitored virtually, has a student proctor ratio of ten to one, limited entrance and exiting during the exam, and can be verified by the assessment administrator for submission.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$289,300/FY24-25 Exceeds \$259,300/FY25-26 Exceeds \$232,300/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$390,000/FY24-25*

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2267/HB2410 Child abuse reporting by schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

Summary: Requires a school to comply with the obligation to report suspected child abuse or neglect in order for the school to qualify as a school in which a student may be enrolled to satisfy school attendance requirements. Specifies that certain training and reporting requirements apply to nonpublic schools. Prohibits persons who knowingly fail to comply, or who knowingly prevent compliance, with the obligation to report suspected child abuse or neglect from serving as a teacher or in any position requiring proximity to children in certain settings. Adds nonpublic schools to the entities required to investigate persons applying for or holding a position requiring proximity to school children.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2268/HB2409 Reporting requirements for department of education related to scholarships and vouchers.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

Summary: Requires the department of education to annually collect and report certain information for each provider and nonpublic school that receives public funds through a scholarship, voucher, education savings account, individualized education account, or similar program created to provide parents, guardians, or students state or local funds to assist the parent, guardian, or student in paying tuition, fees, and any other approved expenses associated with the student enrolling in and attending a nonpublic school in this state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - House K-12 Subcommittee deferred to 03/19/24.

SB2273/HB2450 Private schools that accept vouchers must comply with requirements for student testing.

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

Summary: Requires nonpublic schools that receive public funds by accepting scholarships as full or partial payment for student's tuitions to comply with the same requirements for student testing and reporting that apply to public schools in the state, with certain exemptions. Requires a nonpublic school that accepts a publicly funded voucher to pay back a prorated amount of the scholarship if the student leaves and attends an LEA before the end of the school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent a non-public school returns a pro-rated amount of scholarship funds to the state, there will be an increase in revenue to the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement account of the Education Fund. In the event a student receives a state-funded education scholarship for a student's tuition at a non-public school, an increase in testing administration costs will occur. However, the extent and timing of any such future costs, including which entity would be responsible for the costs, is unknown. Therefore, a precise increase in state expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/05/24 - House K-12 Subcommittee deferred to Final calendar.

SB2291/HB2491 Student performance and TCAP testing.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Expands, beyond just student performance in English language arts (ELA) on the most recent Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test, the measures of student growth in ELA that an LEA or public charter school may use in determining whether certain fourth-grade students show adequate growth in ELA. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to convene a parent-teacher conference for purposes of determining whether a student who does not show adequate growth in ELA must receive or participate in certain interventions or be retained in fourth grade.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2294/HB2596 Creates an advanced practice registered nurse student loan repayment grant program.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Rudder, Iris
Summary: Creates an advanced practice registered nurse student loan repayment grant program with the purpose of incentivizing these nurses to provide health services in health resource shortage areas for at least five years. Also details how the grant money should be acquired, requirements for applicants, and legal repercussions for violations of contracts with regard to the grant.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Increased State Expenditures Exceeds \$12,621,600/FY24-25 Exceeds \$12,617,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 2 03/18/24.

SB2295/HB2458 Physician assistant student loan repayment grant program.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Sherrell, Paul
Summary: Creates a physician assistant student loan repayment grant program administered by the department of health in order to incentivize physician assistants to provide health services in health resource shortage areas after completion of their education for a minimum of five years with payments to a qualifying person not exceeding \$25,000 per year for a maximum of five years without exceeding the student's indebtedness.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increased State Expenditures Exceeds \$4,918,600/FY24-25 Exceeds \$4,916,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2318/HB2133 Tuition discounts for children of county and municipal employees.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Powers, Dennis
Summary: Extends a 25% tuition discount, provided to the children of state employees at state institutions of higher education to the children of county and municipal employees. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$3,913,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions \$3,109,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee System \$788,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c); the precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2327/HB2179 Students must graduate from 8th grade to qualify for a dual enrollment grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Requires high school students to complete the eighth grade and be admitted to an eligible postsecondary institution as a dual enrollment student to be eligible for the dual enrollment grant.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$512,700/FY24-25/Lottery for Education Account Exceeds \$592,800/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact Funding in the amount of \$512,700 in FY24-25 and an amount exceeding \$592,800 in FY25-26 and each subsequent year will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account.
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2350/HB1948 Requirements for public institutions of higher education regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Establishes various prohibitions and requirements for public institutions of higher education regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/04/24 - Failed in House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB2351/HB1660 Antidiscrimination practices of institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Prohibits certain institutions of higher education from defining discriminatory practices in their antidiscrimination policies in a manner inconsistent with the definition of discriminatory practices in state law. Prohibits certain institutions of higher education from establishing or recognizing forms of discrimination in their antidiscrimination policies in a manner inconsistent with the forms of discrimination recognized as legally actionable by this state. Requires the Tennessee higher education commission to establish a process for persons to file a complaint alleging that an institution is not complying with such prohibitions. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Higher Education Subcommittee amendment 1 (015122) requires the Tennessee higher education commission to make rules in consultation with the department of finance and administration, including emergency rules and must be made known in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$331,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Federal funding for institutions of higher education could be jeopardized. Additionally, such institutions may incur expenditures associated with litigation. Due to multiple unknown factors such as the future action of the federal government and outcomes of potential litigation, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. Loss of federal student aid funding would result in an unquantifiable recurring increase in state expenditures for last-dollar scholarships provided by the state.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/11/24 - Failed in House Higher Education Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (015122).

SB2364/HB2028 Requires that youth athletic coaches are trained with anti-choking devices.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Martin, Greg

Summary: Requires for each LEA and public charter school that provides a school youth athletic activity to have all coaches receive training in anti-choking devices in addition to CPR and AEDs.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures \$35,500/FY24-25/Permissive

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2365/HB2142 Students who have been adjudicated delinquent.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Martin, Greg

Summary: Increases from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor the penalty for a student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian failing to report an adjudication that the student committed certain delinquent acts to the student's school principal or the principal's designee. Specifies that a school principal shall ask in writing a student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian whether the student has been adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses, including rape, robbery, kidnapping, or aggravated assault.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/07/24 - House passed.

SB2366/HB2264 Exiting of school turnaround pilot program.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

Summary: Authorizes schools in need of intervention to exit the turnaround pilot program and discontinue the turnaround plan developed by the school. Outlines conditions for schools required to participate in the turnaround pilot program, criteria for exiting the program, termination of certain requirements upon program exit, and provisions for compensating independent school turnaround experts.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) Decrease State Expenditures \$250,000/FY24-25 Other Fiscal Impact For schools that exit the pilot program before the 2024-25 school year, it is unknown if those schools would have met the exit criteria during the 2024-25 school year in order to receive a total of \$1,000,000 in federal funding. Therefore, a precise impact to federal expenditures cannot be determined.

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/19/24.

SB2371/HB2324 Annual report on pre-kindergarten programs by office of early learning.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

Summary: Requires the office of early learning to submit its annual report on pre-kindergarten programs by November 1. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 2 03/18/24.

SB2385/HB2655 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 students in certain schools and certain pregnant women. Requires the department to provide to persons who have high blood lead levels or lead poisoning certain services to aid with such conditions. Requires juvenile detention facilities that are aware of a juvenile in custody with high blood lead levels or lead poisoning to provide certain services in collaboration with the department of health and local education agencies. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate Health and Welfare Committee amendment 1 (013608) makes a technical correction by changing "immunization" to "testing."

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$38,219,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/21/24 - Failed in Senate Health & Welfare Committee after adopting amendment 1 (013608).

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB2389/HB2498 Free lunch and breakfast for students.

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

Summary: Requires each local school board and governing body of a public charter school to provide a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in a school under the board's or body's jurisdiction. Requires the state to reimburse each LEA and public charter school for the cost of providing a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in the LEA or public charter school after all available federal funds have been applied.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact If all schools that qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision elect to participate in FY24-25, it is estimated that the increase in state expenditures would be \$272,051,600, the increase to federal expenditures would be \$474,715,500, and the increase in local revenue would be \$746,767,100. Some LEAs and public charter schools may incur both a mandatory decrease in revenue and mandatory increase in expenditures as a result of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student. However, due to multiple variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. *

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2406/HB2398 School safety teams requirements.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary: Adds local law enforcement officials to those who must be appointed to each district-wide school safety team. Specifies that it is each district-wide school safety team and each building-level school safety team that is required to annually review the respective district-wide or building-level school safety plan.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2440/HB2399 Director of schools - delegation of duties.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey
Summary: Authorizes a director of schools to delegate one or more of the director's official duties to another person employed by the LEA, if the local board of education has adopted a policy authorizing such delegation.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2444/HB2349 Reduction of maximum K-2 class sizes.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Reduces, from 25 to 15, the maximum class size in grades K-2 at a priority school. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Reducing the size of K-2 classes in priority schools will increase the share of local expenditures in excess of \$10,894,100, resulting in a shift in funding for some LEAs. However, due to multiple factors, including local maintenance of effort levels and variation in class sizes across districts, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House K-12 Subcommittee for lack of a second motion.

SB2455/HB2335 Separation of Need Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin
Summary: Enacts the "Separation of Need Act," which removes income eligibility requirements from free school lunch and breakfast programs. Requires each local board of education and governing body of a public charter school to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students. Requires the state to reimburse each LEA and public charter school for the cost of providing a free breakfast and lunch to enrolled students after all available federal funds have been applied. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact If all schools that qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision elect to participate in FY24-25, it is estimated that the increase in state expenditures would be \$272,051,600, the increase to federal expenditures would be \$474,715,500, and the increase in local revenue would be \$746,767,100. Some LEAs and public charter schools may incur both a mandatory decrease in revenue and mandatory increase in expenditures as a result of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student. However, due to multiple variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. *
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2465/HB2652 Requires creation of school lunch programs

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse
Summary: Requires each local school board to establish programs for free school lunch and free school breakfast for students regardless of income eligibility. Requires the state to reimburse each LEA the cost of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in the LEA after all available private funding and federal funds have been applied. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$272,051,600/FY24-25 Exceeds \$272,051,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$474,715,500/FY24-25 Exceeds \$474,715,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Revenue \$746,767,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$746,767,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Some LEAs may incur both a mandatory decrease in revenue and mandatory increase in expenditures as a result of providing free breakfast and lunch to each student. However, due to multiple variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined. *
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2472/HB2558 List of LEAs that received an infrastructure stipend.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Shaw, Johnny
Summary: Requires the department of education to provide to the general assembly a list that identifies each LEA that received an infrastructure stipend, along with the amount of the infrastructure stipend received, beginning with infrastructure stipends awarded on or after July 1, 2022, no later than December 31, 2024, and by each December 31 thereafter until January 1, 2030. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2473/HB2756 TN HOPE scholarship eligibility for certain out-of-state students.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary: Makes students who graduate from an out-of-state high school eligible for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship if at least one of the student's parents resides in this state and has resided in this state no less than 10 years. Requires the board of regents and each state university board to consider such students residents of this state. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB2487/HB2616 Requires obligations of LEAs to be reasonable in relation to health.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Sherrell, Paul
Summary: Requires agreements and obligations of LEAs relative to school-based health-related services to be fair, reasonable, and suitable to the objectives of the LEA with respect to the school-based health-related services. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2491/HB2570 Period of suspension - time school principal has to develop a plan to improve behavior.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Reduces, from more than five days to more than three days, the period of suspension that the school principal must develop and implement a plan for improving the behavior, which must be made available for review by the director of schools upon request. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2492/HB2571 Report on reducing the maximum class size in classrooms that include students with disabilities.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Requires the state board of education to submit a report to the general assembly, no later than February 1, 2025, regarding the feasibility of reducing the maximum class size in all classrooms that include students with disabilities and students eligible for special education services by 10 percent by the 2026-2027 school year. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2493/HB2569 Requires schools to hire staff reflecting the ethnic makeup pf the students.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Requires LEAs and public charter schools to strive to employ administrative, instructional, and all other school personnel, in a manner that fairly represents the racial and ethnic composition of the student body for the school to which such personnel are assigned. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2494/HB2568 Requires annual department of education reports on family resource centers.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Requires the department to annually submit a report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives on the availability of family resource centers in this state. Requires the report to identify, by school and LEA, each family resource center established or contracted for by an LEA in this state. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2501/HB2784 Deadline for higher education institutions to complete investigation into report filed by student or employee.

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

Summary: Establishes deadlines for public institutions of higher education to initiate and complete an investigation into a report filed by a student or employee alleging they have been penalized, discriminated against, or received adverse treatment due to their refusal to support or otherwise assent to a divisive concept, specific ideology, or political viewpoint. Establishes financial penalties for institutions that fail to timely investigate such reports or fail to timely report the results of such investigations to the comptroller of the treasury. Requires the comptroller to report institutions that frequently submit reports of such investigations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 2 03/18/24.

SB2509/HB2679 Extends the school turnaround pilot program.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Extends the school turnaround pilot program beyond the 2024-2025 school year. Increases, from five to 15, the number of schools in need of intervention that may participate in the school turnaround pilot program. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (013183) extends the Department of Education's (DOE's) School Turnaround Pilot Program (pilot program) indefinitely beyond the 2024-25 school year. Increases, from five to fifteen, the number of schools that may participate in the pilot program. Prohibits the DOE from requiring a school in need of intervention that exits the pilot program to continue implementing the school turnaround plan developed by the school. Prohibits a local board of education from requiring a priority school designated by the DOE as a school in need of intervention to remain in the pilot program, if the school meets certain criteria. Authorizes the DOE to select additional schools to participate in the pilot program if one or more schools in need of intervention exit the pilot program after participating in the pilot program for four school years or meet criteria, provided, that no more than 15 schools may participate in the pilot program.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,357,500/FY24-25 Exceeds \$1,982,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact Schools will receive an additional \$500,000 for meeting the pilot programs exit criteria, resulting in an increase in state expenditures. However, the extent and timing of any such schools meeting the exit criteria is unknown. Therefore, a precise fiscal impact cannot be estimated with certainty.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013183). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2527/HB2834 Establishment of a state academic health authority.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

Summary: Directs the University of Tennessee Health Science Center to study and take other steps as necessary to establish a state academic health authority.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB2528/HB2625 Revision of rules with respect to institutional accreditation.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Boyd, Clark

Summary: Requires the Tennessee higher education commission and each governing board of a public institution of higher education in this state to revise certain rules and take certain actions with respect to institutional accreditation. Specifies that a public institution of higher education in this state may bring a civil cause of action against an accrediting agency or association in certain circumstances. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 2 03/18/24.

SB2546/HB2739 School meals - after-school learning mini camp to provide beverage and snack.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Establishes that an after-school learning mini camp must provide at least one beverage, in addition to one snack, each day to each student attending the camp. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2582/HB2687 Revises the instruction required as part of the family life curriculum.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Doggett, Clay

Summary: Revises the instruction required as part of a family life curriculum. Requires the Tennessee joint task force on children's justice and child sexual abuse, in consultation with the children's services advisory council, to annually recommend certain age-appropriate curricula to the department of education. Revises the information that LEAs and public charter schools must annually provide to the department of children's services. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2592/HB2565 Extends time parents have to challenge a school board decision.

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

Summary: Increases the amount of time both parents and/or a guardian have to make a written application for a hearing challenging a local school board's order placing a student in a certain public school from within 10 days after an assignment order to within 15 days after an assignment order. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2596/HB2562 Deadline for LEAs to provide feedback and recommendations regarding TISA.

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

Summary: Changes from November 1 to November 15 of each year, the deadline for LEAs to provide feedback and recommendations regarding TISA to the department of education and the comptroller. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2597/HB2564 Deadline for department of education to submit its annual TISA report.

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

Summary: Changes from January 15 to January 25 of each year, the deadline for the department of education to submit its annual TISA report to members of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2598/HB2563 Deadline for childcare programs to submit an annual report to the commissioner of education.

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

Summary: Changes, from October 1 to November 1, the deadline for childcare programs to submit an annual report to the commissioner of education. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2622/HB2818 Student participation in civic engagement activities.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Hale, Michael

Summary: Authorizes public school students in grades nine through 12 to be excused from school attendance for one school day per school year to allow students to visit a site of significant civic or historical importance, attend a meeting of a local or state legislative body of this state, or participate in a civic engagement activity. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (015490) authorizes a student enrolled in a public school in any of the grades nine through twelve who is in good academic standing, as determined by the school principal of the public school in which the student is enrolled, to be temporarily excused from school attendance for up to one school day per school year, in order for students to be given the opportunity to visit sites of historical importance, attend a meeting of a governmental body, or participate in a civic engagement activity.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Education Administration Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015490). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2652/HB2464 School safety training for substitute teachers.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert
Summary: Requires local boards of education to include school safety training in the training requirements for substitute teachers. Clarifies that LEAs are prohibited from hiring a substitute teacher whose license in another state is revoked. Makes other changes concerning LEA policies for substitute teachers. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House K-12 amendment 1 (014081) adds to the bill by requiring the policies on the use of substitute teachers to include a prohibition against employing or contracting with any substitute teacher whose records indicate an educator license or certificate in this state or another state currently in suspended status.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/29/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014081).
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2655/HB2697 Paid leave for public charter school educators after birth or adoption of child.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Moody, Debra
Summary: Requires public charter schools to provide educators six work weeks of paid leave after the birth or stillbirth of the educator's child or after the educator's adoption of a newly placed minor child. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2659/HB2180 Expands student eligibility for a Tennessee future teacher scholarship.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Expands student eligibility for a Tennessee future teacher scholarship to include students enrolled in an approved educator preparation program at Western Governors University who maintain the concordant equivalent to the grade point average required for continuation of the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship.
Amendment Summary: Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (014376) expands the definition of eligible postsecondary institute to include Western Governor University (WGU) allowing students enrolled in an approved educator preparation program (EPP) at WGU to be eligible recipients of the Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship, beginning in the academic year 2024-2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$236,300/FY24-25 Exceeds \$236,300/Each FY25-26 through FY27-28
Senate Status: 02/28/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment (014376). Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2664/HB2743 In-state tuition for family members of persons serving in the military.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert
Summary: Requires an institution of higher education to grant in-state tuition to a student who is the spouse or dependent child of a service member, as long as the service member is a legal US citizen, has lived in the state for at least one year before the date when the service member's spouse or dependent child was accepted into a higher education institution in that state, and as long as the service member's spouse or dependent child meets similar requirements. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Any increase in tuition revenue from the additional students is estimated to be offset by a decrease in revenue from students previously charged out-of-state tuition. The precise net impact cannot be determined.
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2666/HB1923 TCAT reserved slots for dual enrollment students.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Requires a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) to reserve an enrollment slot for each dual enrollment student in the term immediately following the student's last term enrolled in the TCAT as a dual enrollment student. Requires a TCAT to give priority enrollment status to a student if space is unavailable.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/29/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/29/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2667/HB2609 Open enrollment - spaces available in each grade.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Stevens, Robert
Summary: Changes, from at least 14 calendar days to at least 10 business days, the number of days before the beginning of an open enrollment period that an LEA must post on its website the number of spaces available for enrollment in each school by grade, class, and program level. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2670/HB1912 HOPE Scholarship - extension of benefits for eligible students in pursuit of an advanced degree.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Allows a Tennessee HOPE scholarship student of a nontraditional Tennessee HOPE scholarship student who received their first baccalaureate degree between July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, within 5 years of the student's initial enrollment to continue to receive the scholarship if the student continues to meet all applicable eligibility requirements. Allows the student to continue to receive the scholarship until the student has earned an advanced degree or the sum of the number of years the student has attended a postsecondary institution equals five years.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,011,600/FY24-25/Lottery for Education Account \$78,100/FY25-26/Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact Funding in the amount of \$1,011,600 in FY24-25 and \$78,100 in FY25-26 will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Special Reserve Account.

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2672/HB2156 Temporary certificates to operate a child care program.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Increases the number of days the department of education may extend the temporary certificate granted to a child care provider from 45 days to 60 days. The extension is contingent upon the Department's determination that the applicant has clearly demonstrated the intention and ability to achieve compliance with all approval laws and regulations within the 60-day extension period. Additionally, the extension is subject to the condition that the safety and welfare of the children in the care of the applicant are not compromised.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2673/HB2154 Issuance of temporary certificate to operate a childcare program.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Reduces, from 90 to 60, the number of days following the issuance of a temporary certificate that the department of education has to determine whether an applicant to operate a childcare program has complied with all regulations governing the classification of the childcare program for which the application was made. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2675/HB2441 Reports on night schools.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Sparks, Mike

Summary: Requires the state board of education to publish on its website the reports on night schools that it receives from school boards. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (013708) revises the criteria for direct allocation payments and infrastructure stipends. Requires the DOE to: (1) establish a process for all local education agencies (LEA) to provide real-time enrollment data to the department and for funding allocations to be adjusted continuously throughout the year; and (2) ensure that education funding to LEAs for the state's per student funding for charter school students are made no later than the date by which LEAs are required to pay charter schools for each student. Prohibits the Department of Education (DOE) from including the test scores of certain English learner students in the calculation of a school's letter grade. Revises the criteria for direct allocation payments and infrastructure stipends.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (013708).

SB2682/HB2472 School employee who has been assaulted by a student advised of rights.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Raper, Kevin

Summary: Requires the suspension of a student who commits an assault against an employee of the LEA or public charter school in which the student is enrolled from attendance at school and from attendance at all school-sponsored events for at least one calendar year. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to advise an employee who is assaulted by a student of the employee's rights as a result of the assault. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (015318) requires a principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal of a public school in the state, including public charter schools, to suspend a student who commits an assault against an employee of the LEA or the public charter school in which the student is enrolled from attendance at school and all school-sponsored events for no less than one calendar year, unless modified by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school. If the student attends a school-sponsored event, the school must report the violation as trespassing and notify the appropriate law enforcement agency, and request the removal of the student from the event. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to advise an employee who is assaulted by a student of the employee's right to file a report with appropriate law enforcement agencies and judicial authorities as well as support and assist the employee in prosecuting the student.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Education Administration Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015318). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2703/HB2158 Number of school nurses need per number of students.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Reduces the ratio from 3,000 students to one nurse to 750 students to one nurse required in a school to be considered sufficient to adequately provide services for purposes of the Tennessee public school nurse program.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (015415) authorizes TISA funds for employing or contracting public school nurses. Encourages LEAs to employ or contract for at least one school nurse for every 750 student members, with exceptions for nurses providing related services to individual students. LEAs failing to meet this recommendation must submit reports to the Department of Education detailing nurse employment or contracts, certifications, school numbers, student memberships, and reasons for non-compliance. The Department notifies the State Board of Education of non-compliant LEAs, triggering a special meeting to address non-compliance reasons and future plans. Additionally, the amendment specifies qualifications for employed nurses and mandates current CPR certification.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Staffing one school nurse for every 750 students will increase the share of local expenditures between \$4,416,200 and \$6,928,200, resulting in a shift in funding for some LEAs. However, due to multiple factors, including local maintenance of effort levels and variation in local nurse salary and staffing decisions, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2713/HB2676 Abolishes the governing board of directors of TSAC.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Abolishes the governing board of directors for the Tennessee student assistance corporation and designates the corporation as a division of the commission. Revises certain duties and powers of the commission. Vacates and reconstitutes the commission on July 1, 2024. (11pps.). Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Higher Education Subcommittee amendment 1 (013595) abolishes the Governing Board of Directors for the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) and moves TSAC under the governance of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) as a new division. Vacates and reconstitutes THEC to expand THEC from a total of 14 members to 19 members. Deletes a provision requiring THEC's meetings to be made available for viewing by the public via streaming video, accessible from THEC's website. Removes the requirement for THEC to meet at least four times each year. Clarifies THEC's authority with regard to its review of capital projects at institutions of higher education and requires THEC to submit its review to the Department of Finance and Administration and the General Assembly within 20 business days of THEC's receipt of the information. Limits THEC's authority from an approval of particular programs such as academic divisions, extension services, and adult education at institutions of higher education in relation to cost and relevance for the purposes of minimizing duplication and overlapping functions and services to conducting a review of such. Requires the governing boards of each locally governed institution (LGI) of higher education, the Board of Trustees at the University of Tennessee (UT), and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), to annually determine and adopt tuition and fees for the institutions they govern. Requires the such boards to submit the board's proposed tuition rates and mandatory fees for the upcoming academic year to THEC at the same time the board is required to give public notice of the proposed increased rates and requires any boards not required to give public notice to then submit to THEC its board's tuition proposed rates within 15 days prior to meeting with its board to adopt the proposed rates. Requires the State Funding Board to designate a score board in which to measure the financial health of each the public institutions of higher education. Requires an institution that has been deemed as a financially distressed institution to appear before the State Funding Board to provide an explanation of the financially distressed status. Requires the State Funding Board to set the tuition rates and mandatory fees of a financially distressed institution for the academic year immediately following the fiscal year in which the institution was determined to be a financially distressed institution, and for subsequent academic years until the institution is no longer a financially distressed institution. Exempts the State Funding Board from providing THEC the proposed tuition rates and mandatory fees.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/18/24.

SB2727/HB2724 Students enrolled in the achievement school district.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Increases, from 60 to 70, the percentage of students enrolled in a school in the achievement school district (ASD) whose parents must have signed a petition demonstrating their support for their child's school remaining in the ASD in order for the school to remain in the ASD beyond the initial ten-year period. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2728/HB2207 Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Act.

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

Summary: Enacts the "Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Act," which requires each LEA and public charter school shall provide feminine hygiene products, at no charge, in all women's and girls' bathrooms, locker rooms, and with the school nurse in each eligible school building where instruction is provided, excluding bathrooms and locker rooms that are specifically designated for teacher or staff use. Specifies that the feminine hygiene products provided are for student use only. Creates a special account in the state treasury to be known as the menstrual hygiene products accessibility account. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment (014631) defines feminine hygiene products. House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (015304) creates the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Act. Requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to provide feminine hygiene products to students, at no charge, in all women's and girls' bathrooms, locker rooms, and with the school nurse in each eligible high school building where instruction is provided, excluding bathrooms and locker rooms that are specifically designated for teacher or staff use. Creates the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Account (Account) within the State Treasury, which the Department of Education (DOE) must administer. Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to deposit 20 percent of the state sales tax collected on feminine hygiene products into the Account. Authorizes moneys in the Account to be invested by the State Treasurer. Effective October 1, 2024.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$3,968,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Account Increase State Expenditures \$3,968,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$3,968,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Account Increase Local Revenue \$3,968,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$5,734,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2729/HB2819 Report on implementation and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen

Summary: Extends, from February 1 to March 1, the date by which the commissioner of education and the commissioner of safety are required to report to the governor and the general assembly on the implementation and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education Act. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2731/HB2637 Report detailing the higher education opportunities available to eligible incarcerated individuals.

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

Summary: Changes, from January 1 to December 1, the date by which the department of correction is required to transmit its annual report detailing the higher education opportunities available to eligible incarcerated individuals in this state to the chairs of the judiciary and education committees of the senate and the criminal justice and education administration committees of the house. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2742/HB2116 Discounts on higher education for children of public school teachers.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Powers, Dennis

Summary: Extends the 25 percent tuition discount at state institutions of higher education for children of public school teachers to children of full-time law enforcement officers employed by a county or municipality in this state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$711,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions \$566,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee System \$144,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c); the precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2746/HB2751 School board elections.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Expands the category of primary elections in which candidates nominated for school boards are to appear on the regular August election ballot for which the date of such election may be reset by an election commission to coincide with the regular primary or general election from those falling within 90 days of an upcoming regular primary or general election to those falling within 120 days of an upcoming regular primary or general election. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2754/HB2769 Voluntary pre-kindergarten programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne

Summary: Requires the commissioner of education, subject to appropriations, for the 2024-2025 school year, to approve voluntary pre-kindergarten programs in an amount sufficient to provide up to 1,200 pre-kindergarten classrooms. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$23,775,300/FY24-25 Other Fiscal Impact Increasing the number of pre-K classrooms within LEAs will increase the local match requirements for those districts. LEAs that contribute in excess of the required local match requirements may already be providing sufficient funding to cover the proposed increases to the local match requirements. Therefore, those LEAs would not be required to increase local funding amounts.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2758/HB2871 Report on physical education programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb

Summary: Extends, from October 1 to October 15, the date by which the department of education is required to provide a report regarding the physical education programs and activity for each local education agency to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction committee of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2764/HB2388 Authorizes LEAs to extend career technical education class sizes and averages.

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

Summary: Authorizes LEAs to extend career technical education (CTE) class sizes and averages in middle school CTE courses grades six through eight provided, that CTE classes in grades six through eight do not exceed the maximum class size average set for general education classes in grades six through eight.

Amendment Summary: House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (014118) authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes and averages in grades six through eight (6-8), if the CTE classes do not exceed the maximum class size and average set for general education classes in grades 7-12.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014118). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2765/HB2344 Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act.

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

Summary: Enacts the "Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act," which requires the state, subject to appropriation of funds, to provide LEAs with the lesser of one walk-through metal detector for each school in the LEA or three walkthrough metal detectors for the entire LEA. Requires the department of education to contract with a vendor to supply walkthrough metal detectors that meet or exceed certain minimum specification requirements to the LEAs (13 pp.).

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$7,800,900/FY24-25 \$677,900/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$83,700/FY24-25* Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that LEAs purchase additional metal detectors, update technology, and hire additional staff to operate the metal detectors, an increase in local expenditures will occur. However, due to multiple unknown variables, a precise increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2766/HB1634 Educator's obligations to students.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Removes language prohibiting educators from discriminating against students on certain, specified bases, including cultural background and sexual orientation, and instead generally prohibits educators from discriminating against students who are members of a protected class under federal or state law. Removes the definition of "gender identity" for purposes of the family life curriculum.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2787/HB2468 Study of school choice programs in other states.

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

Summary: Requires the department of education to study the school choice programs available in other states and submit a report of the department's findings at the conclusion of the study to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the speaker of the senate no later than January 1, 2025. Requires the report to include a summary of the benefits such programs provide to participating students and families, best practices learned from other states' implementation of their respective school choice programs, and any legislative recommendations for consideration by the general assembly. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 02/27/24 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2809/HB2758 Prohibits students from using an electronic device during instructional time.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

Summary: Requires LEAs and public charter schools to prohibit students from displaying, using, or accessing an electronic device during instructional time unless the electronic device is authorized, or provided to the student, by the LEA or public charter school for instructional purposes. Requires local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies to develop and adopt a policy to implement the prohibition. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Education Administration amendment 1 (014734) requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to develop and adopt a policy that prohibits students from displaying, using, or accessing an electronic device during instructional time unless the electronic device is: (1) authorized, or provided to the student, by the LEA or public charter school for instructional purposes; or (2) utilized by a student who has a disability for the operation of assistive technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student's functional capabilities.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2815/HB2675 TISA review committee annual report due date.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Stevens, Robert

Summary: Changes from November 1 to October 1 the deadline for the TISA review committee to submit its annual report. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2820/HB2922 Standardized form for reporting student allergies.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Requires that the department of education must make the standardized form for students reporting allergies to the school in which the student is enrolled in available for all LEAs on the department's website.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2830/HB2923 Family leave for public charter school employees after birth or adoption of a child.

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

Summary: Requires public charter schools to provide licensed employees of the public charter school six paid workweeks after a birth or stillbirth of the employee's child or the employee's adoption of a newly placed minor child. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2856/HB2705 Tuition discounts for children of full-time public school employees.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Provides a 25% tuition discount to children under 24 years of age whose parent is a full-time employee of a public school or public charter school in a position other than as a teacher and has been employed by public school or public charter school in this state for at least seven consecutive years. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$1,728,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions \$1,672,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee System \$246,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c); the precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2872/HB2740 Time period for person to accept or reject an offer of employment as a teacher.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie

Summary: Increases, from 14 to 15, the number of calendar days within which a person must accept or reject, in writing, an offer of employment as a teacher made between April 1 and June 1, including offers made on April 1, but excluding offers made on June 1. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2889/HB2115 Requires LEAs to recognize November 7 as Victims of Communism Day

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Powers, Dennis

Summary: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to recognize November 7 of each year as Victims of Communism Day to honor the people who have fallen victim to communist regimes across the world. Requires LEAs and public charter schools to provide students enrolled in a world history and geography course with at least 45 minutes of instruction on Victims of Communism Day.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2923/HB2882 Age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction on firearm safety.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Requires, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each local education agency and public charter school to provide students with age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction on firearm safety.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/29/24 - House passed.

SB2930/HB2488 Tuition discount for full-time certified teachers.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Provides a 25% tuition discount to a full-time certified teacher employed in a public school in this state for courses taken at a public institution of higher education in this state that are related to the person's employment as a teacher. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$171,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Locally Governed Institutions \$97,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ University of Tennessee System \$14,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Board of Regents Other Fiscal Impact Any additional reimbursement in future years to institutions for waivers is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-119(c); the precise amount of any additional expenditures is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/18/24.

SB2931/HB2487 Threats of mass violence made by a student.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Conditions the expulsion of a student for committing the zero-tolerance offense of threatening mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity to threats of mass violence determined to be valid based on the results of a threat assessment. Requires directors of schools and heads of public charter schools to report threats of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity made by a student that are determined, based on the results of a threat assessment, to be valid. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

SB2932/HB2486 Director of schools - delegation of duties.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Allows for a director of schools to delegate one or more of the duties assigned to the director by the board of education to another administrator or employee of the LEA as long as the board of education has adopted a policy authorizing the delegation.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2933/HB2494 Education funding for students admitted to residential mental health facilities.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary: Revises certain enrollment, attendance, individualized education program, and resident requirements for certain education funding to follow a student who is admitted to a state-licensed or out-of-state mental health facility from the student's LEA to the facility. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2935/HB2909 Annual assessment to the interstate commission on educational opportunity for military children.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Burkhart, Jeff
Summary: Prohibits this state from paying an annual assessment to the interstate commission on educational opportunity for military children that exceeds \$1.15 per active-duty military child whose legal residence is located within the geographic boundaries of this state, unless the proposed increase to the established assessment cap is submitted to the governor and approved by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives in the next regular session of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/14/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

SB2936/HB2357 Film coverings on entry doors in schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Carringer, Michele
Summary: Revises certain requirements for film coverings on entry doors and removes requirements for film coverings on basement windows in public school buildings constructed or remodeled after July 1, 2024. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and timing of any mandatory local fiscal impacts cannot be reasonably determined. *
Senate Status: 02/14/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Education Administration Committee 03/20/24.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

SB2115/HB2831 Minimum age to operate a personal watercraft without direct adult supervision.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Increases the minimum age required for operation of a personal watercraft without direct adult supervision from 12 to 16. Requires persons operating personal watercraft to be financially responsible in the same amounts applicable to motor vehicles.
Amendment Summary: House Departments & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (014341) increases, from 12 to 16 years of age, the minimum age to operate a personal watercraft without the direct supervision of an adult. Prohibits the use of personal watercraft by persons under 12 years of age.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$15,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Wildlife Resources Fund Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown variables, any recurring decreases in state and local sales tax revenue, beginning in FY25-26, cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Failed in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in House State Government Committee.

FAMILY LAW

SB1585/HB2183 Removal of provision repealing the Tennessee Zero to Three Court Initiative.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Removes the statutory provision that would repeal the Tennessee Zero to Three Court Initiative on January 1, 2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Extending the Zero to Three Court Program will continue the recurring state funding for the program of \$2,650,000, with average annual expenditures of \$1,261,700, and an unknown amount of permissive local expenditures for administration of the program. Additionally, the balance of the non-recurring \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts (\$969,700) may continue to be expended for continuing legal education for attorneys providing representation to individuals in safe baby courts.
Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Consent on 03/18/24.

SB1586/HB2788 Child protective teams - data sharing.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Permits the district attorneys general conference, the administrative office of the courts, the Tennessee chapter of children's advocacy centers, the department of children's services, and law enforcement agencies to enter into data sharing agreements that allow for the sharing of information necessary to ensure compliance with statutory reporting requirements. Specifies that data shared pursuant to an agreement retains its confidential status consistent with current law. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1670/HB1922 Newborn safety device locations.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Adds certain assisted care living facilities, nursing homes, and emergency communications centers as locations where a newborn safety device may be located.
Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1 (014589) adds emergency communications centers and nursing homes to facilities for surrendering custody of unwanted infants without criminal liability. Defines an emergency communications center as a location that is staffed 24 hours a day and is primarily used for receiving communications from the public to public services. Authorizes approved nursing homes to install newborn safety devices. Authorizes police stations as approved participating locations. Allows an emergency communications center without a newborn safety device to decline to receive possession of a newborn infant.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1671/HB2067 Newborn safety device locations.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Requires that a newborn safety device be installed in each county. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (014624) requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS), to accept applications from local county officials seeking the installation of newborn safety devices within their county by December 31, 2024. Requires the applications to identify a location to install the newborn safety device among other necessary information. Requires DCS to issue funds, appropriated by the General Assembly, to each approved county to pay for the installation of a newborn safety device by December 31, 2025. Requires DCS to report on the status of each approved county's newborn safety devices to the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Health Committees of each house by December 31, 2024, and every subsequent December 31 for each year the General Assembly makes a specific appropriation of funds.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,995,000/FY24-25 \$47,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$482,900/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014624). Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1690/HB1804 Equally shared parenting time in child's best interest.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Establishes a presumption, rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence, that joint legal custody and equally shared parenting time is in the best interest of the child. Removes the presumption under certain circumstances
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/20/24 - Taken off notice in House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1699/HB1645 Lifetime orders of protection.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Expands the eligibility for filing a petition to obtain a lifetime order of protection to include victims of aggravated stalking, especially aggravated stalking, and felony harassment. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (012736) changes the effective date from July 1, 2024, to upon becoming a law.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (012736). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 02/08/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (012736).

SB1738/HB2169 Tennessee Foster and Adoptive Parent Protection Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Prohibits the department of children's services from requiring a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent to affirm, accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs. Prohibits the department from denying a parent's eligibility to foster or adopt based, in whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifies if a parent's rights are violated under this chapter, then the parent may bring a civil action for injunctive relief, compensatory damages, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses in a judicial or administrative proceeding. Also, permits a parent to raise a defense under this chapter in a judicial or administrative proceeding.
Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (014924) creates "The Tennessee Foster and Adoptive Parent Protection Act." Aims to protect the rights of current and prospective adoptive or foster parents regarding their sincerely held religious or moral beliefs, specifically regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. Prohibits the Department of Children's Services from requiring parents to affirm, accept, or support government policies conflicting with their beliefs, denying their eligibility based on these beliefs, or establishing policies that preclude consideration for placement based on these beliefs. Clarifies that the department can still consider the religious or moral beliefs of the child or their family of origin when determining the most appropriate placement, in line with the child's best interests as outlined in existing statutes. The act includes a severability clause, stating that if any provision is deemed invalid, it does not affect the validity of other provisions, and it will take effect on July 1, 2024.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014924). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1797/HB1986 Prohibits DCS from accepting anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Barrett, Jody
Summary: Prohibits the department of children's services from accepting anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect. Requires the investigator of allegations of child abuse or neglect to provide the parent or person having control over a child who is the subject of the investigation with certain materials prior to visiting the child's home or interviewing the child, including information regarding the investigator's identity, a written summary that is brief and easily understood, and information on the department's procedures for conducting an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee amendment 1 (014698) prohibits the Department of Children's Services (DCS) from accepting anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect, and requires a DCS representative receiving a report in which an individual refuses to give their identity to refer that individual to a law enforcement agency. Requires an individual receiving an oral report of child abuse or neglect to record the report, and notify the reporting individual that they are being recorded and that making a false report is a Class E felony. Prohibits the use of a report of child abuse or neglect to be the sole basis for obtaining or issuing a search warrant unless the person making the report issues a sworn oath supporting the allegations of abuse or neglect, but establishes that a search warrant may be issued if an investigation of an initial report provides sufficient evidence to establish probable cause. Requires an individual who receives a false report of child abuse or neglect to provide a copy of the report, along with any evidence, to the District Attorney General with a recommendation of criminal charges. Requires DCS to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if there is any evidence to corroborate an anonymous report that is made to law enforcement and referred to DCS, and to provide a parent or legal guardian with information regarding the investigation prior to taking any action. Requires an investigator to provide, within 60 days of a request from a parent or custodian of a child, any audio or video recording of the investigation, a written summary of the findings, and the recommendation on if the child should be removed from the home. Restricts who may be given access to the name of a person reporting child abuse, without the written consent of that person, or without order by the juvenile court.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 8, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The provisions of the proposed legislation may put the Department of Children's Services out of compliance with federal requirements of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Child and Family Services Review, which may jeopardize federal funding.

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1806/HB2046 DCS to submit written summaries of policies and guidelines adopted.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Chism, Jesse

Summary:

Requires the department of children's services to submit written summaries of policies and guidelines adopted by it to the chairs of the government operations committees of each house, with the policies and guidelines to be posted on the subsequent joint rule review committee agenda for the month following the submission of the summaries. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 2 (014086) adds the senate and house of representatives government operations committees to the list of committees the department of children's services must submit new departmental policy changes within 60 days of adoption of the policies.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/04/24 - Senate passed with amendment 2 (014086).

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1840/HB1815 Creation of a private foster care pilot program.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary:

Establishes a pilot program for five years to allow private entities to provide foster care services to qualifying children. Requires the department of children's services to create a process for selecting children for the program for up to 450 children. Directs the pilot program to submit monthly reports to the state foster care review board. Requires the comptroller to audit the program. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee amendment 1 (015608) requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to create a private foster care pilot program in which private entities provide foster care services that are analogous or functionally equivalent to services provided by DCS for up to 450 children who meet specific requirements. Grants the private entities decision-making authority over the children in their custody, with oversight provided by DCS. Specifies that DCS will create a process for selecting children to participate in the pilot program, and that a court is authorized to place the children into the pilot program with DCS approval. Authorizes DCS to redetermine a child's Title IV-E eligibility and to request the private entity to assist in redetermination, and if a child's eligibility to the pilot program changes based on this eligibility then the private entity must assist in obtaining federal funding unless DCS approves the child's removal from the pilot program. Creates requirements and standards for private entities participating in the pilot program. Requires DCS to determine a cost per child formula and compensate the private entities according to that formula by utilizing existing DCS resources. Authorizes DCS to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of the pilot program. Requires DCS to make a determination on all new private entity applications within 90 days of receiving the application. Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to audit the pilot program. Establishes that the pilot program is repealed on January 1, 2028. Effective upon becoming law for purposes of establishing policies and procedures, effective January 1, 2025 for all other purposes

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Revenue - \$1,000,000/FY24-25/Strategic Technology Solutions Increase State Expenditures \$2,921,200/FY24-25 \$1,921,200/Each FY25-26 through FY28-29 \$960,600/FY29-30 Decrease Federal Expenditures Net Impact \$1,605,000/Each FY24-25 through FY28-29 \$802,500/FY29-30 Other Fiscal Impact The proposed legislation will result in shift in the allocation of current recurring General Fund expenditures of \$8,685,900 in each FY24-25 through FY28-29 and of \$4,342,900 in FY29-30 from DCS to the pilot program private entities. Federal CAPTA funding may be jeopardized if the state is found to be out of compliance with federal regulations. HB 1815 SB 1840

Senate Status:

01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

03/12/24 - Failed in House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (015608).

SB1863/HB1989 Penalties not considered when determining care for delinquent juveniles.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary:

Specifies that the department of children's services shall not use penalties when determining the amounts payable in contracts or grants to providers for services related to the prevention, treatment, or care of delinquent juveniles.

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

01/30/24 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1873/HB1913 Tennessee Parents' Bill of Rights.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Parents' Bill of Rights," which prohibits the state, a political subdivision in this state, an LEA, a charter school, or any other governmental entity from infringing on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of the parent's child without demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that such action is reasonable and necessary to achieve a compelling state interest and that such action is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means. Specifies that the parental rights reserved to the right of a parent include The parental rights reserved to the parent of a child include: the right to direct the education and care of the child; the right to direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of the child; the right to enroll the child in a public school, private school, including a religious school or home education program; the right to access and review all school records relating to the child; the right to make any decision affecting the health, mental health, well-being, or health care of the child, unless otherwise prohibited by law; and the right to access and review all medical records of the child, in addition to other rights.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1878/HB1942 Termination of parental rights - notification.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Clarifies that the notification given by the court to a petitioning parent that the duty of future child support by the parent who is the subject of a termination petition will be forever terminated by entry of an order terminating parental rights must be in writing. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1890/HB2755 Bans the use of pepper spray on children by the department of children's services or in a juvenile detention facility.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. McKenzie, Sam

Summary: Bans the use of personal protection spray devices, such as mace, pepper spray, or tear gas, on any child under the supervision of the department of children's services or in a juvenile detention facility. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB1905/HB2168 Order of protection to remain in effect during an appeal.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: States that an order of protection issued by a general sessions court or other official remains in effect during the appeal to circuit or chancery court unless otherwise ordered by the general sessions judge or official.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013676) specifies that an order of protection related to allegations of domestic abuse remains in effect during the appeal unless the order expires by operation of law.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/11/24 - House deferred to next available calendar.

SB1906/HB2167 Annual report on status and progress of child protective teams.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Changes, from January 15 to February 15, the date by which district attorneys general must annually report on the status and progress of child protective teams organized in their respective district to the judiciary committee of the senate and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB1940/HB2045 Creates the state foster care and adoption review board.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary: Creates the state foster care and adoption review board and details the duties of the board, membership and meeting requirements, and report requirements.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,900/FY24-25

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1973/HB2083 Filing of petition by DCS to terminate parental rights for an abandoned infant.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stevens, Robert

Summary: Increases from 10 to 20 the number of calendar days after the 90 days from the date a child was surrendered that the department of children's services shall file a petition on behalf of an abandoned infant seeking termination of parental rights. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 01/29/24 - Held on House clerk's desk.

SB2056/HB2431 Legal parents of a child born out of wedlock absent an order of custody.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

Summary: Clarifies that if a man has executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, then the man and the mother of the child born out of wedlock are the legal parents, and if there has not been a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, then the mother is the child's legal parent. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2070/HB1676 Juvenile court proceedings - taking of child into custody or removal of child from parent.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Specifies that a juvenile court proceeding may be commenced by the taking of a child into custody or the removal of custody from a parent or legal guardian. Requires the juvenile court in a dependency and neglect proceeding to determine whether a parent, guardian, relative, or caregiver of the child cannot be excluded as a perpetrator of severe child abuse against the child. Prohibits a juvenile court from returning a child victim of severe child abuse to the custody of a person who cannot be excluded as the perpetrator unless certain circumstances are met. Makes various other changes regarding abuse, severe child abuse, and token support
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013967) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Clarifies that support is presumptively token support if it is less than the amount of the minimum child support order established by the department of human services child support guidelines under the definition of "abandonment" under adoption; (2) Adds that a parent or guardian bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that any support provided was more than token support; (3) Removes the clarification that support is token support if it is less than the amount of the minimum child support order established by the department of human services child support guidelines from the definition of token support under foster care; (4) Specifies that a court must look at each of the child's parents, guardians, relatives, and caregivers who provided care during the relevant time period of abuse if a petition alleged a child was dependent and neglected or if the court finds the child was dependent and neglected regardless of the ground alleged in the petition; and (5) Removes the specification that a home is not suitable if the parent or guardian resides with or maintains an ongoing relationship with an individual who has been determined by the court to be a perpetrator of severe child abuse, or who a court has determined cannot be excluded as a perpetrator of severe child abuse.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013967), which makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Clarifies that support is presumptively token support if it is less than the amount of the minimum child support order established by the department of human services child support guidelines under the definition of "abandonment" under adoption; (2) Adds that a parent or guardian bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that any support provided was more than token support; (3) Removes the clarification that support is token support if it is less than the amount of the minimum child support order established by the department of human services child support guidelines from the definition of token support under foster care; (4) Specifies that a court must look at each of the child's parents, guardians, relatives, and caregivers who provided care during the relevant time period of abuse if a petition alleged a child was dependent and neglected or if the court finds the child was dependent and neglected regardless of the ground alleged in the petition; and (5) Removes the specification that a home is not suitable if the parent or guardian resides with or maintains an ongoing relationship with an individual who has been determined by the court to be a perpetrator of severe child abuse, or who a court has determined cannot be excluded as a perpetrator of severe child abuse.
Executive Status: 03/11/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2071/HB1675 Expands eligibility for reimbursement as a relative caregiver.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Expands the eligibility for reimbursement as a relative caregiver by removing the income limitations and including a relative caregiver who meets the eligibility requirements and has been awarded custody by an order of any court. Part of Administration Package.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$18,636,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Fosters Hope Fund
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2197/HB2447 Time frame for commission on children and youth to make budget recommendations for following fiscal year.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry
Summary: Changes from September 1 to October 1 the date by which the commission on children and youth 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 January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2207/HB2822 Eliminate or reduce copayment requirements for child care payment.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Requires the department of human services to eliminate or reduce copayment requirements for persons who are receiving child care payment assistance through programs administered by the department based on the persons' household income. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Increase Federal Expenditures \$24,155,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/CCDF
Senate Status: 02/28/24 - Failed in Senate Health & Welfare Committee for lack of a second.
House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

SB2271/HB2411 Increases time the department of children services has to notify the state that a license has been issued.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Dixie, Vincent
Summary: Increases time the department of children services has to notify the state board of education that a license has been issued to a facility that intends to provide care to children who are transported across state lines to enter the facility's care and whose transport across state lines is not subject to the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Broadly Captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2349/HB2404 Redefines dependent and neglected child.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Slater, William
Summary: Revises the definition of a dependent and neglected child in juvenile court proceedings to provide that a child must be dependent and neglected at the time of the filing of the court petition and adds that dependency and neglect due to a condition of want or suffering may be due to the child's mental health or substance abuse issues. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1, Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (013933) revises the definition of a dependent and neglected child to specify that the criteria for dependence and neglect must be present at the time of the filing of the petition.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The precise net impact on state, local, and federal expenditures, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated as it is dependent upon unknown actions of the juvenile court.
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013933). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2353/HB2536 Creating a publicly accessible website for information on child care agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Behn, Aftyn
Summary: Directs the department of children's services to establish by January 1, 2025, a publicly accessible website that contains information about the performance of child care agencies, including violations by the agency, injuries or deaths occurring at the agency, date of the agency's last inspection, and other relevant information. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014055) requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to create a web-based system through which members of the public may obtain information regarding child care agencies based on zip codes, an agency's license status, information concerning any adverse licensing action taken against an agency, agency inspections, and other relevant information by July 1, 2025. Directs DCS to post full monitoring and inspection reports. Requires DCS to collect and disseminate on a website information regarding processes for licensing and monitoring child care agencies, policies and procedures for background checks for child care agencies, offenses that prevent individuals from serving as child care agencies, and directions on contacting DCS and other programs to assist in understanding the website.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$1,899,100/FY24-25 \$77,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee after adopting amendment 1 (014055).
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB2354/HB2550 Report regarding child support by the department of children's services.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Clarifies that the report submitted to the general assembly and the governor by the department of children's services regarding child support should be submitted on or before January 31 of each year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/12/2024.
House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2358/HB2548 Immunization of children - objections based on religious or moral convictions.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Moody, Debra
Summary: Requires the department to promulgate rules to require that if an individual or member of the individual's household objects to immunization based on religious or moral convictions, then the department shall not require the individual or member of the individual's household to undergo any immunization as a condition of adopting or fostering children. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2359/HB1726 Prohibits immunization requirement as a condition of adoption or fostering.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Gant, Ron
Summary: Prohibits the department of children's services from requiring an immunization as a condition of adopting or overseeing a child in foster care if an individual or member of an individual's household objects to immunization on the basis of religious or moral convictions. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/29/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/18/24.

SB2437/HB2503 Designated location for the exchange of a child in a shared custody.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey
Summary: Requires the court to include in any parenting plan involving shared custody of a child, the establishment of at least one designated location for the exchange of the child. Provides that, unless otherwise agreed by both parents in writing, the court may require the parents to exchange the child at a neutral safe exchange location. Requires each sheriff to designate at least one parking lot at the sheriff's office as a neutral safe exchange location at which parents with shared custody of a child may meet to exchange the child.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) Increase Local Expenditures \$67,700/FY24-25*
Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/12/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2481/HB2485 Extension of foster care services.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Hurt, Chris
Summary: Extends the age for the voluntary extension of foster care program at least eighteen years of age but less than twenty-one years of age to at least 18 years of age but less than 23 years of age.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,730,900/FY24-25 \$2,722,900/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2551/HB2780 Parents may request electronic copy of child's report card, attendance, and other info.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio
Summary: Permits parents to request electronically a copy of the child's report card, notice of school attendance, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores, and any other records customarily available to parents. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (013993) requires that if a person is convicted of parentage fraud the judge or jury must ascertain the value of any child support paid by the victim in reliance upon the parentage fraud, and the court must order the defendant to pay restitution of that value of child support to the victim, if not previously restored to the victim. Establishes that a victim of parentage fraud may bring a cause of action to recover other financial support made in reliance upon the parentage fraud.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB2581/HB2303 Requirements of a marriage license applicant under the age of 18.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Requires only marriage license applicants under the age of 18 to provide the name and address of the applicant's parents, guardian, or next of kin.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2621/HB2598 DCS staffing levels for case managers.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Requires the department to maintain staffing levels of case managers not to exceed 20 active cases or 20 children monitored in active cases for six months following the effective date of this act, then reduced to 14 active cases or 14 children monitored in active cases. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/20/24 - Failed in House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2627/HB2760 Continuing education courses on domestic violence or child abuse required for judges.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca
Summary: Increases, from two to three, the number of hours of training or continuing education courses on domestic violence or child abuse all judges in child custody proceedings are required to complete per year. Increases, from 10 to 15, the number of hours of such training required every five years. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Child & Family Affairs Subcommittee amendment 1 (014822) requires the court, when making a decision regarding the custody of a child, to consider evidence of physical or emotional abuse to that child's sibling. Requires training of judges involved in child custody proceedings to be provided by a professional with experience in assisting survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, or child sexual abuse, and to rely on evidence-based research by recognized experts. Prohibits a court from ordering reunification treatment, therapy, or camps to reestablish a relationship with a parent or caregiver in certain circumstances. Requires that any order of reunification include written findings as to the necessity of the order and the safety of the child, including consent from both parents or caregivers. Prohibits an order of reunification from cutting off contact with a parent or caregiver who is non-abusive.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2632/HB2645 Changes current law relative to birth certificates.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Makes various changes to the present law relative to birth certificates. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2633/HB2644 Revises current law on adoption and foster parents.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Makes various changes to present law on adoption and foster parents. Specifies that an adult has an affirmative obligation to inquire whether their sexual activity has resulted in a pregnancy. Requires a court to receive written consent from a child 14 years of age or older prior to the child's adoption. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (013867) specifies that the child's age at the time of filing a petition for termination of parental rights (TPR) is the age that is considered when making a determination of abandonment. Specifies that, for TPR supplemental petitions, the calculation of the applicable time periods for abandonment are calculated from the date a motion was filed. Requires that a child-placing agency or attorney be either licensed in this state, or secure the services of an agency or attorney who is licensed in this state in order to provide adoption-related services in this state. Outlines requirements regarding payments by an interested person to a birth mother. Specifies reasons that the parental rights of a putative father who is not a legal parent may be terminated. Authorizes a TPR if a court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the child was conceived by the father's unlawful sexual penetration. Authorizes a TPR and a finalization of an adoption be heard and decided in the same hearing if its in the child's best interest. Establishes that a lack of knowledge of a pregnancy or birth of a child does not serve as a defense against a TPR. Removes the requirement that a putative father consent to a TPR of a child who is the subject of an adoption process if the putative father has not filed a petition to establish paternity. Requires the clerk of the court, upon entry of the final order of adoption, to furnish the adoptive parent or their attorney a certified copy of the order of adoption. Requires a court to set a scheduling conference within 30 days of the filing of a response or answer to a petition for TPR or adoption if the termination is contested. Specifies that only the adoption court has the jurisdiction to modify visitation or custody of a child while an adoption remains pending. Establishes that a foster parent has the right to an attorney for the purposes of consultation and advice at any meeting which the foster parent is permitted to be present. Requires a parent or guardian who is incarcerated at the time they are served with a TPR petition to file a written answer within 30 days of service in order to receive advanced notice of the time and place of the hearing and to have the right to contest the TPR. Establishes that failure to timely file constitutes a parent or guardian waiving their rights to participate in the TPR proceeding. Establishes that the absence of notice to the parent or guardian of a TPR petition, if the petitioner did not know the parent was incarcerated despite reasonable efforts to locate the parent, is not a basis to set aside a TPR or adoption proceeding.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB 2644 - SB 2633

Senate Status:

02/20/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013867). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2641/HB2452 Removal of requirement for children to be vaccinated.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

Summary:

Removes the declaration that it is the responsibility of each parent and legal guardian to ensure that their children are vaccinated according to Center for Disease Control or American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines and replaces the declaration with a recommendation that children be vaccinated with vaccines recommended by the commissioner of health when advised by the parent or legal guardian's trusted healthcare provider. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2660/HB1808 Termination of parental rights due to substantial parental noncompliance.*Sponsors:*

Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary:

Requires the department of children's services to file a petition for termination of parental rights within 10 business days if there has been substantial noncompliance by a parent or guardian with the statement of responsibilities in a permanency plan over a period of six months. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (013997) rewrites the bill to, instead, require the department of children's services to file a petition of termination of adoptive parent's parental rights with a juvenile court, within 90 days of the juvenile courts finding that there has been substantial noncompliance by a parent or guardian with the statement of responsibilities in a permanency plan.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/29/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013997).

House Status:

03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/18/24.

SB2744/HB2945 Parent's right to unimpeded phone conversations with child.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary:

Expands the right to unimpeded telephone calls twice a week at reasonable times within the parenting plan with the parent's child to include video conference conversations if available. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2749/HB2936 Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Summary:

Enacts the "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act," which allows all parental rights to be exclusively reserved to a parent of a child without obstruction by or interference from a government entity unless abuse, neglect, or endanger a child occurs. Details violations by a government entity. States that medical procedures done on a child must be done with notification and consent of the parent. Details violations of the practice if occurs. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014446) enacts the Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act. Establishes that the liberty of a parent to the care, custody, and control of the parent's child, including the right to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of the child, is a fundamental right. Prohibits a governmental entity from substantially burdening the fundamental rights of a parent as provided under this section unless the government entity demonstrates that the burden, as applied to the parent and the child, is required by a compelling governmental interest of the highest order and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest. Establishes that all parental rights are exclusively reserved to a parent of a child without obstruction by or interference from a government entity, except under certain circumstances. Prohibits a public employee, other than law enforcement personnel, from encouraging or coercing a child to withhold information from the child's parent. Prohibits a public employee from withholding from a child's parent information that is relevant to the physical, emotional, or mental health of the child. Enables a parent who prevails in a proceeding to enforce the legislation against a government entity to receive declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and compensatory damages, including reasonable costs and attorney's fees from a court of competent jurisdiction. Prohibits a government entity, a healthcare provider, or any other person from knowingly taking certain actions with regard to a minor without first obtaining the consent of a parent of the minor, including providing medical treatment, prescribing or administering drugs or medication, or rendering psychological or counseling services. Establishes certain exemptions, including services provided to a minor enrolled in an institution of higher education by a licensed provider employed by the institution of higher education. Establishes a violation of such prohibition is an unlawful practice and is grounds for the offending healthcare provider's licensing authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the healthcare provider's license or take other disciplinary action allowed by law. Authorizes a parent to bring a civil cause of action to recover compensatory damages, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, expenses, and other appropriate relief against an entity or healthcare provider alleged to have violated the prohibition. Requires a court to notify the appropriate regulatory authority and the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) by mail, upon a final judgment that a healthcare provider knowingly violated the prohibition. Requires a civil cause of action to be brought within one year from the date of discovery of the violation, or within the statutory period required for actions against healthcare providers.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014446). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2752/HB2844 Monthly reports evaluating the progress of juvenile assigned to volunteer from office of community contact.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Miller, Larry

Summary: Requires monthly reports from a volunteer of the office of community contact within the department of education evaluating the progress of the juvenile assigned to the volunteer. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2774/HB2508 Noncompliance with child support obligations.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary: Requires the department of human services to notify the department of safety that a child support obligor whose commercial driver license was suspended or revoked for noncompliance with a child support order is in reasonable compliance with the order when the obligor submits documentation that the support is being withheld from the obligor's income received from an employment position requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle. Requires the license to be reinstated. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2805/HB2916 Report by TCCY on status of children and youth in state.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Changes from December 31 to December 1 the date by which the Tennessee commission on children and youth must annually publish a comprehensive report on the status of children and youth in this state and distribute the report to the governor, to each member of the general assembly, and to each of the state's depository libraries. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2840/HB2911 Grandparent visitation.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

Summary: Defines reasonable visitation with regard to grandparent visitation as being sufficient contact to reasonable permit a strong and meaningful relationship to be established with the child as a minimum.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2860/HB2647 Removes outdated provision related to December 2022 performance audit report.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Removes an outdated provision that required the department of children's services to report to the chairs of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, and appear before the education, health, and general welfare joint evaluation committee, in 2023 relative to the December 2022 performance audit report issued by the division of state audit. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2886/HB2964 Service of order of protection.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires that a law enforcement officer who becomes aware that an order of protection has been entered but not served against a person in that officer's presence takes the appropriate steps to facilitate service of the order of protection. Also requires that instruction of this requirement be part of the curriculum requirements for the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2929/HB2704 Report requirement for second look commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Permits the second look commission to electronically submit the report detailing the commission's findings and recommendations from a review of an appropriate sampling of cases involving a second or subsequent incident of severe child abuse to the governor, the senate judiciary and health and welfare committees, and the house of representatives civil justice committee. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/14/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

SB2226/HB2418 State contracts and minority-owned businesses.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

Summary: Requires each contract between this state and a general contractor that has a value of \$1,000,000 or more to require the general contractor to ensure that a minimum of 25 percent of the total value of the contract be performed by minority-owned businesses.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$81,500/FY24-25 \$79,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact This legislation may result in the state being unable to choose contracts which are lower in cost in order to meet the requirements of this legislation. Any increase in state expenditures as a result of taking higher- cost contracts cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2270/HB2674 Policies related to acquisition of information systems and software.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Authorizes the chief procurement officer to develop regulations, policies, procedures, templates, or other guidance related to the acquisition of information systems and software, in coordination with the division of strategic technology solutions and the information systems council.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

SB2859/HB1841 Procurement Protection Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Prohibits certain foreign entities from submitting bids for contracts with the state or a political subdivision of the state. Requires entities bidding on contracts to make certain disclosures and certifications related to the entities' business relationship with certain foreign entities. Provides for civil penalties if the disclosures or certifications are false. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Failed in House Public Service Subcommittee.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

SB1602/HB1745 Sunset - child care agency licensing board.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Extends the child care agency licensing board of review to June 30, 2030.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/05/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1605/HB1748 Sunset - commission on children and youth.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Extends the commission on children and youth to June 30, 2028.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

SB1608/HB1751 Sunset - department of children's services.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Extends the department of children's services to June 30, 2026. Requires the department to submit quarterly written reports to the government operations committees during 2024 and 2025 to provide updates on the department's progress in addressing the findings set forth in the December 2022 performance audit report.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1625/HB1768 Sunset - standards committee, department of children's services.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Extends the standards committee, department of children's services to June 30, 2030.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/17/24 - Signed by Senate speaker.

House Status: 02/15/24 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status: 03/15/24 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0515 effective March 1, 2024.

SB1626/HB1769 Sunset - state board of education.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Extends the state board of education to June 30, 2030.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Government Operations Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - House passed.

SB1644/HB2365 Members of the council on autism spectrum disorder to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Carringer, Michele

Summary: Permits members of the council on autism spectrum disorder to receive reimbursement for travel expenses incurred for attendance at meetings of the council.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$5,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1662/HB1708 Charitable organization fees and reporting.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. McCalmon, Jake

Summary: Changes certain fees payable to the secretary of state by certain charitable organizations from \$50 to \$10. Increases from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 the amount of gross revenue received during a fiscal year to trigger certain reporting requirements. Assesses a late fee of \$25 per month on certain financial reports that are not timely filed.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$1,734,700/FY24-25/Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming

Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/07/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/11/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1749/HB1816 Codification of the Acts of the 2023 regular and extraordinary sessions.

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

Summary: Codifies the Acts of the 2023 regular and extraordinary sessions.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1757/HB1670 Discrimination - time frame for human rights commission to serve notice.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Behn, Aftyn

Summary: Increases, from 10 days to 10 business days, the time period from receipt of a complaint of a discriminatory practice having been committed in which the human rights commission must serve on the complainant a notice acknowledging the filing of the complaint and informing the complainant of the respondent's time limits and choice of forums, and the time period within which the commission must furnish the respondent with a copy of the complaint and a notice advising the respondent of the respondent's procedural rights and obligations. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB1870/HB2408 Creates the select committee on children and youth.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne

Summary: Details the creation of the select committee on children and youth, the member and meeting requirements, the authority of the committee, the duties and responsibilities of the committee, and the reports and ultimate termination of the committee.

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB1962/HB1791 General assembly - biennial September sessions.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Establishes parameters for biennial September sessions of the general assembly.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$604,200/FY25-26 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/14/24 - House State Government Committee recommended. Sent to House Finance.

SB2445/HB2254 Child fatality review team board members.

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

Summary: Adds three persons to the state child fatality review team who are each state residents with a child under 18 years of age. Requires the state child fatality review team to distribute the team's annual report to each local education agency and to the board of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2503/HB2610 Terminates the human rights commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Garrett, Johnny

Summary: Terminates the human rights commission with no wind-down period. Creates the human rights division in the office of attorney general and transfers the duties and functions of the human rights commission to the new division (11 pp.).

Amendment Summary: Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1, House Departments & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (014812) requires the attorney general and reporter to conduct a review of the human rights commission including the responsibilities and functions of the commission in order to evaluate if the attorney general and reporter could take on the responsibilities. The human rights commission must cooperate and provide information to the attorney general promptly and continue fulfilling the existing responsibilities while the review is in order. The attorney general and reporter will submit their findings to the speaker of the house and the speaker of the senate before Jan. 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Government Operations Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014812). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

SB2535/HB2817 Defines "life" for statutory construction purposes.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Richey, Bryan

Summary: Defines "life" for statutory construction purposes to mean the condition that distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic matter, including the capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and continual change preceding death. Excludes from the definition artificial intelligence, a computer algorithm, a software program, computer hardware, or any type of machine.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

SB1640/HB1783 UAPA - permanent rules filed with secretary of state between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, that are in effect on the effective date of this act until repealed or amended by subsequent rule of the appropriate rulemaking agency or until otherwise superseded by legislative enactment.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/20/24.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

SB1695/HB1667 Firearm regulation by local governments.

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

Summary: Authorizes local governments to regulate the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied. Applies in counties having a population greater than 98,800, according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/12/24 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 04/02/2024.

SB1765/HB1956 Importation of prescription drugs from Canada.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Miller, Larry

Summary: Requires the department of finance and administration, in collaboration with the department of health and the bureau of TennCare, to apply for federal approval to import prescription drugs from Canada. Requires the department to notify the governor, speaker of the house of representatives and speaker of the senate upon receipt of federal approval. Requires the department of finance and administration to develop a plan to implement a program within six months of federal approval. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact - The timing and extent of a waiver approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services is unknown. The implementation of such waiver is also dependent on the cooperation of the Canadian government. Therefore, the fiscal impact of any future program for the importation of prescription drugs cannot be reasonably quantified.

Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/25/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB1954/HB2069 Adds that a victim-witness coordinator may inform a victim of a criminal offense.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John
Summary: Provides that a victim-witness coordinator, in addition to the district attorney general, may inform a victim of a criminal offense of the victim's rights under the Tennessee Constitution, Article I, § 35, and of the dates of all future trial court proceedings involving the defendant.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2080/HB1683 Obsolete references to federal law pertaining to prescription of controlled substances.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Removes obsolete references to federal law that pertain to the prescription of certain controlled substances. Part of Administration Package.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2663/HB1848 Contact information for the Tennessee Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline in adult cabarets and adult-oriented establishments.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio
Summary: Requires adult cabarets and adult-oriented establishments to post a notice on the inside and outside of each bathroom door and door used by customers or patrons to enter or exit the facility that provides the contact information for the Tennessee Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline established and maintained by TBI.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

HEALTH CARE**SB1590/HB1626 Fundamental Right to Reproductive Health Care Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Behn, Aftyn
Summary: Enacts the "Fundamental Right to Reproductive Health Care Act," which declares that a pregnant person has a fundamental right to continue a pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion and to make decisions about how to exercise such right. Also declares that a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of this state. Prohibits the state, or a department, agency, entity, or political subdivision of this state from denying, restricting, interfering with, or discriminating against a person's fundamental rights regarding abortion. Also prohibits the state or any political subdivision of the state from criminalizing an action taken by a person in the exercise of the person's fundamental rights related to abortion.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB 1590 - HB 1626
Senate Status: 03/11/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred.
House Status: 03/05/24 - Failed in House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB1641/HB1883 Patient visitation.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Establishes the right of an attorney in fact designated to make healthcare decisions under a durable power of attorney for health care to conduct at least one in-person visitation with the principal for each day the principal is in a hospital. Allows the hospital to require the attorney in fact to submit to non-invasive health and safety protocols. Prohibits the visitation right of the attorney in fact from being terminated, suspended, waived, or otherwise limited during a declared disaster or state of emergency.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 3 (013310) makes the following changes to this bill: (1) Adds that the hours the attorney in fact designated to make healthcare decisions under a durable power of attorney for health care may visit the principal are during regular visitation hours, and that the hospital must make a reasonable effort to ensure that each visit is at least one hour long; (2) Clarifies that the exceptions to (1) above are as follows: (i) a hospital may require that an attorney in fact submit to non-invasive health and safety protocols before visitation; (ii) the visitation right described in (1) above does not apply to a principal who is detained by law enforcement or security while in the hospital; and (iii) the hospital may limit the visitation right of the attorney in fact while the principal is undergoing a surgery or other invasive procedure; (3) Adds that the hours an agent designated to make healthcare decisions under a power of attorney for health care may visit the principal are during regular visitation hours, and that the hospital must make a reasonable effort to ensure that each visit is at least one hour long; and (4) Clarifies that the exceptions to (3) above are as follows: (i) a hospital may require that an attorney in fact submit to non-invasive health and safety protocols before visitation; (ii) the visitation right described in (3) above does not apply to a principal who is detained by law enforcement or security while in the hospital; and (iii) the hospital may limit the visitation right of the attorney in fact while the principal is undergoing a surgery or other invasive procedure. House Health Committee amendment 1 (014181) grants an attorney-in-fact or agent designated to make healthcare decisions under a durable power of attorney for health care the right to in-person visitation with the principal at a hospital where the principal is located to evaluate the principal's condition. Requires an attorney-in-fact or agent to be permitted at least one in-person hospital visit with the principal per day during regular visitations hours. Requires hospitals to make a reasonable effort to ensure each visit is a minimum of one hour in duration. Establishes that such visitation right must not be terminated, suspended, waived, or otherwise limited upon the declaration of a disaster or emergency by the Governor or the Governor's designee, or by another individual or entity acting on behalf of the state or a political subdivision of the state. Authorizes a principal to limit the visitation rights of an attorney-in-fact or agent by indicating such limitation in the power of attorney for health care, or by notifying the healthcare provider orally or in writing that the principal declines a visit. Establishes that such visitation rights do not apply to a principal who, while in the hospital, is being detained by or is in the custody of a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or hospital security personnel. Authorizes a hospital to require an attorney-in-fact or agent to submit to non-invasive health and safety protocols prior to visitation on the hospital's premises and to limit the right of visitation while the principal is in undergoing a surgical or other invasive procedure.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed with amendment 3 (013310).
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1657/HB1846 Reporting on firearm injuries and deaths.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Clemmons, John
Summary: Requires the department of health to make an annual report to the governor on the total number of firearm injuries and deaths in this state per 100,000 people. Requires the attorney general and reporter to assist the department, upon request, in collecting information necessary for the report.
Amendment Summary: Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (014521) requires the Department of Health (DOH) to submit an annual report to the Governor, detailing the total number of firearm injuries and deaths, as well as certain demographics, caused by firearms in this state per 100,000 people that occurred in the previous calendar year. Requires the Attorney General and Reporter to assist in collecting information necessary for the reports, upon request. Requires DOH to ensure that the confidentiality of individually identifiable health information is maintained in the department's reporting.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014521). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Committee 03/20/24.

SB1714/HB1654 Smart Heart Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott
Summary: Specifies that the sudden cardiac arrest education program required to be completed by coaches and school athletic directors must include training in CPR, first aid, and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Requires the governing authority of each public and nonpublic school that serves any of the grades nine through 12 to maintain an AED that is accessible during the school day and during all school youth athletic activities. Requires, beginning September 1, 2024, the governing authority of each public and nonpublic school that serves any of the grades nine through 12 to establish, review, and annually rehearse an athletics emergency action plan (AEAP) for responding to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by students participating in school youth athletic activities. Authorizes the state board of education, in consultation with the department of health, to promulgate rules to effectuate this act.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB1720/HB2451 Healthcare Provider Advertising Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Requires certain information to be included in a healthcare practitioner advertisement. Adds certain activities to and exempts certain activities from the definition of the practice of medicine. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1766/HB1882 Providing of patient medical records to patient or patient's authorized representative.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Requires a healthcare provider to provide to a patient or the patient's authorized representative a full copy of the patient's medical records within 10 working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or representative, instead of providing a full copy or a summary of the records. Requires a healthcare provider to provide to a principal or an attorney in fact acting pursuant to a durable power of attorney for health care a full copy of the principal's medical records within 10 working days of receipt of a written request by the principal or attorney in fact, instead of providing a full copy or a summary of the records. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1779/HB1639 Obtaining a patient's hospital records.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Moon, Jerome
Summary: Specifies if an incapacitated or deceased patient has no authorized representative then the patient's surviving spouse, child, or parent will be treated as an authorized representative for the patient for the purposes of obtaining the patient's hospital records. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (012324) establishes that if a hospital patient becomes incapacitated or dies without an authorized representative, then, for the purpose of obtaining hospital records from a hospital or other licensed healthcare facility, the patient's authorized representative is considered to be: (1) the patient's surviving spouse; (2) a surviving child, if there is no surviving spouse; and (3) a parent, if there is no surviving child.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (012324).

SB1791/HB1973 Newborn screening.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hawk, David
Summary: Requires all infants born in this state to be screened for specific genetic, metabolic, or other heritable conditions, including, but not limited to, conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP). Allows the department of health to require newborn screening for conditions not listed on the RUSP. Requires certain implementation and reporting requirements regarding such newborn screening.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 1, House Health Committee amendment 1 (014247) rewrites the bill to, instead, provide that, when screening for a condition is not implemented within 36 months of being added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel, the department of health ("department") must provide a report on the status and the reason for delay to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house, the genetics advisory committee of the department, and the Tennessee rare disease advisory council. The report is required no later than six months after the 36-month period has expired, and by January 1 of each year thereafter until screening for the condition is implemented.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/04/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014247).

House Status:

03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1793/HB2081 Administration of medications by unlicensed persons.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

Summary:

Allows unlicensed persons who have completed a competency-based training program and are employed by certain personal support service agencies licensed under Title 33 to administer certain medications to individuals who are incapable of self-administration in the individual's home. Prohibits the personnel referenced in this bill from administering intravenous, intramuscular, or certain subcutaneous injectable medications.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Health Committee amendment 1 (014291) authorizes an unlicensed person who is employed by a licensed personal support service agency (PSSA) to administer certain medications to an individual who is incapable of self-administration in the individual's place of residence, after the unlicensed person satisfactorily completes a competency-based training program approved by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS). Authorizes the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) to provide training for unlicensed individuals who administer medications to unlicensed individuals employed by licensed PSSAs.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/12/24 - Senate passed.

House Status:

03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014291). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB1804/HB1943 Tennessee Contraceptive Freedom Act.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary:

Enacts the "Tennessee Contraceptive Freedom Act" which reinforces that a person has a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in family planning and contraception and that a healthcare provider shall provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception and family planning to consenting patients; or refer consenting patients to a healthcare provider that can provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception and family planning. Prohibits the rights set forth by this law must not be limited or otherwise infringed through a limitation or requirement. Requires that on or after July 1, 2024, health insurance carriers and public health agencies shall ensure affordable access to a wide range of contraceptive methods for all consenting persons. Prohibits or restricts the sale, provision, or use of any contraceptives that have been approved by the federal food and drug administration for contraceptive purposes by the state or political subdivision of the state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 29, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$75,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$13,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$47,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years* SB 1804 - HB 1943 Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the Department of Health and local health departments cannot accommodate the proposed legislation, state and local expenditures will increase. Such increases are dependent on a number of unknown factors, including how many new uninsured individuals will seek free contraception, and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status:

03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status:

03/05/24 - Failed in House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB1832/HB2226 Tennessee Maternal Health Equity Advisory Committee Act.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

Summary:

Enacts the "Tennessee Maternal Health Equity Advisory Committee Act," which creates within the department of health the Tennessee Maternal Health Equity Advisory Committee composed of 11 members appointed by the governor. Specifies that the purpose of the committee is to systematically review maternal health data, identify disparities in maternal healthcare delivery, and formulate recommendations to the department aimed at enhancing maternal health outcomes, with a specific focus on minority women and women residing in urban and rural communities within this state. Requires the committee to make recommendations to the department based on its findings. Also requires the committee to submit an annual report to the governor, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, and to the chair of the house health committee summarizing its findings and recommendations.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 1 (015087) rewrites the bill to, instead, add to the composition of the Tennessee maternal mortality review and prevention team four members appointed by the commissioner of health who are from community-based organizations and include the following: (1) One member from the middle grand division of this state; (2) One member from the eastern grand division of this state; and (3) Two members from the western grand division of this state, including one member from Memphis; and one member from Jackson.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/14/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015087).

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1874/HB1853 Definition of home health services does not include services certain home therapy services.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary:

Exempts from the definition of "home health service" services provided by a person or entity that solely provides services of occupational and physical therapy or communication disorders and sciences by healthcare professionals if provided only on an outpatient basis and therapy outpatient services provided by a person or entity under the social security act and reimbursed under Medicare part B or a similar Medicare advantage plan for the purposes of regulation of health and related facilities. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Health Committee amendment 1 (014724) establishes that certain outpatient occupational and physical therapy services and communication disorders and sciences services provided to individuals who are not certified as homebound are not included in the definition of "home health service" for the purpose of regulation of health and related facilities. Establishes that certain physical, occupational, or speech therapy services provided in the room or residence of an assisted-care living facility resident are not included in the definition of "home health service" for the purpose of regulation of health and related facilities.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014724). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB1936/HB2366 Application requirements for international medical school graduates applying for special licenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Carringer, Michele
Summary: Changes requirements for international medical school graduates applying for special licenses to satisfactory completion of a one-year United States post-graduate training program approved by the American Medical Association or its extant accreditation program for medical education, or its successor. Previously international medical school graduates required Evidence of satisfactory completion of a three-year post-graduate training program approved by the American Medical Association or its extant accreditation program for medical education, or its successor. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (014205) establishes that when applying to practice medicine or surgery in this state, an international medical school graduate must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a one-year United States post-graduate training program approved by the American Medical Association. Removes the requirement that an international medical student apply for licensure or testing within 12 months of completion of the post-graduate training program.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Committee 03/20/24.

SB1993/HB2289 Scope of a medication aide's authority.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary: Removes a medication aide's authority, pursuant to a nursing delegation, to administer oral medications and topical medications prescribed with a designation authorizing or requiring administration on an as-needed basis. Removes prohibition against a medical aide administering medications delivered by aerosol, nebulizers, or metered hand-held inhalers without a spacer.
Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1 (015058) removes the condition that a medication aide may only administer oral and topical medications prescribed with a designation authority or requiring administration on an as-needed basis if a nursing assessment of the patient is completed by a licensed nurse before the medication is administered. Removes the prohibition on a medication aide administering medications delivered by aerosol/nebulizers or metered hand-held inhalers without a spacer.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to 03/21/24.

SB2019/HB2060 Prescribed buprenorphine products.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Hicks, Tim
Summary: Increases from 50 to 100 the number of patients to whom a licensed nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is authorized to prescribe Schedule II or III drugs may prescribe buprenorphine products. Increases from four to 10 the maximum number of licensed nurse practitioners or physician assistants who prescribe buprenorphine products that a physician may supervise or collaborate with at one time. Makes other changes relative to the use of buprenorphine products. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1 (058859) increases from four to five the maximum number of licensed nurse practitioners or physician assistants who prescribe buprenorphine products that a physician may supervise or collaborate with at one time.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (058859), which changes four to five. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2022/HB2650 Extension of notice by temporary healthcare staffing agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther
Summary: Extends the notice temporary healthcare staffing agencies are required to send to the health facilities commission to identify its business entity and any controlling person from no later than December 31, 2023, to no later than December 31 of each year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2050/HB2189 Accidental fentanyl poisoning reporting.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Davis, Elaine
Summary: Requires the department of health to report to legislative committees the number of persons in this state who have died from accidental fentanyl poisoning over the last ten years, the methods used by the department to address accidental fentanyl poisoning in this state, and the effectiveness of such methods. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2063/HB2232 Pilot project to invest in the self-sufficiency of employees of childcare agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Creates a pilot project to place a moratorium on the loss of public assistance benefits for childcare workers based solely on wage increases that cause their income to exceed program eligibility limits. Requires TACIR to study wages and related issues for childcare workers, including the benefits cliff. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$3,400/FY24-25/Strategic Technology Systems Increase State Expenditures \$103,700/FY24-25/General Fund Increase Federal Expenditures \$137,800/FY24-25 Other Fiscal Impact The proposed legislation may put the Department of Human Services out of compliance with requirements for federal funding for the Child Care and Development Fund and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and may put the Department of Education out of HB 2232 - SB 2063 compliance requirements for federal funding for the National Nutrition Program. The precise amount of federal funding that may be jeopardized and any corresponding increase in state expenditures to cover lost federal funding is dependent on future actions of the federal government and cannot be reasonably estimated. The continued TANF payments to child care employees will result in an increase in federal expenditures; however, due to multiple unknown variables related to these employees, the precise increase cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2074/HB1678 Data reported by health facilities.

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

Summary: Transfers certain duties and authority regarding data reported by health facilities from the executive director of the health facilities commission to the department of health. Requires licensed birthing centers to report claims data on discharges to the department of health at least quarterly. Removes requirement that an owner of a hospital that closes must submit to the department a report of the statistical particulars relative to the hospital's patients for the fiscal year. Requires, regarding the reporting of hospital statistics, all hospitals to submit accurate and complete data. Clarifies that the department of health is not responsible for validating hospitals' internal data as reported in accordance with this section. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2086/HB1687 Requirements for public safety dispatchers - mandatory physical exam.

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

Summary: Authorizes a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to perform the mandatory physical examination of a public safety dispatcher or emergency call taker if the physical examination is included in the written protocol developed by the supervising physician and nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/13/24 - Set for House Floor 02/15/24.

SB2135/HB2727 Designations of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Summary: Establishes the designations of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist and enumerates the permitted activities for individuals with such designations, including creating a plan of care, issuing orders, and prescribing drugs.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$134,400/FY24-25/Board of Nursing \$79,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Fiscal Years/ Board of Nursing Increase State Expenditures \$134,400/FY24-25/Board of Nursing \$79,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Fiscal Years/ Board of Nursing Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Nursing had a surplus of \$28,720 in FY21-22, a deficit of \$665,329 in FY22-23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$7,181,718 on June 30, 2023.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2136/HB2318 Scope of practice of physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Makes revisions to the authorized scope of practice of physician assistants and advanced practice nurses who meet certain qualifications (35 pp.).

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$1,094,100/FY24-25/Board of Nursing \$189,900/FY24-25/Board of Physician Assistants \$328,200/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Board of Nursing \$57,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Board of Physician Assistants Increase State Expenditures \$332,700/FY24-25/ Division of Health-Related Boards \$308,900/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Division of Health-Related Boards HB 2318 - SB 2136 Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Nursing had an annual surplus of \$28,720 in FY21-22, an annual deficit of \$665,329 in FY22-23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$7,181,718 on June 30, 2023. The Board of Physician Assistants had an annual surplus of \$100,032 in FY21-22, an annual deficit of \$29,153 in FY22-23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$295,339 on June 30, 2023. The Division of Health-Related Boards had an annual surplus of \$2,687,730 in FY21-22, an annual surplus of \$720,811 in FY22-23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$36,563,823 on June 30, 2023.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2140/HB2157 Parental informed consent required prior to vaccination of minor.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Requires a healthcare provider to include documentation of the receipt of consent to provide vaccination to a minor from a parent or legal guardian of the minor in the minor's electronic medical record. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB2151/HB2861 Report on immunization rates of children by county.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Carringer, Michele

Summary: Requires the commissioner of health to submit an electronic copy of the annual report on immunization rates of children, by county, to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (014579) prohibits a healthcare provider from: (1) coercing a person a person to receive a vaccination; (2) misrepresenting that state law requires a person to receive a vaccination without the option for a religious exemption; or (3) misrepresenting that state law requires a newborn to receive a screening test without the option for a religious exemption. Establishes that a violation of the legislation is an unlawful practice and is grounds for the offending healthcare provider's licensing authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the healthcare provider's license or take other disciplinary action allowed by law. Requires a licensing authority to conduct an immediate investigation and take appropriate disciplinary action upon receiving information of a violation or potential violation by a healthcare provider. Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1 (015523) prohibits a healthcare provider from coercing a person to receive a vaccination, mislead or misrepresent that vaccination is required by law when the person is provided with an exemption, or mislead or misrepresent newborn screening tests. A violation is grounds for offending the healthcare provider's license and an immediate investigation and appropriate disciplinary action must be taken.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015523). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Committee 03/20/24.

SB2246/HB2093 Posting of nonresidential buprenorphine guidelines and standards.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary: Requires health-related boards that license practitioners authorized to prescribe buprenorphine-containing products to post nonresidential buprenorphine guidelines and standards on the licensing board's website no more than 10 days after receipt of the guidelines. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2275/HB2907 Limiting a physician's ability to prescribe medication for themselves and family.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

Summary: Prohibits a physician from administering a scheduled drug to themselves, or from prescribing, dispensing, or administering medication for immediate family, unless the treatment is minor or in an emergency situation. Prohibits the supervisee of a physician from administering or dispensing medications to a supervising or collaborating physician's immediate family unless it is an emergency situation. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1 (014554) prohibits a physician from prescribing, dispensing, or administering medication for, or otherwise treating, the physician's own self, except in short-term, acute, emergency situations. Prohibits a physician from prescribing, dispensing, or administering medication for, or otherwise treating, immediate family unless such treatment is for minor, self-limited illnesses or acute, emergency situations. Authorizes a physician to treat immediate family members if no other physician offering healthcare services at a location within 30 miles of the physician's primary practice site.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB2292/HB2668 Changes date annual report treatment for opiate addiction is due.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Changes date that the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Department is required to submit an annual report on use of medication-assisted treatment for opiate addiction from February fifteenth to February 1st. Brudly Captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2297/HB2308 Prescribing a buprenorphine product for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary: Allows for qualifying healthcare providers who work in hospitals, including hospitals exempt from licensure, and an affiliated clinic operating under the hospital's license to prescribe buprenorphine products. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (015053) includes certain licensed healthcare providers who are employed by hospitals licensed by the Health Facilities Commission (HFC), or affiliated clinics operated under the hospital's license, in those individuals permitted to prescribe buprenorphine product for use in recovery or medication assisted treatment. Authorizes licensed nurses and licensed physician assistants who work in an HFC-licensed hospital to prescribe buprenorphine products for use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment if certain conditions are met. Establishes that a physician may oversee more than two nurses or physician assistants who prescribe buprenorphine products at an HFC-licensed hospital or affiliate clinic. Authorizes a family, adult, or psychiatric nurse practitioner or physician assistant employed at a licensed hospital to write prescriptions for buprenorphine products for up to 50 people if certain conditions are met.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Committee 03/20/24.

SB2298/HB2377 Annual report from department of health regarding data on needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , 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, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2379/HB2050 Waiver request to exemption from the immunization requirement.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Gant, Ron
Summary: Directs the department to submit to the United States department of health and human services a waiver request to exempt this state from the immunization requirements of the National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards for Title IV-E agencies. Directs the department to submit the waiver request prior to or as part of the department's next occurring Title IV-E program plan application submission.
Amendment Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014979) requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to submit a request to the United States
Summary: Department of Health and Human Services to amend the Title IV-E plan to conform with state law pertaining to immunization for foster homes.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014979). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2396/HB2816 Performing of detransition procedures by gender clinics.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Faison, Jeremy
Summary: Requires gender clinics accepting funds from this state to perform gender transition procedures to also perform detransition procedures. Requires insurance entities providing coverage of gender transition procedures to also cover detransition procedures. Requires certain gender clinics and insurance entities to report information regarding detransition procedures to the department of health. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$466,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2- 111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for procedures and treatments being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent.
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in House Health Committee.

SB2398/HB2371 Timeframe for which a cause of death of a patient must be determined.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Increases from 48 hours to two business days the time by which a physician in charge of a patient who dies or a medical examiner must determine the cause of death and complete and sign a medical certification of death. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Consent on 03/18/24.

SB2400/HB2524 PANDAS Awareness Day.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Lynn, Susan
Summary: Establishes October 9 of each year as "PANDAS Awareness Day" to promote awareness of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee Consent Calendar 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2401/HB2484 Private insurance coverage for treatment of PANDAS and PANS.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Lynn, Susan
Summary: Mandates private insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$3,516,500/FY24-25 \$7,033,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$329,800/FY24-25 \$659,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$484,100/FY24-25* \$968,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years* Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for procedures and treatments being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent. HB 2484 - SB 2401
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2482/HB2773 Parental access to a minor child's medical information.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary: Requires a minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian to be granted access to any prescription records resulting from medical treatment of the minor, even if the treatment was provided to the minor without parental consent. Captioned Broadly.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Health Committee amendment 1 (015824) enacts the Cassie Wright Act. Authorizes an unemancipated minor's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, or other person with medical decision-making authority for the unemancipated minor to access any prescription records resulting from treatment of the minor, even if the treatment was provided to the unemancipated minor without parental consent. Establishes that, to the extent allowable by federal privacy laws and regulations, the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of an unemancipated minor age 16 or older with serious emotional disturbance or mental illness may access any prescription records resulting from outpatient or inpatient mental health treatment for the child. Requires a professional treating such unemancipated minor to report any suicidal ideations or thoughts of self-harm made by the unemancipated minor, if it is determined that the unemancipated minor has the apparent ability to attempt suicide and is likely to attempt suicide unless prevented from doing so, to the minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian. Prohibits a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian from accessing prescription records resulting from treatment provided to an unemancipated minor if the treating professional is required to report abuse of the unemancipated minor and the treating professional believes that access to the prescription records is reasonably likely to endanger the life or physical safety of the minor. Establishes that in order to discharge a duty to predict, warn or take precautions to provide protection from a threat of bodily harm made by a mental health service recipient that is an unemancipated minor, a service provider or professional must notify the unemancipated minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian, in addition to the existing discharge requirements. Requires a professional or service provider who reports to law enforcement regarding a threat of bodily harm communicated by a service recipient who is an unemancipated minor to also report information about the threat to the unemancipated minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015824). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2519/HB2664 Annual report on immunization rates of children by county.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Slater, William

Summary:

Requires the commissioner of health to submit an electronic copy of the annual report on immunization rates of children, by county, to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (014989) requires, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, and at least annually thereafter, each school in the state that serves students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) to provide written notice to parents and guardians of the students, or by posting a notice on the public website of the local education agency (LEA) in the same manner and on the same part of the website that includes information on vaccine requirements, that includes: (1) an explanation that any student vaccination requirements imposed by the school are subject to medical and religious exemptions under this section; and (2) a copy of a form written statement that the parent or guardian may sign and file with school authorities to obtain a religious exemption from vaccination requirements.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Committee 03/20/24.

SB2600/HB2663 Report to general assembly on data related to safety net program.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary:

Changes, from January 15 to March 1, the date by which the commissioner of health, in consultation with the department of finance and administration and any other state agency involved in the administration of the safety net program, is required to report to the general assembly on data relating to access to care and safety net adequacy related issues. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2782/HB2310 Prohibited medical procedures for minors.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Richey, Bryan

Summary:

Creates a civil cause of action against any person who knowingly removes a minor from this state without the consent of a parent of the minor for the purpose of assisting the minor in obtaining a healthcare procedure that is for the purpose of enabling the minor to identify with, or live as, a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex or treating purported discomfort or distress from a discordance between the minor's sex and asserted identity. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Civil Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (014190) creates the Class C felony offense of recruiting, harboring, or transporting an unemancipated minor within this state for the purpose of receiving a prohibited medical procedure. Establishes the offense does not apply to the parents or legal guardians of an unemancipated minor. States that it is not a defense to a prosecution that the unemancipated minor consented to the actions that led to the offense. Provides for a civil action against a person committing the offense of recruiting, harboring, or transporting an unemancipated minor within this state for the purpose of receiving a prohibited medical procedure.

Senate Status:

02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2846/HB2720 Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2024.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Garrett, Johnny

Summary:

Enacts the "Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2024" which makes various updates and changes to multiple aspects of the certificates of need for healthcare facilities. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status:

02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2922/HB2899 Training curriculum for emergency medical services personnel to include materials on child abuse.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

Summary:

Requires the department to include in its training curriculum for emergency medical services personnel materials concerning child abuse and neglect. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SJR848 Urges development of comprehensive statewide Paid Family Caregiving Policy and Program.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken ,
Summary: Urges development of comprehensive statewide Paid Family Caregiving Policy and Program.
Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate adopted.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

INSURANCE HEALTH

SB1683/HB1737 Coverage for prescription insulin drugs.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Jones, Justin
Summary: Caps the total amount that a health insurance carrier can require a covered patient with diabetes to pay for a 30-day supply of insulin at no more than \$35. Caps the total price that a person who supplies prescription insulin drugs into or within this state for use by a patient with diabetes can charge for a 30-day supply of insulin at no more than \$35. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$185,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$20,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$33,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*
Senate Status: 02/20/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB1753/HB1810 Denial of insurance benefits for a loss due to accidental fentanyl poisoning.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Davis, Elaine
Summary: Prohibits the denial of accident and sickness insurance policy benefits when there is a loss due to accidental fentanyl poisoning. Requires that when fentanyl is determined to be the cause of or a contributing factor in the death, the cause of death must be listed as accidental fentanyl poisoning.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 01/23/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB1827/HB2104 Coverage for an annual mental health wellness examination.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Dixie, Vincent
Summary: Requires that every health insurance policy or health benefit plan issued in this state that provides medical and surgical benefits as well as mental health or substance use disorder benefits must cover an annual mental health wellness examination that lasts minimally 45 minutes. A mental health wellness examination includes, but is not limited to, a behavioral health screening, education and consultation on healthy lifestyle changes, referrals to ongoing treatment, mental health services, and other supports, and discussion of potential options for medication. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation could result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for coverage of mental health wellness examinations being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individual's total premium will be less than one percent.
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/20/24 - House Insurance Committee deferred to Summer Study.

SB1881/HB2857 Provider-based telemedicine requirements.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hill, Timothy
Summary: Removes from the definition of "provider-based telemedicine" the requirement that the healthcare service provider or the provider's practice group or healthcare system have an established provider-patient relationship that is documented by an in-person encounter within 16 months prior to the interactive visit.
Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (013830) removes the requirement for the in-person encounter between the healthcare service provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient to be within 16 months prior to the interactive visit. Removes the interactive visit to be tolled for the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013830). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1919/HB2635 Coverage for contraceptives.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary: Requires a health benefit plan that amends, renews, or delivers a policy of coverage on or after July 1, 2024, 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, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescriber instructs that the insured must receive a smaller supply.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (014457) requires a health benefit plan under the TennCare program or the CoverKids program to provide coverage for a 12-month refill of contraceptives obtained at one time by an insured person, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescribing healthcare provider instructs that the insured must receive a smaller supply. Prohibits such a health benefit plan that provides coverage for hormonal contraceptives, in the absence of clinical contraindications, from imposing utilization controls or other forms of medical management limiting the supply of contraceptives that may be dispensed or furnished by a provider or pharmacy or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense drugs or supplies, to an amount that is less than a twelve-month supply. Effective January 1, 2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Up to \$1,873,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures Up to \$202,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures Up to \$332,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014457), which requires a health benefit plan under the TennCare program or the CoverKids program to provide coverage for a 12-month refill of contraceptives obtained at one time by an insured person, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescribing healthcare provider instructs that the insured must receive a smaller supply. Prohibits such a health benefit plan that provides coverage for hormonal contraceptives, in the absence of clinical contraindications, from imposing utilization controls or other forms of medical management limiting the supply of contraceptives that may be dispensed or furnished by a provider or pharmacy or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense drugs or supplies, to an amount that is less than a twelve-month supply. Effective January 1, 2025.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1935/HB2064 Tennessee Strong Families Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

Summary: requires, on or after January 1, 2025, a health carrier that issues or renews a health insurance policy, health benefit plan, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses to provide coverage for the expenses of standard fertility services for patients with iatrogenic infertility. Excludes employer-sponsored health plans.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/31/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB2008/HB2170 Pharmacy benefits - availability of financial or other product assistance for a prescription drug.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Prohibits an insurer, pharmacy benefits manager, or third-party administrator from changing or conditioning the terms of health plan coverage based on availability of financial or other product assistance for a prescription drug. Establishes certain procedures for calculating an enrollee's contribution to an applicable cost sharing requirement. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee (015555) rewrites the bill and makes changes to the calculation of insurance enrollee's contribution to applicable cost sharing requirement. Insurance companies must include cost sharing amounts paid by the enrollee or behalf of the enrollee by another person when calculating an enrollee's contribution. Applies to contracts for health insurance coverages entered into after Jul. 1, 2021. Does not apply to a prescription drug for which there is a generic alternative. Prohibits a health insurance company from altering the terms of health insurance coverage based on information about the availability of a prescription drug. States other requirements for reporting benefit percentages.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2026/HB1984 Acceptance of healthy benefit cards offered by managed health insurance issuers.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Martin, Brock

Summary: Requires managed health insurance issuers that offer healthy benefit cards to demonstrate that the healthy benefit cards are accepted at all retail food establishments within a geographic area which derive at least 20% of their taxable sales from the retail sale of food and food ingredients for human consumption. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2142 Incentive program for persons covered under a state healthcare plan.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,

Summary: Creates an incentive program for persons covered under a state healthcare plan under which 47.5 percent of a qualified rebate amount for a major medical treatment or procedure is distributed to a covered person, 47.5 percent of such amount is distributed to the state treasurer for credit to the general fund, and 5 percent is distributed to the third-party administrator selected by the department of finance and administration to administer the plan. Prohibits a state healthcare plan from penalizing a covered person participating in the incentive program by requiring a higher deductible or co-payment if a covered person receives a major medical treatment or procedure from an out-of-network healthcare provider.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

SB2363/HB1877 Acceptance of electronic insurance cards by hospitals and physicians.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Requires physicians, hospitals, and other persons who are licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified healthcare services to accept a digital or electronic representation of a covered individual's insurance information that is issued by a health insurance entity. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (014097) requires a healthcare provider to accept an electronic insurance card as valid evidence of an individual's health insurance plan, policy, or contract. Effective January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

House Status: 03/11/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (014097).

SB2373/HB2322 Coverage for treatment services required for treatment of an acquired brain injury.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

Summary: Requires certain health benefit plans to include coverage for treatment services required for and related to the treatment of an acquired brain injury. Prohibits health benefit plans from imposing certain limitations on the number of days of acute care, post-acute care, and covered inpatient care for acquired brain injuries. Makes additional changes related to such coverage. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,034,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$703,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$279,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years* Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for procedures and treatments being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent.

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

SB2629/HB2549 Tennessee Strong Families Act.*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther*Summary:* Requires, on or after January 1, 2025, a health carrier that issues or renews a health insurance policy, health benefit plan, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses to provide coverage for the expenses of standard fertility services for patients with infertility as the result of cancer treatment. Excludes employer-sponsored health plans. Broadly captioned.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$3,675,800/FY24-25 \$7,351,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$1,634,200/FY24-25 \$3,268,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years*Senate Status:* 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.*House Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.**SB2811/HB2632 Incentive program for persons covered under a state healthcare plan.***Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie*Summary:* Creates an incentive program for persons covered under a state healthcare plan under which 47.5% of a qualified rebate amount for a major medical treatment or procedure is distributed to a covered person, 47.5% of such amount is distributed to the state treasurer for credit to the general fund, and 5% is distributed to the third-party administrator selected by the department of finance and administration to administer the plan. Broadly captioned.*Amendment Summary:* House Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (014687) requires the state insurance committee, the local education insurance committee, and the local government insurance committee (committees) to contract with a third-party vendor to establish an incentive program by January 1, 2025. Establishes that the third-party vendor must provide each enrollee with online information on the cost and quality of healthcare services and providers, allow an enrollee to shop for healthcare services and providers, and reward the enrollee by sharing savings generated by the enrollee's choice of healthcare services or providers. Requires the costs to the third-party vendor for administering the incentive program be paid to the vendor out of the cost savings realized under the incentive program. Establishes that enrollees are eligible to receive an incentive under the incentive program for in-network or out-of-network healthcare services and providers if such services and providers meet the cost-effective criteria established under the incentive program. Grants enrollees the discretion to have the amount payable from healthcare incentives be either credited to a qualified flexible or health benefits or savings account, or be paid as a cash reimbursement by direct deposit, check, or other similar payment method. Requires the committees to submit annual reports, beginning March 15, 2026, to specified legislative entities. Effective upon becoming a law, for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out administrative duties. Effective January 1, 2025 for all other purposes.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$119,225,000/FY24-25 Exceeds \$238,450,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$147,885,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$295,770,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years HB 2632 - SB 2811 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$85,998,900/FY24-25* Exceeds \$171,997,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**Senate Status:* 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.*House Status:* 03/12/24 - House Public Service Subcommittee deferred to summer study.**SB2876/HB2962 Coverage for perinatal educational courses.***Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.*Summary:* Requires insurance companies, including those that participate in the TennCare program, that provides pregnancy or maternity benefits to also provide educational courses at no cost about covered benefits of prenatal, childbirth, and postpartum to women who are pregnant or have given birth to a child within the previous year, the child's biological father, and one other person designated by the mother of the child as well as make information regarding such educational courses available on the company's website. Broadly captioned.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,743,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$2,901,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$126,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years* Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2- 111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for services being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent.*Senate Status:* 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.*House Status:* 03/12/24 - Failed in House Insurance Subcommittee.**JUDICIARY****SB1747/HB2166 Dependent or neglected child - disposition.***Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Littleton, Mary*Summary:* Permits a child found to be dependent or neglected to be committed or confined to an institution or other facility designed or operated for the benefit of delinquent children if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the child may pose a risk of harm to the child's self or others and is in need of intensive services. Specifies that a disposition under this section must be implemented as soon as possible after entry of the court's order. Broadly captioned.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT*Senate Status:* 03/11/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.*House Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.**SB1801/HB1906 Limitations of actions for minor victims of trafficking for a commercial sex act.***Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. McCalmon, Jake*Summary:* Allows a minor victim 30 years after the victim turns 18 years of age to sue the alleged perpetrator for any injury or illness stemming from the offense of trafficking for a commercial sex act. Broadly captioned.*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (013397) revises the bill to, instead, require the injured person to offer clear and convincing evidence corroborating the claim of abuse or trafficking by the alleged perpetrator if an action is brought against someone other than the alleged perpetrator of the child sexual abuse or trafficking for a commercial sex act, and if the action is brought more than one year from the date the injured person attains the age of majority.*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT*Senate Status:* 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013397), which revises the bill to, instead, require the injured person to offer clear and convincing evidence corroborating the claim of abuse or trafficking by the alleged perpetrator if an action is brought against someone other than the alleged perpetrator of the child sexual abuse or trafficking for a commercial sex act, and if the action is brought more than one year from the date the injured person attains the age of majority.

SB1802/HB2611 Authorizes AG to investigate human trafficking offenses and organized crime offenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Authorizes the attorney general and reporter to investigate human trafficking offenses, organized crime offenses, and related criminal activity. Authorizes the attorney general and reporter to prosecute such offenses either with the consent of the district attorney general or after appointment as district attorney general pro tempore by the Supreme Court. Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to assist the attorney general and reporter as needed.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent the Attorney General seeks to prosecute a criminal offense, there will be an increase in expenditures for additional staff and supplies to accommodate the increase in workload. Additionally, there will be an increase in state expenditures to the District Attorneys General Conference to retain outside counsel. The timing and amount of any increase in expenditures is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonably certainty.
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1842/HB2053 Notification to TBI of final disposition of criminal proceedings.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Requires clerks of circuit court, criminal court, general sessions courts, other special courts created by law, and municipal courts exercising concurrent general sessions jurisdiction, to notify the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation of the final disposition in criminal proceedings within three business days of the disposition, rather than 72 hours.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1869/HB2872 Mental health findings - prohibition on purchase or possession of firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb
Summary: Requires clerks of court to collect and report a finding that a person is incompetent to stand trial in a criminal proceeding to the federal bureau of investigation and department of safety. Prohibits the purchase or possession of a firearm by a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective, including a person who has been found incompetent to stand trial in a criminal proceeding. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB1875/HB1878 Victim compensation - timeframe for reporting crime to law enforcement.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Extends the timeframe for which a report must be filed with law enforcement from 48 hours to 7 days after the crime occurred in order for the victim to receive compensation. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2059/HB2791 Report on juvenile court noncompliance regarding data collection.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary: Requires the administrative office of the courts to submit a report, by July 1 and January 1 of each year, listing each juvenile court, if any, that is not in compliance with quality statewide data collection requirements, including the dates of noncompliance and steps that could be taken to bring the court into compliance. Requires the report to be filed with the juvenile court judge for the court that is not in compliance with this section and the chairs of the judiciary committee of the senate and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (013998) rewrites the bill to, instead, require the administrative office of the courts to submit a report, by October 1 of each year, listing each juvenile court, if any, that is not in compliance with quality statewide data collection requirements, including the dates of noncompliance and steps that could be taken to bring the court into compliance. The report must be submitted to the juvenile court judges of the courts that are not in compliance and the chairs of the judiciary committee of the senate and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/29/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013998).
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB2225/HB1652 Subject matter jurisdiction over any legal action challenging rule or procedure of general assembly.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Specifies that no circuit, chancery, or other court has subject matter jurisdiction over any legal action, challenging any rule, regulation, or procedure of the senate or house of representatives. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (012889) rewrites this bill to, instead, declare that no circuit, chancery, or other inferior court has subject matter jurisdiction over any legal action challenging any rule of the senate or house of representatives adopted pursuant to Article II, § 12 of the Tennessee Constitution. Article II, § 12 provides that "Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member, but not a second time for the same offence; and shall have all other powers necessary for a branch of the Legislature of a free State."

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (012889), which rewrites this bill to, instead, declare that no circuit, chancery, or other inferior court has subject matter jurisdiction over any legal action challenging any rule of the senate or house of representatives adopted pursuant to Article II, § 12 of the Tennessee Constitution. Article II, § 12 provides that "Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member, but not a second time for the same offence; and shall have all other powers necessary for a branch of the Legislature of a free State."

SB2314/HB2875 Drafting of legislation - fonts and colors used.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Richey, Bryan

Summary: Requires the office of legal services to draft and produce each bill, resolution, amendment, or other legislative proposal offered for debate prior to passage or enactment utilizing a system of a combination of different fonts, colors, or styles of texts to differentiate between the existing law and the new language or proposed deleted or repealed language. Also requires the directors of the office of legal services to select the parameters to be utilized in the system with consult from the leadership of the majority and minority parties or other offices and divisions.

Senate Status: 02/08/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2433/HB2595 Forensic medical examinations in sexual assault cases.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Rudder, Iris

Summary: Increases from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the compensation claim amount that may be reimbursed to a healthcare provider for performing a forensic medical examination on a victim of a sexual assault case. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$207,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$621,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB2686/HB2744 Court not providing the AOC with the required uniform statistical information relative to court caseloads.

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

Summary: Requires all county legislative bodies within a judicial district to be notified, in addition to judges, district attorneys general, district public defenders, and court clerks, of any court within the judicial district that is not providing the administrative office of the court with the required uniform statistical information relative to court caseloads. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2689/HB2930 Directs AOC to define and develop a centralized system of case management.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Directs the AOC to define and develop a centralized system of case management, document management, electronic case filing, electronic payment methods, data reporting, and any other capability deemed necessary for collection and reporting of all state and local court public case level data. Specifies that the development of the centralized system must include projections for ongoing costs and maintenance of such a system. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The timing and extent of the mandatory increases in local government expenditures cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.*

Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/20/24.

SB2849/HB1829 Creates one additional chancery court in the 19th judicial district.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Johnson, Curtis

Summary: Creates one additional chancery court in the 19th judicial district for a total of two.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/25/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB2855/HB1830 Creates one additional circuit court in the 23rd judicial district.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Creates one additional circuit court in the 23rd judicial district for a total of four.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$346,200/FY24-25 \$380,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

LABOR LAW

SB1866/HB1907 Determining whether a person is an illegal alien for employment purposes.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Clarifies that illegal alien means anyone who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or authorized to be employed by the federal Immigration and Naturalization Act or the United States attorney general.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2409/HB2396 Food delivery worker's minimum wage.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Harris, Torrey

Summary: Establishes the minimum wage for a food delivery worker as \$12 an hour with an increase each with the cost of living and an overtime rate of 1.5 times the regular wage. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2470/HB2830 Allows employers and schools to develop diversity plans and policies.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen

Summary: Allows employers and public institutions of higher education in this state to establish, maintain, and implement policies, practices, and requirements designed to safeguard employees, applicants for employment, students, faculty, and staff from discrimination based on race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity, which may be developed and administered through an office of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2646/HB2602 Increases hourly minimum wage.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , 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.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$10,979,500/FY24-25/General Fund Exceeds \$21,953,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Exceeds \$500,000/FY24-25/Higher Education Institutions Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Higher Education Institutions Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$2,500,000/FY24-25* Exceeds \$5,000,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years*

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2799/HB2892 Refusal to grant exemption to the Child Labor Act of 1976 - written statement of reasons required.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to furnish a minor and the minor's parent or guardian with a written statement of the reasons for the commissioner's refusal to grant a special exemption to the Child Labor Act of 1976 when a demand for a written statement of the reasons of the refusal is made within seven days, instead of five, of the refusal for the special exemption. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB1784/HB1874 Recording of calls coming from a blue-light emergency telephone.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

Summary: Requires the board of directors of an emergency communications district to ensure that all calls coming from a blue-light emergency telephone are recorded. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House State Government Committee amendment 1 (015079) requires that all calls coming from a blue-light emergency telephone, including calls routed to a 911 dispatch center or a school's campus security or originating from a school's campus, be recorded. Effective January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$6,000/FY24-25 Increase Local Expenditures \$6,000/FY24-25*

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/18/24.

LOTTERY

SB1669/HB1651 Application by nonprofit organization to operate a charitable gaming event.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Establishes a five-day period after the effective date of this act during which a nonprofit organization may apply to operate a charitable gaming event during the annual period beginning July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2024.

Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013744) authorizes nonprofit organizations to submit an annual charitable gaming event application to the Secretary of State(SOS) within five calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law for events being held from the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and for events being held in the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. Requires the omnibus listing of any approved organizations for the period beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to be transferred to the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 10 calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$300/FY23-24/Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013744).

Executive Status: 03/14/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2753/HB2605 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.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$14,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Division of Business and Charitable Organizations
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in House Department & Agencies Subcommittee for lack of a second.

MEDIA & PUBLISHING

SB1742/HB1786 **Public inspection of procurement records.**

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Vital, Greg
Summary: Requires proposals received in response to a solicitation of goods or services to be made available for public inspection following the completion of the evaluation.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 02/22/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2173/HB1661 **Restricted Access by Minors to Obscene Library Materials Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Ragan, John
Summary: Creates a process in which the residents of a district may circulate a petition for signatures for the purposes of prohibiting each library within a district from displaying, distributing, or making readily accessible to minors any content or material in possession of a library that is specified in the petition as not meeting contemporary community standards. Details the requirements of the petition. Describes what a library must do if a successful petition is presented.
Amendment Summary: House Departments & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (013955) enacts the Restricted Access by Minors to Obscene Library Materials Act (Act), which authorizes residents of a judicial district to submit a petition containing signatures of at least five percent of the total number of legal voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election in that district to each county election commission within the district for the purpose of prohibiting each library in the district from displaying, distributing, or making readily accessible to minors any content that does not meet contemporary community standards. Requires the filer or a proponent of the petition to provide the library with written notice of the intent to file the petition at least 30 days before filing. Requires the proponents of a petition to remit a fee of \$1,200 to each county election commission where the petition is filed to be held in escrow until the petition is validated and any dispute resolution process has concluded, and directs the fee to be returned to the proponents of the petition if it is validated. Establishes that if a library is a party to a dispute regarding the validity of a petition, and the dispute is resolved in favor of the filers, then the library shall remit a fee of \$1,200 to each county election commission where the petition was filed. Requires the recipient commissions to validate the petition upon receipt and, upon such validation, provide notice and the portion of the petition not containing signatures to each library within the commission's jurisdiction. Prohibits each recipient library, upon receipt of a petition, from displaying, distributing, or making readily accessible to minors any content that does not meet contemporary community standards. Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to promulgate rules for the policies and procedures regarding petitioning and the possible appeal and enforcement of such petition, and to post on its website valid petitions. Prohibits a division of public libraries and archives, library boards, or governing entities of a libraries from barring, reversing, or modifying a valid petition. Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (014854) removes the library at a public school of higher education from the definition of libraries.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact It is estimated that each petition will result in a mandatory increase in local expenditures of \$1,125. However, the total increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably estimated due to the unknown number of petitions that will be submitted and validated.*
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Education Committee deferred to summer study.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/18/24.

MENTAL HEALTH

SB1673/HB1625 **Duty to predict, warn or take precautions to provide protection - liability.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Requires a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst to warn or protect an identified victim or group of people, including students at a day care or school, when the professional or analyst determines that a service recipient has communicated an intent for actual threat of bodily harm. Requires the professional or behavior analyst to take reasonable care to warn of or take precautions to protect the identified victim or group of people from the service recipient's violent behavior and to report the threat to a local law enforcement agency. Provides immunity from civil, criminal, and regulatory liability for a professional or analyst who takes reasonable action to warn or protect identified victims or groups and to report such threats.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013125) requires a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst who determines that a service recipient has communicated an intent for actual threat of bodily harm against a clearly identified victim or group of people, if the service recipient has the apparent ability to commit such an act and is likely to carry out the threat unless prevented from doing so, to report the threat to local law enforcement, or, if the threat is general and not imminent, to 988 or local crisis response service. Establishes that a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst who makes such a report is not liable for damages in a civil action, subject to prosecution in a criminal proceeding, or subject to disciplinary action by a regulatory board.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013125).

SB1677/HB1824 **Companies involved in pending or future claims regarding opioids.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Adds The Kroger Co. to the list of companies that are released by the attorney general and reporter for pending or future claims regarding opioids.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT Other Fiscal Impact - In the event that the state enters into and reaches a settlement with any of the entities outlined in this legislation, there will be an increase in foregone state revenue and a corresponding increase in local revenue. The precise amount of any such settlement cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1681/HB2061 Notifications of mental health adjudications and commitments.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Hicks, Tim
Summary: Clarifies the meaning of "local law enforcement" for purposes of the required notification to law enforcement by an inpatient mental health treatment facility or hospital that a service recipient has been committed. Requires the clerk of court who maintains records of the adjudication as a mental defective or judicial commitment to a mental institution of a Tennessee resident to notify the clerk of court in the county of the person's permanent residence.
Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1 (013656) establishes that when an individual is to be released from involuntary commitment due to a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, the chief officer of the inpatient treatment facility must notify, by electronic means, the county sheriff with jurisdiction over the location where: (1) the service recipient permanently resides, if the service recipient is a resident of the state; or (2) the inpatient treatment facility is located, if the service recipient is not a resident of this state. House Civil Justice Committee amendment 2 (014645) establishes that when an individual is to be released from involuntary commitment due to a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, the chief officer of the inpatient treatment facility must notify, by electronic means, the county sheriff with jurisdiction over the location where: (1) the service recipient permanently resides, if the service recipient is a resident of the state; and (2) the inpatient treatment facility is located, if the service recipient is not a resident of this state. Effective October 1, 2024.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013656).
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1769/HB1640 Adjudication as a mental defective.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Expands the definition of "adjudication as a mental defective" to include a person who has been found incompetent to stand trial in a criminal proceeding and requires the clerk of court in such a proceeding to collect and report any such finding to the federal bureau of investigation-NICS Index and the department of safety. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person who has been charged with a criminal offense and found incompetent to stand trial poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm. Prohibits the purchase or possession of a firearm by a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (012019) renames the bill as "Jillian's Law." House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (013322) enacts Jillian's Law. Requires courts wherein commitments to mental institutions are ordered to collect and include information regarding individuals found incompetent to stand trial in reports made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)-NICS index and the Department of Safety (DOS). Creates a rebuttable presumption that a person who has been charged with a felony or Class A misdemeanor and found by a court to be incompetent to stand trial due to an intellectual disability or mental illness meets the commitment criteria for involuntary care and treatment. Establishes that such a person committed to involuntary care and treatment must remain committed until the competency of the person to stand trial is restored or, if competency is unable to be restored, until the court with criminal jurisdiction over the charges approves a mandatory outpatient treatment plan that accounts for the safety of the community. Requires, rather than permits, a court to order a person found incompetent to stand trial for a felony charge and who is found not to be committable to participate in community-based services developed by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) or the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to attain and maintain competence to stand trial and reduce the risk of becoming committable. Includes individuals found incompetent to stand trial by a court in a criminal proceeding in the definition of "adjudication as a mental defective or adjudicated as a mental defective" for the purpose of criminal offenses relating to weapons. Creates the Class A misdemeanor offense of carrying or possessing a firearm after having been adjudicated as a mental defective or judicially committed to a mental institution. Establishes that it is a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly purchase or attempt to purchase a firearm if the person has been judicially committed to a mental institution or adjudicated as a mental defective. Establishes that a person may petition the court that entered the judicial commitment or adjudication order for relief from the firearm disabilities imposed by the adjudication or judicial commitment after three years from the later of the date of release from commitment or the date of the adjudication order.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2024) Based on additional information provided by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the fiscal note, issued on February 6, 2024, is being corrected as follows: (CORRECTED) Increase State Expenditures - Net Impact - \$2,117,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years HB 1640 - SB 1769 (CORRECTED) Other Fiscal Impact - If the number of new admissions to involuntary commitment under the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities exceeds the department's current capacity, there will be a significant increase in expenditures for additional staff and supplies to accommodate such increase in services.
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1787/HB2327 Annual report on suicide by the department of health.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires the department of health to submit an annual report to the governor, and post the report on the department's website, stating the total number of attempted suicides and completed suicides in the previous calendar year. Requires the report to include the county in which it occurred, demographic information, historical trends, and the method of the attempted or completed suicide.
Amendment Summary: Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House Health Committee amendment 1 (013982) requires the Department of Health (DOH) to publish an annual report by May 31, 2025, and each May 31 thereafter, stating the total number of attempted suicides and completed suicides that occurred in the state in the previous calendar year. Requires the DOH to submit the report electronically to all members of the General Assembly within seven calendar days of its publication.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013982). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013982). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB1789/HB2555 Creates the behavioral health crisis intervention services board.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Creates the behavioral health crisis intervention services board to provide oversight and input on the development of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system in this state. Imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on certain telephone services. Creates the behavioral health crisis intervention services fund to receive the surcharge funds. (12pp). Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$27,524,400/FY24-25/ Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund \$65,534,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund Increase State Expenditures \$3,421,000/FY24-25/ Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund \$9,839,200/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years/ Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1839/HB2291 Time frame for recommendations for executive director of TN Opioid Abatement Council.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Increases from 14 calendar days to 14 business days, the time in which the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council must decline the department of mental health and substance abuse services' recommendation for a candidate to be executive director of the council resulting in requiring the department to submit a new candidate. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1865/HB1976 Notification to law enforcement of a person released from a mental health facility.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Capley, Kip

Summary: Requires the court or chief officer of a mental health facility that orders the release of a person from a mental health facility to notify the law enforcement agency that transported the person to the mental health facility of the person's release. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 01/30/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB1969/HB2693 Persons found incompetent to stand trial.

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

Summary: Requires the court that finds a person incompetent to stand trial for a criminal offense due to intellectual disability to also determine whether the person is subject to involuntary care and treatment at the hearing in which the person is declared incompetent. States that the district attorney general is not required to file a complaint to require involuntary care and treatment for a person who is found incompetent to stand trial due to intellectual disability in order to commit the person.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$934,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact - If the number of new admissions to involuntary commitment under the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities exceeds the department's current capacity, there will be a significant increase in expenditures for additional staff and supplies to accommodate such increase in services.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2028/HB1643 Mental health evaluation and treatment for criminal defendants.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Requires the state to pay the cost of a court-ordered mental health evaluation and treatment for criminal defendants who have been charged with a misdemeanor and are believed to be incompetent to stand trial or for whom there is a question about mental capacity at the time of the offense. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$3,313,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures - \$1,381,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/07/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2079/HB1682 CON for care and treatment - person's need for involuntary admission to inpatient treatment.

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

Summary: Adds a certificate of need for care and treatment that was completed by a licensed physician and a qualified advanced practice provider as a suitable certification for filing with a court for the purpose of a probable cause hearing on a person's need for involuntary admission to inpatient treatment, and as a prerequisite to judicial commitment. Part of Administration Package.

Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1 (014768) establishes that certificates of need (CONs) for care and treatment completed by one licensed physician and one qualified advanced practice provider who is not in a collaborating agreement with the licensed physician who signed the other certificate of need filed with the court may be utilized in a filing with a court for a probable cause hearing on a person's need for involuntary admission to inpatient treatment, and as a prerequisite to judicial commitment for involuntary care and treatment.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014768). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2301/HB2574 Creation of a mental health professional loan repayment program.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary: Creates a mental health professional loan repayment grant program to incentivize clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners to provide services in primary care settings in mental health professional shortage areas in this state for at least three years. Also details the requirements for eligibility, the amount of award available per person per year for up to six years, and the required annual report to be submitted to the governor, the chair of the education administration committee in the house, and the chair of the education committee in the senate.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2024) Increased State Expenditures Exceeds \$13,506,400/FY24-52 Exceeds \$13,505,200/FY25-26 and Subsequent Fiscal Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB2302/HB2375 Department of mental health services must submit its quarterly report to the legislative librarian.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Requires that the department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services submit their quarterly report on the implementation and the impact of available suitable accommodations, including the number and length of any delayed admissions.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2393/HB2597 Decreasing deadline for filing report on opioid abatement fund.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Baum, Charlie

Summary: Shortens, from September 30 to September 15, the deadline in which opioid fund deposits, abatement strategies, and disbursement or expenses paid from the fund must be reported to executive and legislative branch officials. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2443/HB2351 Creation of the temporary youth mental health service program.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary: Creates the temporary youth mental health service program. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$2,536,900/FY24-25/Mental Health Trust Fund

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2688/HB2866 Study on incentivizing the provision of mental health care.

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

Summary: Directs the department to conduct a study, utilizing existing resources, on the effectiveness of state programs incentivizing students to pursue careers in mental health care. Requires the study to include an analysis of similar programs in contiguous states and recommendations for the general assembly on creating a successful program in this state. Requires a report to the general assembly by December 31, 2024. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2734/HB2901 Prerequisites for emergency detention and admission to a treatment facility.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

Summary: Changes prerequisites for emergency detention and admission to a treatment facility from "immediate" substantial likelihood of serious harm to "imminent" substantial likelihood of serious harm. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House passed.

SB2934/HB2941 Signage required in a substance-free recovery residence.

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Increases from 11 to 20 inches and from 17 to 30 inches the height and width requirements of signage required to be prominently displayed in a substance-free recovery residence not recognized or certified by an organization or funded by a state or federal department or agency. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE

SB1727/HB1862 Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Summary: Enacts the Physician (PA) Licensure Compact and details who can participate and has privilege in the Compact. Details that a participating state in which a licensee is licensed shall have exclusive power to impose adverse action against the qualifying license issued by that participating state. Describes what participating states can do regarding the licenses. Creates a PA Licensure Compact Commission and details what the powers of the commission are including rulemaking and that the commission creates a coordinated data and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and the reporting of the existence of Significant Investigative Information on all licensed PAs and applicants denied a license in participating states. Describes the oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact. States that this Compact will come into effect on the date on which this Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh participating state. Details the severability of the Compact if a state chooses to leave the Compact. Broadly captioned (34pp.).

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (013002) adds language to the bill that specifies that the department of health, in consultation with the board of physician assistants, may promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, to implement this act. The amendment also requires the chair of the board of physician assistants to notify the chair of the government operations committee of the senate and the chair of the government operations committee of the house of representatives within 30 days of the date the compact comes into effect. House Health Committee amendment 1 (013253) enters the state into the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact (Compact), an interstate compact to recognize PA licenses from participating states. Establishes that the Compact will become effective on the date on which the Compact is enacted into law by the seventh participating state. Authorizes a PA with a qualifying license who meets certain criteria to be awarded compact privilege to practice as a PA in a remote state. Creates the PA Licensure Compact Commission (Commission) on or after the effective date of the Compact. Entitles each participating state to one delegate on the Commission. Authorizes the Commission to collect an annual assessment from each participating state and impose Compact Privilege fees on licensees of participating states to whom a Compact Privilege is granted. Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the Board of Physician Assistants (Board) to promulgate rules to implement the legislation. Requires the chair of the Board to notify the chairs of each of the Government Operations Committees and the revisor of statutes within 30 days of the date the Compact comes into effect. For the purpose of promulgating rules, takes effect upon becoming law. Effective January 1, 2025 for all other purposes. House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (013341) grants authority to the Department of Health, in consultation with the Board of Physician Assistants, to create rules following the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, for implementing the relevant act. It also mandates the chair of the Board of Physician Assistants to inform specific legislative committees and the revisor of statutes in the general assembly's office of legal services within thirty days of the compact coming into effect, as specified in the compact

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 25, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact - A precise fiscal impact cannot be determined, but expenditures to the Board of Physician Assistants are reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 for participation once the Compact goes into effect. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Physician Assistants had a surplus of \$100,032 in FY21-22, a deficit of \$29,153 in FY22-23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$295,339 on June 30, 2023.

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/06/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1915/HB1859 Occupational licensing for individuals with a criminal record.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary:

Prohibits certain licensing authorities from automatically barring an individual from licensure because of the individual's criminal record. Requires the licensing authority to provide individualized consideration of an individual's criminal record and circumstances. Specifies which convictions a licensing authority may consider in deciding for licensure. Makes other changes related to licensure determinations and criminal records including not using a vague term in its consideration and its notice or decision, including good moral character, moral turpitude, or character and fitness. (11pp). Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (015308) prohibits a licensing authority for licensures of mental health services, alcohol, and drug prevention or treatment services from denying an application for a license, certificate, or registration, or refusing to renew a license, certificate, or registration due to a prior criminal conviction that does not directly related to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade. Prohibits the licensing authority from using a vague term in its consideration and its notice or decision under this section, including good moral character or character and fitness, without also providing an explanation of how a prior conviction directly relates to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade, if such prior conviction serves as a basis for the licensing authority's consideration and notice or decision. Prohibits a licensing authority for licensures of mental health services, alcohol, and drug prevention or treatment services from denying an application for a license, certificate, or registration, or refusing to renew a license, certificate, or registration due to a prior criminal conviction that does not directly relate to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade. Prohibits the licensing authority from using a vague term in its consideration and its notice or decision under this section, including good moral character or character and fitness, without also providing an explanation of how a prior conviction directly relates to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade, if such prior conviction serves as a basis for the licensing authority's consideration and notice or decision.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 9, 2024) Other Fiscal Impacts Due to multiple unknown variable, the net impact on state license fee revenue cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status:

03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/19/24.

SB2004/HB2328 Compensation for therapists and counselors for services rendered in free health clinic.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary:

Prohibits a licensed professional counselor, licensed marital and family therapist, or licensed clinical pastoral therapist from receiving compensation for services rendered in a free health clinic, including, but not limited to, reimbursement from an individual or from any third-party payor. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status:

03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2075/HB1679 Amount of dental hygienists under the supervision of one licensed dentist.*Sponsors:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary:

Increases the amount of dental hygienists, from three to five, that can work under the supervision of a licensed dentist at one time. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 1 (013509) rewrites this bill to, instead: (1) Generally prohibit a licensed dentist from allowing, under general supervision, more than three dental hygienists to work at any one time; (2) Authorize a dentist to supervise, under direct supervision, no more than 10 dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist are providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics in this state; and (3) Authorize a dentist to supervise, under general supervision, no more than five dental hygienists if the dentist and dental hygienists work for the department of health, a county or metropolitan health department, or an entity that participates in the state safety net program for the uninsured. A dentist supervising dental hygienists under this provision must do so in accordance with protocols established by the department of health or a county or metropolitan health department.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/22/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013509).

House Status:

02/26/24 - House passed.

Executive Status:

02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2134/HB2405 Social Work Licensure Compact.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Establishes the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of increasing public access to social work services and reducing overly burdensome and duplicative requirements associated with holding multiple licenses. Specifies criteria for a potential member state to meet in order to participate in the compact. Specifies requirements for an applicant to meet in order to be eligible for a multistate license under the terms and provisions of this compact. Establishes the social work licensure compact commission. Details authority of interstate compact commission and member state licensing authorities (38 pp.).

Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (014077) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Authorizes the department of health, in consultation with the board of social work licensure, to promulgate rules to implement the bill; and (2) Requires the chair of the board of social work licensure to notify the chair of the government operations committee of the senate, the chair of the government operations committee of the house of representatives, and the revisor of statutes in the general assembly's office of legal services within 30 days of the date the compact comes into effect.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact - A precise fiscal impact cannot be determined, but expenditures to the Board of Social Workers are reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 for participation once the compact goes into effect. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Social Workers Examiners had a surplus of \$203,816 in FY21-22, a surplus of \$202,696 in FY22- 23, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,222,805 on June 30, 2023.

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014077).

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment (014077). Sent to House Government Operations.

SB2399/HB2296 Licensure of marital and family therapists.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Requires the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists to license without examination a marital and family therapist applicant who is licensed in another state if the applicant's qualifications meet the licensure requirements of this state. Removes the board's authorization to license an applicant by endorsement. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House Health Committee amendment 1 (014962) rewrites the bill to, instead, authorize the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists to enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other state that licenses marital and family therapists.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014962).

House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014962). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

SB2628/HB2666 Qualifications to receive a professional counselor license - reciprocal agreements.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Establishes qualifications for a person to receive a professional counselor license through a reciprocal agreement entered into by the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists and clinical pastoral therapists on or before January 1, 2024. Specifies such qualifications include having a master's degree in counseling or education, having a valid, unencumbered license in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement, having actively practiced for at least the preceding 24 months in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement, and having passed the examination offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors or other examination approved by the board. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/04/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/26/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

PROPERTY & HOUSING**SB1889/HB1849 THDA reports on info relating to grants, tax credits, and other funds distributed through the authority.**

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Requires THDA to report quarterly to each member of the general assembly information relating to grants, tax credits, and other funds distributed through the authority, the resources utilized by the authority to facilitate such distributions, and information relating to mechanisms by which the public may apply for and access such distributions. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/14/24 - Taken off notice in House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

SB2237/HB2423 Zoning reform strategies for counties to support housing development.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Allows for counties to adopt zoning reform strategies that support housing development which qualifies the county to receive from the department of revenue 5% of the revenue collected for each strategy based on transactions in the unincorporated territory of the county with a maximum of 20% of the revenue collected. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Property & Planning Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2281/HB2850 Housing Optimization and Market Empowerment Solutions (HOMES) Act of 2024

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Hill, Timothy

Summary: Enacts the Housing Optimization and Market Empowerment Solutions Act of 2024 which can be adopted by the local governments or voted in by a simple majority of people which would prohibit the local government from limiting or prohibiting a person's ability to use commercial property, owner-occupied property, or renter-occupied property as a short-term rental unit and allows for the local government to impose restrictions on the use of the property and to enforce certain requirements for the owners to use the property as a short-term rental unit. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Property & Planning Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2321/HB2140 Zoning requirements of methadone clinics.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Requires methadone clinics to be located in incorporated areas or in areas subject to zoning regulations, located within a five-mile radius of a police department and emergency medical services station, and located at least 2,000 feet from a congested intersection. Grandfathers in existing methadone clinics.
Amendment Summary: Property & Planning Subcommittee Amendment 1 (13919) Requires an applicant for a new license to operate a methadone clinic in an unincorporated area with no zoning regulations to obtain approval from the applicable local governing body prior to submitting an application to the licensing authority.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/27/24 - House Local Government Committee deferred to Special Calendar.

SB2496/HB2623 Creation of a voluntary attainable housing incentive program by ordinance.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Authorizes the chief legislative body of a municipality to create a voluntary attainable housing incentive program by ordinance for the purpose of authorizing certain incentives to be provided to property owners who seek to build attainable housing. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (014534) authorizes the chief legislative body of a municipality to create a voluntary attainable housing incentive program by ordinance for the purpose of authorizing certain incentives to be provided to property owners who seek to build multi-family attainable housing. Requires property owners to submit a completed application to the regional planning commission of a local government in order to be considered for the voluntary program. Defines "multi-family housing" to mean accommodations that are designed principally for residential use and consist of not less than five rental units on one site, so long as such units are not detached. House Property & Planning Subcommittee amendment 1 (014174) requires property owners to submit a completed application to the regional planning commission of a local government or to the municipal planning commission of a local government, pursuant to the ordinance enacted, to be considered for the voluntary attainable housing incentive program. Restricts multi-family housing to mean housing accommodations that are designed primarily for residential use and consist of not less than five rental units on one site as long as they are not detached.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact A recurring, permissive impact to local government revenue and expenditures cannot be reasonably estimated.
Senate Status: 03/05/24 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014534). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

SB2532/HB2725 Affordable housing - development entitlements.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary: Deletes the prohibition on local governments enacting a law that would place requirements regarding inclusionary, affordable, or below market value housing when entitlements, variances, or any other form of permit or authorization is sought from the local government. Deletes the prohibition on a local governmental unit from conditioning development entitlements through amendment to the zoning map on the allocation of existing or newly constructed private residential or commercial rental units to be sold or rented at below market rates.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 03/06/24 - Failed in House Property & Planning Subcommittee for lack of a motion.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

SB1941/HB2143 Foster parent training and in-service training completed by state employees.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Martin, Greg
Summary: Allows for employees within the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of the state government to participate in Tennessee foster parent training once for up to 25 hours without using paid time off. Also allows for state employees to complete annual in-service training for up to 8 hours without using paid time off. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Consent on 03/18/24.

SB2157/HB2582 Additional assistant district attorney general positions in each judicial district.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Russell, Lowell
Summary: Adds an additional assistant district attorney general position and criminal investigator position in each judicial district that includes a state correctional facility. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$2,069,300/FY24-25 \$1,955,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2332/HB1659 Raises base salary for district attorneys general and district public defenders.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Increases the base salary from \$156,024 to \$205,328 for district attorneys general and district public defenders. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,578,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact The extent and timing of any permissive increase to local expenditures in Shelby and Davidson County cannot be determined.

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2458/HB2338 Bereavement leave for death of child or stepchild.

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 death of such officers' or employees' children or stepchildren.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown variables, the timing and extent of the increase in state fiscal liability is currently unknown.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Public Service Subcommittee for lack of a second.

SB2511/HB2614 State employee who commits perjury or falsification of documents.

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary: Requires a state employee who has evidence that another state employee has committed perjury or the falsification of one or more documents to immediately notify the employee's appropriate supervisor. Clarifies that the definition of "state employee" includes an executive service employee and a preferred service employee.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2533/HB2699 Additional assistant public defender positions for third judicial district.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary: Authorizes three additional assistant public defender positions and one additional district investigator position for the district public defender of the third judicial district, effective July 1, 2024. effective July 1, 2024.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB2556/HB2753 Annual report by each district attorney general on arrests, indictments, and dispositions in previous calendar year.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary: Requires each district attorney general to provide an annual report by March 1 to the governor and attorney general and reporter containing aggregate, non-personally identifying information on arrests, indictments, transfers, and dispositions in the previous calendar year. Requires the attorney general and reporter to compile a statewide report summarizing the information provided by each district attorney general and submit the report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and speaker of the senate for distribution to appropriate standing committees of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2741/HB2934 Agenda for public meetings.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Bricken, Rush

Summary: Requires a state or local governing body to make the agenda for a regular meeting available to the public at a place accessible to the public, including on its website, if available, not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Clarifies that a state or local governing body may deliberate or act upon matters not listed on the agenda of its regular meeting if the body follows its bylaws or properly adopted rules and procedures and complies with all other applicable state laws.

Amendment Summary: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (013910) requires a state governing body or a local government legislative body to make available to the public, at no charge, the agenda that reasonably describes the matters to be deliberated or acted upon during the meeting for the upcoming regular meeting in a place accessible to the public at least 48 hours prior to the regular meeting in a place the is accessible to the public, including the bodies website. Allows for the bodies to deliberate or act upon matters no listed on the agenda if the body follows its bylaws or properly adapted rules and procedures as well as complies with all other applicable state laws. Prohibits the bodies from withholding items from the agenda for the purpose of avoiding public disclosure of business to be considered by the body.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013910). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

SB2813/HB2373 Period for public comments at a public meeting.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Allows for a governing body to provide a period of public comment on an agenda for a public meeting after each item or on collective items at the end of the agenda. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (015611) specifies that a meeting between one or more members of a local legislative body and one or more members of the state legislative delegation is not a meeting for purposes of compliance with the Open Meetings Act; provided, that (1) the meeting is an exchange of information and not deliberative of public business, or (2) the state legislative delegation conducts the meeting to discuss state matters.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

PUBLIC FINANCE

SB1849/HB1704 Appropriations - legislative enactments passed during 2024 session.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
Summary: Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2024 session of the 113th 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: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

SB1850/HB1703 Growth of appropriations from state tax revenues.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
Summary: Deletes requirements that budget document includes personal income statement for calendar year 1977 and actual state appropriations for fiscal year 1977-1978.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

SB1851/HB1705 Bond issuance.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
Summary: Authorizes the state, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its bonds and bond anticipation notes for certain purposes.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$3,300,000 First-Year Debt Service \$48,900,000 Over the life of the bonds \$30,000,000 Principal \$18,900,000 Interest
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

SB2847/HB1997 Reallocation of portion of trust principal of K-12 mental health endowment account.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Requires the trust principal of the K-12 mental health endowment account to be reduced by \$75,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and reallocated to the trust's K-12 mental health special reserve account.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$75,000,000/FY23-24/K-12 Mental Health Special Reserve Account Increase State Expenditures \$75,000,000/FY23-24/K-12 Mental Health Endowment Account
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Consent on 03/18/24.

RETAIL TRADE

SB1595/HB1635 Emotional support animals and indoor areas of food service establishments.

Sponsors: Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Haston, Kirk
Summary: Specifies that a service animal accompanying a person with a disability is allowed into the indoor area of food service establishment. Defines "service animal" to mean an animal that is individually trained or being trained by an employee or puppy raiser from a recognized training agency or school to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Clarifies that an animal whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support is not a service animal. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

STATE GOVERNMENT

SB1825/HB1733 Prohibits a state governmental entity from contracting with or paying an entity that is a system hacker.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Prohibits a state governmental entity from contracting with, negotiating with, or paying an individual or entity if the state governmental entity has proof satisfactory after a proper inquiry that the individual or entity is a system hacker. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (013478) rewrites the bill. Prohibits a state entity from paying an entity that has engaged in a cybersecurity incident on an information technology system by encrypting data and then subsequently offering to decrypt that data in exchange for a ransom payment. Requires a state entity experiencing a ransom request in connection with a cybersecurity incident to immediately notify and consult with the technology and innovation division of TBI. Defines a "state entity" to mean an agency, department, institution, board, commission, committee, division, bureau, officer, official, or other entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of state government, including a public institution of higher education. Clarifies that this definition does not include a vendor, contractor, insurance company, law firm, or other third party that has a contract with a state entity.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed with amendment 1 (013478).
Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2381/HB2533 Policy for the prevention of sexual harassment to be posted on website of entity.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Warner, Todd
Summary: Requires each entity that maintains an official website to publish the policy for the prevention of sexual harassment established pursuant to chapter 307 of the Public Acts of 1993 on its website. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Public Service Subcommittee for lack of a second.

SB2407/HB2510 Mental health evaluation requirement for general assembly members.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Harris, Torrey
Summary: Requires members of the general assembly to undergo a mental health evaluation within one month of the giving of the annual current issues ethics training. Requires that the evaluations take place in a manner that maintains the privacy and confidentiality of each member. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2461/HB2341 Prevention of unlawful use of artificial intelligence against executive branches departments.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin
Summary: Requires each department of the executive branch to develop a plan to prevent the malicious and unlawful use of artificial intelligence for the purpose of interfering with the operation of the department, its agencies and divisions, and persons and entities regulated by the respective department. Requires each department to report its plan, findings, and recommendations to each member of the general assembly no later than January 1, 2025. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,541,500/FY24-25
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in House Department & Agencies Subcommittee for lack of a second.

SB2462/HB2342 Grant program for first-time home buyers.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin
Summary: Requires the department of finance and administration, in conjunction with assistance from the department of revenue and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, to promulgate rules to establish a grant program to render assistance to first-time home buyers, utilizing federal funds allocated and state funds appropriated for such purposes. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 11, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$5,557,100/FY24-25 Exceeds \$5,533,100/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact The extent to which federal funding will be available for these purposes is unknown.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in House Property & Planning Subcommittee for lack of second.

SB2619/HB2847 Commissioners of state departments cannot be employed by entity that is under oversight of department.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Clemmons, John
Summary: Prohibits a commissioner of a state department from being employed by, or having any financial interest in, a public or private entity that is under the umbrella of, regulated or under oversight by, or in any way within the purview of the administrative or statutory authority of the department for which the commissioner has been appointed during the commissioner's term of appointment. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/20/24 - Taken off notice in House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB2719/HB2736 Eligibility requirements for appointment as chief executive officer of a state department.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hemmer, Caleb
Summary: Requires persons to meet certain qualifications in order to be eligible for appointment as chief executive officer of an administrative department of state government. Creates a mechanism for the removal of such officers for cause by the general assembly. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: House Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (014014) requires a chief executive officer of an administrative department of state government to be a resident of this state no later than 30 days after appointment to and satisfy all statutory requirements for such position. Authorizes the General Assembly to remove a chief executive officer of an administrative department of state government for cause upon passage of a joint resolution of the General Assembly, including for, but not limited to, the following reasons: commission of a crime or misdemeanor, knowing or willful misconduct, knowing or willful neglect of statutory duties, and failure to meet statutory qualifications for such office. Removal by the General Assembly requires a two-thirds vote.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 03/05/24 - Failed in House Public Service Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (014014), which requires a chief executive officer of an administrative department of state government to be a resident of this state no later than 30 days after appointment to and satisfy all statutory requirements for such position. Authorizes the General Assembly to remove a chief executive officer of an administrative department of state government for cause upon passage of a joint resolution of the General Assembly, including for, but not limited to, the following reasons: commission of a crime or misdemeanor, knowing or willful misconduct, knowing or willful neglect of statutory duties, and failure to meet statutory qualifications for such office. Removal by the General Assembly requires a two-thirds vote.

SB2841/HB2893 TN Human Rights Commission report on activities relative to Title VI.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Todd, Chris
Summary: Requires the Tennessee Human Rights Commission to report to the governor and the general assembly concerning the commission's activities relative to Title VI no later than January 15 of each year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2877/HB2961 TACIR study on the feasibility of a Shelby County crime lab.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.
Summary: Directs TACIR, with the assistance of TBI, the district attorneys general conference, and the department of safety, to perform a study of the feasibility of a Shelby County crime lab and the impact of such a crime lab on public health, safety, education, housing, and the economy for citizens and visitors of Shelby County, the city of Memphis, this state, and the Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi tri-state region.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$50,000/FY24-25
Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2882/HB2955 Requires TACIR to study availability of affordable housing in this state.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.
Summary: Requires the TACIR to study the availability of affordable housing in this state and report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2025. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

TAXES BUSINESS

SB1904/HB2039 Tax credits equal to unreimbursed TennCare costs for certain healthcare providers.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary: Authorizes business, excise, and franchise tax credits equal to unreimbursed TennCare costs for eligible healthcare providers that provide healthcare services to TennCare recipients. Allows a refund to be issued in lieu of a tax credit on the condition that the refund be used to make a charitable contribution.
Amendment Summary: House Insurance Subcommittee amendment 1 (015604) requires TennCare to certify an eligible healthcare provider's unreimbursed costs in a calendar year as charitable contributions made exclusively for public purposes and provide the total amount of such charitable contributions to the healthcare provider. Takes effect Jul, 1, 2024.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 3, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$3,256,300/FY24-25 \$244,654,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Committee 03/19/24.

SB2065/HB2234 Universal Pre-K Funding Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Behn, Aftyn
Summary: Enacts the "Universal Pre-K Funding Act," which 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 nine and one-half percent of the assessable base and applies only to persons with an assessable base of \$50,000,000 or more. Requires all revenue from the data transaction privilege tax collected, including penalties and interest, to be deposited in a special account in the state treasury to be known as the universal pre-K fund. Requires the fund to be administered by the department of education and used exclusively to fund, establish, and maintain a universal pre-kindergarten program in each public and public charter elementary school in this state (13 pp.).
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,254,800/FY24-25 \$432,013,800/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the state collects revenue from the data transaction privilege tax, those funds will be deposited into the Universal Pre-K Fund. However, the extent and timing of any such future collections cannot be reasonably determined. Due to multiple unknown factors, it is uncertain what costs the Department of Revenue will incur for administration of the tax. It is unknown if LEAs will have sufficient space to accommodate additional pre- K classrooms. For LEAs that do not have the capacity, a mandatory increase in local infrastructure expenditures will occur. However, because the amount of available classroom space is unknown, a precise fiscal impact cannot be estimated with certainty. * HB 2234 - SB 2065
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/20/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2171/HB1839 Mental Health Preceptor Tax Incentive Program.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio
Summary: Enacts the Mental Health Preceptor Tax Incentive Program which allows the employer of a community-based faculty preceptor to credit against the employer's franchise and excise taxes paid for each employed preceptor who completes a preceptorship rotation that has a focus on mental health services. Details how credits are accrued and how they can be used. Describes that in no event must the total amount of the tax credit for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's franchise and excise tax liability. States that a taxpayer is not allowed to apply a tax credit earned against a prior or succeeding year's tax liability. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$1,152,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.
House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2446/HB2829 Authorizes local governments set a minimum wage.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: authorizes a local government to require a private employer to pay an hourly wage above the minimum hourly wage set by state or federal law. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB2712/HB2846 List of existing employment incentive programs promoting the hiring of disabled individuals.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie
Summary: Authorizes economic incentive programs for persons with disabilities to submit electronically their list of existing employment incentive programs promoting the hiring of disabled individuals to the commissioner of revenue for approval, on or before July 1 each year. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 2, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/05/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

TAXES SALES

SB1741/HB1835 **Sales tax allocation.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Rudd, Tim
Summary: Allocates 2.83% of the sales and use tax collected in the 11 fastest-growing counties to such counties. Requires such counties to earmark such revenue for educational facility maintenance and construction and infrastructure.
Amendment Summary: House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1 (015145) allocates 1.4% of the sales and use tax collected in to counties who have experienced a 20% or more increase in population from the 2010 federal census to the 2020 federal census or the county experiences growth of 20% or more between any subsequent federal decennial censuses to the county. Specifies that such allocation also applies to counties who have experienced a nine percent or more growth in population over the immediate consecutive four-year period according to a special census conducted by the county. Requires such counties to earmark such revenue for educational facility maintenance and construction and infrastructure.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$137,282,800/Each Year FY24-25 through FY28-29 Increase Local Revenue \$137,282,800/Each Year FY24-25 through FY28-29
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/19/24.
House Status: 03/13/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (015145).

SB1755/HB1637 **Sales tax exemption for infant formula, diapers, and wipes.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Martin, Greg
Summary: Creates an exemption of sales tax from the retail sale of infant formula, diapers, and wipes if sold between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$23,776,600/FY24-25 Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$321,100/FY24-25
Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.
House Status: 01/31/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB1813/HB2942 **Working families' tax refund.**

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe
Summary: Provides a working families' tax refund for state and local sales and use tax paid on or after January 1, 2024, by low-income taxpayers who are eligible for the federal earned income tax credit. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$33,778,300/FY24-25 Exceeds \$32,964,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.
House Status: 03/11/24 - House Government Operations Committee deferred to 03/25/24.

SB2085/HB1686 **Reporting on sales tax collected on electronic nicotine delivery devices.**

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Extends the final year, from February 1, 2030, to February 1, 2031, that the department of revenue is required to annually report information on the sales tax collected during the sales of electronic nicotine delivery devices. Part of Administration Package.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
House Status: 01/10/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2108/HB1864 **Sales tax holiday - price threshold for clothing and shoes.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Faison, Jeremy
Summary: Reduces the sales tax holiday price threshold for clothing from \$100 to \$80. Increases the sales tax holiday price threshold for shoes from \$100 to \$150.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$892,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$12,200/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/14/24 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB2191/HB2193 **Imposes a 15% tax on the retail sale of firearms.**

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Mitchell, Bo
Summary: Imposes an additional 15% tax on the retail sale of firearms. Requires revenue from the firearms tax to be deposited into the K-12 mental health counselor fund to be administered by the department of education and used exclusively to provide school counselors in elementary and secondary public schools and public charter schools in this state and for mental health assessments and services for students pursuant to a school counselor's referral. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 10, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$24,828,600/FY24-25/K-12 Mental Health Counselor Fund Exceeds \$24,828,600/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ K-12 Mental Health Counselor Fund Other Fiscal Impact There will be a significant increase in local revenue in FY24-25 and subsequent years as money from the K-12 Mental Health Counselor Fund is allocated to local education agencies as needed. A precise estimate of this annual increase cannot be determined.
Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House K-12 Subcommittee.

SB2279/HB1722 Reporting of sales tax collected for all electronic nicotine delivery devices.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Changes the reporting month from February to January for when the department of revenue must report sales taxes collected for all electronic nicotine delivery devices to the speaker of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (014177) allows for a county, by resolution of its county legislative body, to levy a tax at a rate of 3.75% with the generated profits going exclusively to the construction of a new county jail or to retire debt from the construction, including principal and interest and related expenses. Increased tax continues for the earlier of eight years from the date collection began or until the first of the month that occurs at least 30 days after the debt is retired with notice being sent to department of revenue within 10 days of the debt being retired. Upon expiration of the increased tax, the tax will revert to 2.75% within the county and its cities and towns. Any additional revenue generated from an increase from 2.25% to 2.75% will be allocated to the county sheriff's department. This applies to counties having a population of over 900,000.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in House Cities & Counties Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (014177).

TENNCARE**SB1674/HB2461 Reimbursement of remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Directs the bureau of TennCare to amend existing or promulgate new rules by December 31, 2024, to allow for the reimbursement of qualifying remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing established CPT codes for such procedures when the patient is in a residence or other off-site location that is separate from the patient's provider and the same standard of care is met.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/12/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/14/24 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to 03/21/24.

SB1685/HB1738 Expanding Medicaid to provide gun violence prevention services.

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

Summary: Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid eligibility solely for the purpose of providing gun violence prevention services. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services grants a waiver to provide gun violence prevention services to an expanded Medicaid population, expenditures will increase. However, such increase is dependent on multiple factors, including the actions of the federal government, and cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 02/27/24 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB1739/HB2225 Addition of doula services to TennCare program assistance.

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. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2024) Increase State Revenue - \$45,000/FY24-25 \$45,000/FY25-26 \$63,900/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures Net Impact \$987,200/FY24-25 \$1,660,200/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures Net Impact \$1,280,500/FY24-26 \$2,561,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1740/HB1723 Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2024.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

Summary: Enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2024" which imposes on each covered hospital an annual coverage assessment for fiscal year 2024-2025 of 4.87% of a covered hospital's annual coverage assessment base.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$699,239,900/FY24-25/ Maintenance Coverage Trust Fund The Governor's proposed budget for FY24-25, on page A-34, recognizes revenue in the amount of \$679,376,400 in state funds and \$1,256,350,600 in federal funds.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1763/HB1650 Annual date for issuance of report on status of Katie Beckett program.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Extends, from February 1 to March 1, the annual date by which the bureau of TennCare and the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities are required to issue an annual joint report to the insurance committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate on the status of the Katie Beckett program. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1828/HB2214 Eligibility of minors for TennCare Medicaid or CoverKids program.

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Specifies that on and after July 1, 2025, a minor who is enrolled in TennCare Medicaid or the CoverKids program remains eligible for TennCare Medicaid and the CoverKids program until the minor reaches 18 years of age. Prohibits the bureau of TennCare from subjecting the minor to a redetermination of eligibility or disenrollment except under certain circumstances, including the minor's parent or guardian requests the minor's voluntary disenrollment. Requires the director of the bureau to submit any necessary federal waiver request by December 31, 2024.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) Increase State Expenditures - \$5,425,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures - \$10,043,700/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 02/28/24 - Failed in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2091/HB1691 Compliance with federal law regarding third-party liability.

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

Summary: Requires a third party for medical services to accept the state's right of recovery and the assignment to the state of the right of an individual to payment from the party for an item or service for which payment has been made under the state plan, accept authorization provided by the state that an item or service is covered under the state plan, and agree to not deny a claim submitted by the state solely on the basis of the date, type, or format of the claim form. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/22/24 - House passed.

Executive Status: 02/26/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2125/HB2557 Eligibility for minor child.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Requires that on and after July 1, 2025, a minor child who is enrolled in TennCare or the CoverKids program remains eligible for TennCare or the CoverKids program until the minor child reaches six years of age. Prohibits the Bureau of TennCare from subjecting the minor child to a redetermination of eligibility or disenrollment except under certain circumstances, including the minor child no longer residing in the state. Requires the director to submit any necessary federal waiver request by December 31, 2024. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$1,790,300/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$3,314,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Health & Welfare Committee for lack of a second.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Committee 03/19/24.

SB2240/HB2631 Establishes a temporary TennCare benefits program for certain individuals.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Baum, Charlie

Summary: Directs the bureau 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, 2024

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$221,726,000/FY25-26 \$220,726,000/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$1,941,498,100/FY25-26 \$1,932,498,100/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years 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.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 03/05/24 - Taken off notice in House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2299/HB2376 Annual report on quality and 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 must submit an annual report to the general assembly concerning aspects of quality and outcomes in perinatal care for the previous two years that includes a description of initiatives by managed care organizations to improve key performance indicators of perinatal care outcomes, and a determination of the effectiveness of managed care organizations' initiatives toward improving perinatal care outcomes to residents in each health region of the state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2303/HB2573 Third-party reimbursement from TennCare for professional services rendered by an employed psychologist.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary: Expands the facilities that can qualify for third-party reimbursement from TennCare, a managed care plan, or a third-party payor for certain services. Expands the number of persons who can render such reimbursable services to an employed psychologist with a provisional or temporary license, psychology intern, and postdoctoral fellow, rather than just for services rendered by a psychologist with a provisional or temporary license. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2360/HB2424 TennCare for Working Individuals with Disabilities Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Enacts the "TennCare for Working Individuals with Disabilities Act," which removes barriers to employment for individuals who, but for income and resources, meet the federal Social Security definition of having a disability, by providing medical assistance to working individuals with disabilities through a buy-in program in accordance with § 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII)) and Medicaid eligibility, including using less-restrictive income and resource requirements through the application of § 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396(r)(2)) and cost-sharing requirements established by the bureau and approved by the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. Establishes a buy-in program for working individuals with disabilities that enables such individuals to access health insurance coverage through the medical assistance program, including as a supplement to employer-sponsored coverage. Details requirements by the individual and employment of the program. Describes the buy-in premium of the program. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Withdrawn in Senate.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2402/HB2463 TennCare coverage of PANDAS and PANS.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , 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.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2450/HB2330 Authorizes governor to expand Medicaid.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid according 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. Requires the governor to ensure that during such negotiation, an emphasis is placed on increasing resources and health care in rural and marginalized communities in this state. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$28,192,500/FY24-25 \$60,997,300/FY25-26 \$32,921,300/FY26-27 Increase State Expenditures \$83,336,200/FY24-25 \$171,118,900/FY25-26 \$95,904,600/FY26-27 Increase Federal Expenditures \$630,311,000/FY24-25 \$1,352,825,000/FY25-26 \$733,692,000/FY26-27

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2476/HB2259 Directs governor to see a new TennCare waiver.

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

Summary: Directs the governor to seek a new TennCare waiver within 180 days of the effective date of this act to provide medical assistance coverage for the same population groups and services as the Insure Tennessee proposal. Clarifies that the amendment takes effect upon federal approval.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$28,192,500/FY24-25 \$60,997,300/FY25-26 \$32,921,300/FY26-27 Increase State Expenditures \$83,336,200/FY24-25 \$171,118,900/FY25-26 \$95,904,600/FY26-27 Increase Federal Expenditures \$630,311,000/FY24-25 \$1,352,825,000/FY25-26 \$733,692,000/FY26-27

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2676/HB2701 Prohibits an enrollee from staying in emergency room facility for more than 72 hours.

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

Summary: Prohibits a TennCare enrollee from staying in an emergency department or emergency room facility for more than 72 hours without medical necessity. Imposes penalties on TennCare and managed care organizations for causing an enrollee's extended emergency department or emergency room facility stay. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$42,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$77,900/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/13/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2733/HB2779 Expanding Medicaid to provide mental health services.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid for mental health prevention and treatment 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. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$28,351,700/FY25-26 \$27,351,700/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$58,788,700/FY25-26 \$49,788,700/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact - Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Behavioral Health Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive mental health services from Medicaid, rather than the Behavioral Health Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Failed in House Insurance Subcommittee.

SB2791/HB2940 TennCare for Working Individuals with Disabilities Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary: Enacts the "TennCare for Working Individuals with Disabilities Act," which requires the bureau of TennCare, on or before January 1, 2025, to establish a buy-in program for working individuals with disabilities that enables such individuals to access health insurance coverage through the medical assistance program, including as a supplement to employer-sponsored coverage.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2024) Increase State Expenditures Net Impact \$10,329,800/FY24-25 Net Impact \$18,277,400/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$25,946,700/FY24-25 \$33,511,200/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact There is approximately \$317,600,000 in shared savings that are currently unobligated. The Governors proposed FY24-25 budget includes funding 18 initiatives over 5 fiscal years with approximately \$307,500,000 of the unobligated balance leaving \$10,100,000 unobligated in FY24-25. HB 2940 - SB 2791

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2801/HB2921 Coverage for mental health services and treatment.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: Requires all TennCare health benefit plans to provide coverage and reimbursement for mental health services and treatment to the same extent that the plans provide coverage and reimbursement for the treatment of alcoholism and drug dependence. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Insurance Subcommittee amendment 1 (015521) requires a TennCare health benefit plan issued by a health insurance carrier to provide coverage and reimbursement for mental health services and treatment to the same extent that the TennCare health benefit plan provides coverage and reimbursement for the treatment of alcoholism and drug dependence. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to include a detailed explanation regarding parity in coverage and rates of reimbursement for mental health services and alcoholism and drug dependency services in their annual report and presentation to the General Assembly. Establishes that certain benefits for outpatient treatment at a community mental health center under a TennCare health benefit plan are subject to deductibles and coinsurance factors that are not less favorable than for physical illness or the treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse generally, and coverage and reimbursement are not required to be made available for more than the number of visits per year offered for the treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/12/24 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015521). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Insurance Committee 03/19/24.

TORT LIABILITY**SB2558/HB2782 Financial responsibility of parent whose child caused personal injury to another.**

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Increases from \$10,000 to \$15,000 the amount a parent or guardian is financially responsible for their child who maliciously or willfully caused personal injury to a person or destroyed property, real, personal, or mixed, belonging to a municipal corporation, county, town, village, school district, department of this state, persons, or religious organizations and lives with the parent or guardian at the time of the act. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

TRANSPORTATION GENERAL**SB1996/HB2175 Establishment of 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. Specifies that the purpose of the program is 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. Creates the student pedestrian protection grant fund and specifies requirements for grants.

Amendment Summary: Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1, House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (014182) requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to establish and administer a student pedestrian protection grant program for the purpose of providing grants to local governments to be used solely for designing, constructing, and repairing or replacing sidewalk infrastructure around public schools in this state. Creates a separate fund within the General Fund entitled the "Student Pedestrian Protection Grant Fund" (Fund), to be composed of monies appropriated by the General Assembly and gifts, grants, and other donations received by TDOT. Establishes that it is the legislative intent that funding be appropriated in FY25-26 for the purpose of awarding such grants; however, it is specified that such monies are subject to the availability of funds and no later than January 1, 2026, TDOT is required to allocate and disperse grants each fiscal year to local governments, subject to availability of funds. Requires TDOT to establish selection criteria for awarding such grants. Prohibits any obligation or expenditure under the program unless the recipient local government agrees to match such expenditures in an amount established by TDOT; however, TDOT is required to determine whether all or a portion of such required match may be provided by in-kind project work approved by the department. Requires each recipient local government of such grants to provide a quarterly report to TDOT which details progress on use of such funds, as well as a final report once all such funds have been expended. Requires TDOT, on or before October 1, 2026, and by October 1 of each subsequent year, to prepare a report for the General Assembly regarding the funds received and payments made by the Fund.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2024) Increase State Revenue \$2,500,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Student Pedestrian Grant Fund Increase State Expenditures \$2,500,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$2,500,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/ Student Pedestrian Grant Fund Increase Local Revenue - \$2,500,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures - \$5,000,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/Permissive SB 1996 - HB 2175

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014182). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/18/24.

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**SB1713/HB1656 Obtaining a school bus endorsement on a driver license.**

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

Summary: Clarifies, for purposes of obtaining a school bus endorsement on a driver license and for other purposes, that a school bus is a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/22/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1717/HB1730 English only driver license examinations.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary: Requires all written driver license examinations to be administered in English only. Prohibits use of a translation dictionary, electronic device, or interpreter to assist with the examination.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$58,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Driver Services Decrease State Expenditures \$5,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Driver Services Decrease Local Revenue \$1,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB1808/HB2105 Driving privileges for a person who is not a US citizen or lawful permanent resident.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Dixie, Vincent
Summary: Authorizes the department of safety to issue a driver privilege card or permit that confers the same privileges as a driver license to a person who is not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States as long as they meet certain requirements, such as being a resident of the state, having reported income in Tennessee, and meets the financial responsibility requirements of the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 197. Any information that is not otherwise collected by the department or required for the issuance of any other driving credential issued pursuant to obtaining a driver privilege card and any information regarding restrictions in the department's records related to the issuance of a credential issued pursuant to this section is deemed privileged and confidential.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The proposed legislation will require the Department of Safety to modify existing software and design and implement new licenses. This work is assumed to be accomplished by the relevant vendors under current contract provisions with no additional expenditures to the department. However, if the relevant contract provisions are exhausted by this and other legislation subsequently enacted, the department could incur an increase in state expenditures up to \$230,500 in FY24-25. SB 1808 - HB 2105 There will also be an unknown increase in state revenue to the Driver Services Division of the Department of Safety deriving from an increase in license issuance and renewals. Additionally, there will be an unknown increase in local government revenue due to fees charged for license issuance and renewals.
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB2087/HB1688 Deposit of driver licenses in lieu of bail.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Deletes the provision authorizing municipalities and counties to grant the option permitting a person charged with violating certain traffic ordinances to deposit the person's driver license in lieu of bail. Part of Administration Package.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 27, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 02/13/24 - Set for House Floor 02/15/24.

SB2242/HB2390 Exempts minors from fees for hardship licenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Glynn, Ronnie
Summary: Exempts a person 18 years of age or older from the renewal fee for a Class D license upon certifying the person's income falls below the federal poverty level. Prohibits charging a minor an issuance fee for a hardship license.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Decrease State Revenue \$3,522,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Driver Services Decrease Local Revenue - \$75,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact The proposed legislation will require the Department of Safety to modify existing software. This work is assumed to be accomplished by the relevant vendor under a current contract provision with no additional expenditures to the department. However, if the relevant contract provision is exhausted by this and other legislation subsequently enacted, the department could incur an increase in state expenditures of \$113,000 in FY24-25.
Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB2250/HB2429 Authorization for use of alternative facilities for incarceration of first-time DUI offender.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: States that the court, rather than the sheriff or administrative officer of a local jail, may authorize the use of alternative facilities for the incarceration of an offender convicted of a first-time offense of driving under the influence.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 29, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/19/24.

SB2771/HB1623 Regulation of traffic in school zones.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Hale, Michael
Summary: Authorizes a county or municipality to hire employees or appoint volunteers to divert vehicular traffic or temporarily close a lane to certain vehicular traffic within a marked school zone during the period of time that it is necessary to provide convenience for vehicles dropping off or picking up students from school. requires warning signs to be posted in advance of the school zone. Specifies that a motor vehicle operator who knowingly ignores a warning sign and drives into a lane or portion of a public road or highway designated for dropping off or picking up students commits a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Broadly captioned.
Amendment Summary: Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1, House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (014324) authorizes a county or municipality to hire employees or appoint volunteers to direct vehicles on a public road or highway within a marked school zone for dropping off or picking up students at a public, private, or charter school within the jurisdiction of the county or municipality. Requires a warning flasher to be in operation during such time and appropriate signage to be posted. Requires counties and municipalities to ensure that any individual who is performing such duties has received appropriate training to comply with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements and is outfitted with the apparel and indicator paddle compliant with the MUTCD. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for knowingly ignoring warning signs that have been posted for dropping off or picking up students. Stipulates the misdemeanor offense is only punishable by a fine of \$50.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Passage of this legislation will result in a permissive increase in local expenditures related to signage. Due to unknown variables, a precise estimate of such increase cannot be quantified.

Senate Status: 03/06/24 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014324). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/12/24 - House Transportation Committee recommended with amendment (014324). Sent to House Finance.

VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

SB1861/HB2094 **Emergency management powers of the governor.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Keisling, Kelly

Summary: Clarifies that the governor does not have the authority to extend or renew an executive order, proclamation, or TEMP that applies to more than 48 counties beyond 45 days without the authorization of the general assembly through a declaration of a state of emergency and the governor may not declare a state of emergency for the same disaster within one year following the expiration of the state of emergency. Also states that the governor is unable to divide counties into separate declarations of emergency based on a disaster or occurrence that impacts 48 counties or more in the state.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact If the General Assembly is not in-session and decides to renew an initial declaration of emergency beyond 45 days, a special session will need to be convened. In such case, there would be an increase in state expenditures of at least \$164,600.

Senate Status: 02/06/24 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/20/24.

WELFARE

SB1759/HB1669 **Notice required for closure of child care agency.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lamar, London , Rep. Behn, Aftyn

Summary: Requires a childcare agency to inform parents at least 60 days before permanent closure of the childcare agency. Applies to parents of enrolled children who are currently enrolled at the agency and for whom tuition or attendance fees are being paid, have attended the agency within the last 90 calendar days, or are on a wait list to be enrolled at the agency. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (013594) requires a child care center to provide notice of its permanent closure to parents or guardians of enrolled children as early as practicable.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 10, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/07/24 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to 03/21/24.

SB1803/HB1961 **Eligibility expansion for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program.**

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Expands eligibility of the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program to include parents or guardians whose income does not exceed 100% of the state median income. Requires payments of financial assistance for parents or guardians whose income between 85% and 100% of the state median income to be funded using 100% state funds.

Senate Status: 01/31/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 01/25/24 - Referred to House Health Committee.

SB1805/HB1962 **Utilization of cost estimation models to determine the cost of day care.**

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Requires the department of human services to utilize cost estimation models to determine the cost of day care when setting the annual day care reimbursement rate. Requires the commissioner to report to the governor and the general assembly, no later than October 1 of each year, the results of the cost estimation model and the annual rate that has been requested by the department in its budget. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact Due to the unknown outcome of the cost estimation model, the extent to which child care reimbursement rates may increase or decrease in FY25-26 and subsequent years cannot be reasonably estimated.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB1816/HB2944 **Expands eligibility for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program.**

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary: Expands eligibility for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program. A parent or guardian of a child is eligible for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program if the parent's or guardian's income does not exceed 100% of the state median income, as published by the bureau of the census. Payments of financial assistance made under this section for parents or guardians whose income is equal to or exceeds 85%, but does not exceed 100%, of the state median income program must be funded using 100% state funds. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/07/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB1823/HB1971 **Tennessee opportunity pilot program grants.**

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Authorizes the department of human services to enter into contracts as needed in order to ensure successful implementation and completion of the Tennessee opportunity pilot program.

Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1 (014680) authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to enter into or amend a contract as necessary to ensure the successful implementation and completion of the Tennessee Opportunity Pilot Program. Prohibits DHS from entering into or amending a contract in a manner that causes the contract to extend beyond December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/14/24 - Set for House Floor on 03/21/24.

SB1891/HB2112 Pilot project to invest in the self-sufficiency of employees of childcare agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Powell, Jason
Summary: Creates a pilot project to place a moratorium on the loss of public assistance benefits for childcare workers based solely on wage increases that cause their income to exceed program eligibility limits. Requires TACIR to study wages and related issues for childcare workers, including the benefits cliff. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/29/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 01/25/24 - Withdrawn in House.

SB1907/HB2517 Creating the municipalities' access to child care (MATCH) fund.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Harris, Torrey
Summary: Creates the "Municipalities' Access To Childcare" ("MATCH") fund that, for three years, provides local governmental entities a dollar-for-dollar state match on funding projects that will expand the number of early childhood care and education quality slots for families with children 31 months or younger, regardless of income. Gives priority to local governmental entities located in counties identified as distressed or childcare deserts. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 5, 2024) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$5,844,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/MATCH Fund Exceeds \$8,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/ Department of Human Services Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$5,843,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Exceeds \$5,844,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/MATCH Fund Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$5,844,700/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$11,689,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Permissive SB 1907 - HB 2517
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB1961/HB2397 Inflationary adjustments for TANF benefits.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Harris, Torrey
Summary: Beginning on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 of each subsequent year, requires the base payment for TANF eligible families to be increased to reflect the effect of inflation based upon the percentage of change between the two preceding calendar years. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.
House Status: 02/06/24 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB2064/HB2233 Smart Steps child care payment assistance program eligibility.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Expands eligibility for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program for parents or guardians whose income is less than 100% of the state median income. Requires the payments to be funded by state funds. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 19, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$21,146,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/28/24 - Failed in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 03/13/24 - Taken off notice in House Health Committee.

SB2066/HB1969 Installation of carbon monoxide alarms in childcare agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Requires installation of carbon monoxide alarms in each room of a childcare agency where care is provided to a child. Requires the alarms to meet certain national certification standards and be installed in accordance with national fire safety recommendations or manufacturer instructions. Establishes dates by which the alarms must be installed in new and existing childcare agencies.
Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (014029) makes the following changes to the bill: (1) Removes the definition of an "approved carbon monoxide alarm" ("alarm"); (2) Removes the requirement that the alarm be installed in accordance with either the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or the manufacturer's directions, unless the standards or directions conflict with applicable law; (3) Requires the alarm to be listed according to the International Building Code and International Fire Code for the purpose of carbon monoxide detection; (4) Adds the penalty for a violation of the bill, which is a Class C misdemeanor and clarifies that each day on which a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. (5) Removes the requirement that a child care agency in operation on July 1, 2024, have alarms installed no later than September 30, 2024; (6) Removes the requirement that a child care agency that begins operating on or after July 1, 2024, have alarms installed prior to the first day that child care is provided to children on the premises of the agency; and (7) Authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules to effectuate the bill.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/29/24 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014029).
House Status: 03/13/24 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014029). Sent to House Government Operations.

SB2078/HB1886 Revisions to TANF program.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Implements penalties for certain offenses for beneficiaries of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program and food stamp program, including penalties for fraudulent receipt of benefits. Removes an exemption from the TANF work requirement for a parent or caretaker relative who proves to the satisfaction of the department the existence of the person's temporary incapacity or permanent disability. Removes the requirement that the TANF maximum payment standard must not increase when a caregiver relative becomes pregnant while receiving assistance. Part of Administration Package.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.
House Status: 03/04/24 - House passed.
Executive Status: 03/04/24 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB2269/HB2406 Report on federal regulations affecting the food assistance program.

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

Summary: Requires the department of human services to identify any federal regulations or state law or rules determined to inhibit the department's ability to timely review and approve applications and deliver benefits for the food assistance program, submit any waivers identified to alleviate any federal regulatory limitations, and submit a report on or before December 31, 2024, to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house, and the legislative librarian with detailing findings and recommendations of any statutory changes deemed necessary.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2293/HB1975 Requirement to report use of federal TANF funds.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Requires the commissioner to include in the annual block grant report information detailing the department's use of federal TANF funds in furtherance of the four purposes of the TANF program.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2374/HB2317 TACIR study on laws and regulations affecting child care businesses.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Requires TACIR to complete a study on laws, regulations, and rules affecting the start-up, operation, and expansion of child care businesses in this state. Requires TACIR to submit a report disclosing findings from the study and recommended legislation to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, and the legislative librarian no later than January 31, 2025. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/22/24 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/24.

SB2395/HB2428 Study of child care availability for working families.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Moon, Jerome

Summary: Requires the commissioner of human services to conduct a study on factors impacting child care availability for working families and submit a report of findings to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian on or before December 31, 2024. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/01/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/01/24 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB2457/HB2337 Standard monthly housing assistance payment amount.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Pearson, Justin

Summary: Requires the agency to establish the payment standard amount for the monthly housing assistance payment under the federal housing choice voucher program to the maximum allowed by federal law.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2024) Other Fiscal Impact The precise impact on the THDA voucher program is unknown and cannot be reasonably determined due to multiple unknown factors.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Failed in House Property & Planning Subcommittee for lack of second.

SB2864/HB2297 Katie Beckett program participants.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Requires part B of the Katie Beckett Program to serve at least 5,000 program participants. Declares the intent of the general assembly to appropriate \$13 million in the 2024-2025 fiscal year to meet this requirement.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 25, 2024) Increase State Expenditures \$4,620,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$8,488,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact There will be an increase in state expenditures of \$13,000,000, if appropriated by the General Assembly per the established intent of the legislation.

Senate Status: 03/13/24 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/19/24.

House Status: 03/13/24 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/19/24.

SB2866/HB2520 Property leased by public entity to non-governmental entity.

Sponsors: Sen. Oliver, Charlane , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Excludes property leased by a public entity to a non-governmental entity pursuant to a lease that conveys the exclusive right to operate the property to the non-governmental entity from the definition of public property for the purposes of establishing priority for vending operations for blind individuals.

Senate Status: 02/05/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/22/24 - Withdrawn in House.