



## Weekly Legislative Update 2019

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## Appropriations

### **SB1518/HB1508 PUBLIC FINANCE: Appropriations - FY 2018 and FY 2019.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
<i>Summary:</i>	Make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019, in the administration, operation and maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices and agencies of the state. Also make appropriations for certain state aid and obligations, for capital outlay, and for the service of the public debt. Repeals certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith. Establishes certain provisions, limitations and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended.
<i>Senate Status:</i>	04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.
<i>House Status:</i>	04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 2 04/23/19.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019, in the administration, operation and maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019.

## Children's Services

### **SB11/HB4 FAMILY LAW: Pilot program to provide child care payments to eligible relative caregivers.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Staples, Rick
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the department of children's services to establish a three-year pilot program to provide child care payments to eligible relative caregivers. Requires the department of children's services to publish an annual report containing certain data about the pilot program, including the amount of payments made pursuant to the pilot program and the number of children that remained out of state custody due to the pilot program.



*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$65,700/FY19-20/TBI Increase State Expenditures \$22,828,900/FY19-20/General Fund \$45,657,700/FY20-21/General Fund \$45,657,700/FY21-22/General Fund \$22,828,900/FY22-23/General Fund \$65,700/FY19-20/TBI Increase Federal Expenditures \$5,702,000/FY19-20 \$11,404,100/FY20-21 \$11,404,100/FY21-22 \$5,702,000/FY22-23 HB 4 SB 11

*Senate Status:* 02/19/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 71, relative to relative caregivers.

**SB12/HB3 FAMILY LAW: Granting of custody to a relative caregiver.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Requires a court that issues orders granting custody or guardianship of children to relative caregivers to inform the relative caregiver that resources and funding may be available through the department of children's services. Also requires the department and the administrative office of the courts to distribute resource information to courts that issue such court orders. Permits resource information to be distributed by electronic means.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (003327) changes this bill's requirement for the distribution of information to courts. This amendment requires the department of children's services to distribute information on available relative caregiver resources to the administrative office of the courts, and the administrative office of the courts to distribute the information to each court within the state that issues orders regarding child custody or guardianship.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/14/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003327).

*House Status:* 03/21/19 - House concurred in Senate amendment 1 (003327).

*Executive Status:* 04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0130 effective April 9, 2019.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 36 and Title 37, relative to relative caregivers.

**SB616/HB921 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Staffing to meet requirements of cases from the department of children services.**

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

*Summary:* Establishes that the department of children's services will maintain staffing levels of foster care case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads to be limited to ten active cases.



*Amendment Summary:* House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004832) eliminates requirement of the department to maintain staffing levels of foster care case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads to be at not more than ten active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 1, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$23,155,300 Increase Federal Expenditures \$18,505,000

*Senate Status:* 03/26/19 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to the first calendar of 2020.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to the department of children's services.

## Conservatorship

### **SB261/HB305 CORRECTIONS: Feasibility of having a juvenile detention center in Montgomery County**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kurita, Rosalind , Rep. Johnson, Curtis

*Summary:* Directs the comptroller of treasury to conduct a study into the feasibility of having a juvenile detention center in Montgomery County and report the results with recommendations to the speaker of the senate and house, and the judiciary committee of the senate and house prior to January 1, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$36,800/One-Time

*Senate Status:* 02/12/19 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee due to lack of a motion.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Taken off notice in House Corrections Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to juvenile detention centers.

### **SB711/HB686 FAMILY LAW: Public guardianship for the elderly.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

*Summary:* Allows the executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to request the district public guardian to serve as a conservator for disabled persons who are younger than sixty (60) years of age if certain criteria are met.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/15/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/18/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 04/15/19 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-7-104, relative to the district public guardian.



Position:

**SUPPORT**

**SB765/HB994 FAMILY LAW: Appointing of district public guardian for a disabled person.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Beck, Bill  
*Summary:* Decreases the age at which a disabled person with no family member or other person, bank, or corporation willing and able to serve as conservator may be appointed a district public guardian from 60 to 40 years.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$934,200  
*Senate Status:* 04/02/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Children & Families Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 34, Chapter 7, relative to district public guardians.

**SB867/HB896 ESTATES & TRUSTS: Requirement for educational training on conservatorships.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Requires conservators other than public guardians to complete educational training on conservatorships within 30 days of appointment. Allows a guardian ad litem to obtain a credit report and state and national criminal history background checks for a proposed fiduciary. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/12/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Children & Families Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 34, relative to guardianship.

Position:

**SUPPORT**

Disability Issues

**SB1392/HB1040 ANIMALS & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY: Damages for intentional killing of service animal.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Adds assistance animals to those for which a person may recover economic damages for the intentional or negligent killing.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.



*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 44; Title 65 and Title 66, relative to service animals.

## Education

### **SB20/HB70 EDUCATION: Repeal of Virtual Public Schools Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Powers, Dennis  
*Summary:* Extends the date of the repeal of the "Virtual Public Schools Act" from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2023.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 10, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Upon expiration of the Virtual Public Schools Act, there will be various shifts in state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding between and within certain local education agencies (LEAs) and possible decreases in state and local government expenditures due to closure of virtual schools. In addition, Union County's required BEP maintenance of effort would decline. Under the provisions of the legislation, these impacts will be delayed by four years until June 30, 2023.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Consent for 04/22/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, relative to virtual schools.

### **SB33/HB25 EDUCATION: Establishes Middle Tennessee branch for TN School for the Deaf.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee School for the Deaf to establish a school for the deaf in Middle Tennessee rather than specifying Davidson County and removes the Tennessee School for the Deaf from the facilities of the Tennessee School for the Blind beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Prohibits the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the Tennessee School for the Blind, and the Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute from sharing certain leadership positions at the same time.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (007902) rewrites the bill to forbid the Tennessee School for the Blind, the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, and the Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute from sharing the same president, director of schools, or officers at the same time.

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (007902). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (007902), which rewrites the bill to forbid the Tennessee School for the Blind, the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, and the Alvin C.



York Agricultural Institute from sharing the same president, director of schools, or officers at the same time.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to special education.

**SB50/HB60 EDUCATION: Early learning programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to create a three-year early learning pilot program, to begin in the 2019-2020 school year, to identify early learning programs or models that provide opportunities for quality early childhood education and improvement in student outcomes. Requires the pilot program to be funded through a system of competitive grants utilizing voluntary pre-kindergarten funding. Specifies that grants are to be awarded by the department of education to no more than five LEAs that create a program as approved by the department that implements an early learning program to serve economically disadvantaged students from birth through the third grade, in lieu of the LEA operating a voluntary prekindergarten program.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 25, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$587,000/Each FY19-20 through FY21-22

*Senate Status:* 01/28/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to early learning programs.

**SB64/HB402 EDUCATION: Participation in adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) training.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Directs each board of education to require adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) training for all K-12 teachers, principals, and assistant principals employed by the Local Education Agency (LEA). Requires ACE training on an annual basis before the first day of instruction. Allows for the policy to either adopt the department of education ACE training guidelines or for each LEA to adopt their own ACE training program.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/13/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) training.



**SB70/HB224**      **EDUCATION: State board of education membership requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Increases the appointed members of the state school board of education from one to three members that are current K-12 public school teachers. The appointments will be made on or after January 1, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 04/02/19 - House Education Administration Subcommittee deferred to the first calendar of 2020.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to the state board of education.

**SB170/HB405**      **EDUCATION: Requires an adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) assessment before suspending or expelling a child.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Requires each board of education to adopt a policy where an adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) assessment must be done before expelling, suspending, assigning in-school suspension, or ordering a student to attend another school. Establishes reports of suspension and expulsion must include and consider ACE assessments. The LEA is required to conduct an ACE assessment when considering disciplinary action if one has not been made within one calendar year.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (008319) rewrites this bill to add a preamble and require each LEA and public charter school to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy that does the following: (1) Balances accountability with an understanding of traumatic behavior; (2) Teaches school and classroom rules while reinforcing that violent or abusive behavior is not allowed at school; (3) Minimizes disruptions to education with an emphasis on positive behavioral supports and behavioral intervention plans; (4) Creates consistent rules and consequences; and (5) Models respectful, nonviolent relationships. This amendment requires the department of education to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop a trauma-informed discipline policy.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 19, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$197,500/FY19-20 \$107,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$6,682,000/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years\*

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (008319). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (008319), which rewrites this bill to add a preamble and require each LEA and public charter



school to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy that does the following: (1) Balances accountability with an understanding of traumatic behavior; (2) Teaches school and classroom rules while reinforcing that violent or abusive behavior is not allowed at school; (3) Minimizes disruptions to education with an emphasis on positive behavioral supports and behavioral intervention plans; (4) Creates consistent rules and consequences; and (5) Models respectful, nonviolent relationships. This amendment requires the department of education to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop a trauma-informed discipline policy.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

**SB190/HB979 EDUCATION: Annual report from commissioner of department of education on implementation of SAVE Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. White, Mark  
*Summary:* Specifies the date the annual report from the commissioner of department of education on the implementation of the SAVE Act will be filed with the governor and general assembly as February 1, as opposed to February 15. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to education.

**SB205/HB268 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Allows school bus cameras to record unlawful passing of stopped buses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Hill, Matthew  
*Summary:* Permits cameras on school buses to record vehicles that unlawfully pass stopped school buses and allows evidence to be reviewed by law enforcement officers after evidence is submitted to an LEA by a school bus driver. Establishes citations for first and subsequent offenses.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (005458) deletes all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are to require each LEA that installs cameras on the exterior of school buses to enter into a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement for the preservation of evidence from a camera, remove requirements for bus driver involvement as it pertains to procedures related to alleged violations, increase from 30 percent to 100 percent the



amount of proceeds from fines collected from illegal school bus passes that an LEA may use for any purpose, and require the LEA to create procedures and maintain records if the proceeds are used for the purpose of reimbursing or compensating a contracted vendor for costs related to the purchase, installation, operation, or maintenance of school bus cameras. House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (006301) specifies that any photograph or video recorded by a camera can be used as evidence as long as it meets the standards of the Tennessee Rules of Evidence. Requires 100 percent of the proceeds from any fine imposed that is based solely upon evidence from a school bus camera be allocated to the LEA without being designated for any particular purpose. Allows the LEA to use the proceeds towards defraying the costs of purchasing, installing, operating or maintaining the camera and the costs of compensating the vendor of the cameras. Orders LEAs to develop procedures and keep record if they choose to compensate vendors with the proceeds. Deletes requirement that an LEA not submit evidence from a camera to local law enforcement officers without the information provided by a bus driver. Eliminates only POST-certified or state-commissioned law enforcement officers are authorized to review evidence from a camera and make a determination as to whether a violation has occurred. Removes the limitation that footage of the alleged violation occurring at the date and time provided by a bus driver is only time that can be reviewed for evidence.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 25, 2019) Increase Local Revenue Up to \$17,190,300/FY19-20/Permissive Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures Up to \$13,050,000/FY19-20/Permissive Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Floor for 04/22/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to installing cameras on school buses to monitor certain violations.

**SB213/HB240 EDUCATION: Changes the date for notification of a bottom 10 percent school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Changes the date the commissioner must notify any school and its respective LEA of being in the bottom 10 percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board from October 1 to September 15 of the year prior to the public identification of priority schools.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/20/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.



*House Status:* 03/18/19 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education.

**SB270/HB210 EDUCATION: Appropriations for an LEA with prekindergarten children with disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

*Summary:* Establishes that prekindergarten programs operated by an LEA for children with disabilities shall receive annual appropriations in concurrence with the commissioner of education recommending a funding amount per classroom.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 2, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$59,829,300 Increase Local Revenue \$59,829,300 Increase Local Expenditures \$59,829,300\*

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 04/02/19 - House Education Administration Subcommittee deferred to the BEP Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to funding for prekindergarten programs for children with disabilities.

**SB273/HB267 EDUCATION: Seizure education programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Encourages LEAs to provide an age-appropriate seizure education program in each public school to teach students about seizures and seizure disorders. Also encourages LEAs to follow the guidelines published by an organization dedicated to overcoming the challenges of living with epilepsy and finding cures for epilepsy, such as the Epilepsy Foundation of America, in creating a seizure education program. Encourages the state board of education to promulgate rules for the development and implementation of seizure education programs.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/27/19 - Failed in Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 04/15/19 - House passed.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to seizure education programs.

**SB274/HB93 EDUCATION: Changes date of submission of the annual Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book.**

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



*Summary:* Changes the date by which the Tennessee higher education commission must submit the annual Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book to the governor and the general assembly from March 15 to March 1. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to postsecondary education.

**SB298/HB59 EDUCATION: Reduces the amount of time a physical education teacher must teach a physical education class.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Reduces the required duration of supervision from 60 minutes to 30 minutes that a physical education teacher must teach a physical education class. Any remaining or additional class time can be taught by a licensed teacher with an endorsement in elementary education in collaboration with the physical education teacher. Does not require physical education teacher be present for the additional class time.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 29, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, relative to physical education.

**SB310/HB567 EDUCATION: Creation of deaf mentor pilot project.**

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

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee School for the Deaf, together with the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, to establish a two-year deaf mentor pilot project to assist families and agencies in implementing bilingual and bicultural home-based programming for young children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Requires the department of education to evaluate the pilot project and report its findings to the education committees of the senate and the house.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education Committee amendment 1 (006906) rewrites the bill to require a one year deaf mentor pilot project at the TN school for the Deaf in Knoxville during the 2019-2020 school year. The report shall be made to the House and Senate Education Committees by February 1, 2021.



*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$443,100/Each FY19-20 and FY20-21

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 9, relative to a deaf mentor pilot project.

**SB338/HB18 EDUCATION: Participation in the individualized education account program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Adds students who were previously enrolled in and attended a nonpublic school or home school for the preceding school year to the category of students eligible for their parent to participate in the individualized education account program.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$24,300/FY20-21/Department of Education \$48,700/FY21-22/Department of Education \$73,500/FY22-23/Department of Education Exceeds \$97,800/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Department of Education Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$24,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Department of Education Other Fiscal Impact For local education agencies with students that opt to participate in the IEA program, the net shift of state and required local BEP funding from these local education agencies (LEAs) to the participating entities is estimated as follows: \$405,700 in FY20-21; \$811,400 in FY21-22; \$1,224,500 in FY22-23; and amounts exceeding \$1,630,100 in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 14, relative to individualized education accounts.

**SB375/HB34 EDUCATION: Funds for noneducational purposes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Carr, Dale

*Summary:* Allows a local board of education to authorize a teacher, school employee, or other person employed by the LEA to raise funds for noneducational purposes. Requires the local board of education to develop, adopt, and provide the LEA with policies and procedures for use of the funds, including policies and procedures for the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of all funds. Clarifies that persons raising funds for noneducational purposes are not to be considered as a school support organization.



*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (003435) deletes and replaces language in the original bill such that the only substantive change is to require a local board of education to pay for the cost of the audit.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/18/19 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/07/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (003435).  
*Executive Status:* 04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0134 effective April 9, 2019.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to funds for noneducational purposes.

**SB395/HB359 EDUCATION: Changes annual date Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book is published.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Cooper, Barbara  
*Summary:* Changes annual date Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book is published from March 15 to March 30. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

**SB442/HB91 EDUCATION: Evaluation of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hicks, Gary  
*Summary:* Allows LEAs that receive pre-kindergarten approval to now utilize an alternative academic growth indicator approved by the state board of education and adopted by the LEA instead of only being authorized to use the pre-k/kindergarten growth portfolio.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (006538) rewrites the bill to allow districts that have a voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program to use the portfolio model or a comparable alternative measure of student growth approved by the State Board of Educational and approved by the LEA to evaluate Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers. House Education Committee amendment 1 (008375) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes LEAs to use a comparable alternative student growth measure approved by the SBE and adopted by the LEA in the evaluation of pre-k and kindergarten teachers. Changes, from 2017-18 to 2018-19, the school year for which employment termination and compensation decisions for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teachers shall not be based solely on data generated by the portfolio model. Creates a ten-member Portfolio Review Committee and requires the Committee to review the growth portfolio model process, identify expectations, and make recommendations for improvement. Requires the



Governor to call the first meeting. Requires the Department of Education to identify opportunities to receive feedback from educators and stakeholders on the growth model portfolio. Prohibits the members of the Committee from receiving compensation and authorizes travel reimbursement for the members. Requires the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by August 1, 2019, at which point the Committee is terminated.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 4, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$9,000,000/Recurring Other Fiscal Impact If LEAs are required to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined.

*Senate Status:* 04/03/19 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006538). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to pre-kindergarten programs.

## **SB509/HB1384 EDUCATION: Tennessee Educators Portfolio Support Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Educators Portfolio Support Act," which requires the department of education to create a training program for LEAs and teachers evaluated using a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten growth portfolio model. Also requires the department of education to create a growth portfolio model support program for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers, teaching assistants, elementary school principals, and any other individual authorized to support implementation of a portfolio model in a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten classroom. Permits an LEA if that has demonstrated growth in third grade student achievement to develop and use an alternative prekindergarten and kindergarten growth portfolio model for the evaluation of prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers to measure academic growth of prekindergarten and kindergarten students.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 29, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$655,500

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education.

*House Status:* 04/02/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to pre-kindergarten through kindergarten (pre-K-K) education.



**SB516/HB586 EDUCATION: Residential housing at higher education institutions for students with intellectual disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Staples, Rick  
*Summary:* Prohibits eligible postsecondary institutions, for purposes of proceeds from state lottery, from denying a student residential housing on the campus of, or in affiliation with, the eligible postsecondary institution solely because of the student's award of a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (005780) clarifies an eligible postsecondary institution is not required to provide additional accommodations to a student that receives a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship beyond the requirements for admittance. Allows each eligible postsecondary institution to establish criteria for Tennessee STEP UP scholarship students to apply for residential housing on the campus of the institution.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/21/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (005780).  
*House Status:* 03/26/19 - House Higher Education Subcommittee deferred to summer study.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4 and Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to higher education for students with intellectual disabilities.

**SB604/HB664 EDUCATION: Alternative education for students who have been expelled.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio  
*Summary:* Requires students are in grades seven through 12 who have been expelled to attend an alternative school. Requires the governing body of a public charter school to establish an alternative educational setting for students who have been suspended from the regular school program. Prohibits a charter school from expelling a student from school attendance until after the student has been placed in an alternative educational setting.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1, House Education Committee amendment 1 (008147) clarifies that students who have been expelled must be placed in an alternative school or an alternative program in a school setting. Permits a director of schools or the governing body of a public charter school to use discretion on a case-by-case basis to determine if attendance in an alternative program in a school setting is mandatory for a student expelled for violation of a zero-tolerance program. Defines an alternative public charter school as a public charter school authorized by the commission solely for the purpose of education suspended or expelled students. Establishes that beginning



in the 2021-2022 school year a sponsor may apply the commission to establish an alternative public charter school. Requires each public charter school to establish an alternative setting for students who have been suspended or expelled. If the public charter school operates in an LEA that operates or contracts for operation of an alternative school, then the public charter school may enter into an agreement with the LEA to accept and serve students from the charter school who have been suspended or expelled. Forbids charter school from expelling a student until the student has been placed in an alternative setting, except on a case-by-case basis for violations of zero-tolerance policies. Requires LEAs that operate alternative schools and also authorize public charter schools to enter into an agreement with the public charter school to admit students who have been suspended or expelled into the LEA's alternative school.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 22, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$3,000,000 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,000,000\*

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (008147). Sent to Senate Finance.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to alternative education.

**SB631/HB759 EDUCATION: Study on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program, with a focus on the TNReady assessments and end-of-course assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to conduct a study on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program, with a focus on the TNReady assessments and end-of-course assessments. Declares that recommendations on improving the curriculum will come from the scores and study, focusing on schools improving in English language arts and math. Requires report to be presented by January 1, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in House Higher Education Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

**SB760/HB253**



**EDUCATION: Requires LEAs provide dyslexic students specific interventions with trained teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob  
*Summary:* Requires LEAs provide dyslexic students with dyslexia-specific intervention provided by a teacher trained in dyslexia intervention, requires the department of education to employ at least one dyslexia specialist beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$97,700/Recurring Increase Local Expenditures \$1,221,100/FY20-21\* \$111,100/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years\*  
*Senate Status:* 03/27/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 04/03/19 - Taken off notice in House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB790/HB934 EDUCATION: Revises special education laws.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Redefines "special education" and child with disability" or "children with disabilities." Specifies that every child with a disability is entitled to free appropriate public education (FAPE). Specifies that each LEA is responsible for ensuring that every child with a disability receives special education and related services designed to meet the child's unique needs. Defines "related services" to include transportation and developmental, corrective, and other supportive services, school health services, social work services in schools, parent counseling and training, in addition to other services that may be approved by the state board of education. Requires a child with a disability to be educated in the least restrictive environment. Clarifies that special classes, separate schooling, or other removals of a child with a disability from the regular educational environment must occur only when the student's IEP determines that the nature of the child's disability is such that education in a regular classroom setting with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved. Requires the department of education to enforce the IDEA and the state's special education laws. Requires the state board of education, in consultation with the department of education, to take necessary action to: (1) adopt standards for teachers and other personnel providing instruction or educational services to children with disabilities; (2) adopt the evaluation procedures and eligibility criteria for children with disabilities; and (3) cooperate with other state agencies, organizations, and institutions that are concerned with the health, education, and welfare of children with disabilities. Allows LEAs to contract with other LEAs to provide services for children with disabilities. In such instances, clarifies that the LEA in which the child is enrolled shall continue to be responsible for ensuring that the child receives the special education and related services in accordance with the IDEA. Requires



agreements or contracts pursuant to this section to be in writing and specifies that such agreements may include the provision of special education and related services, payment of reasonable costs associated with the services, or other related costs. Allows a parent or legal guardian to request the LEA to conduct a full or individualized evaluation of the child to determine if the child has a disability and is eligible for special education services. Requires the identification, location, and evaluation of children with disabilities to be conducted in accordance with the IDEA, the state's special education laws, and the state board of education's rules. Revises language regarding denial of BEP funding for noncompliance with the special education statutes. Make various other changes regarding special education. (22 pp.)

*Amendment  
Summary:*

Senate amendment 3 (005275) restores present law language, which the bill deletes, expressing that it is state policy to provide services to maximize the capabilities of children with disabilities. This amendment restores and expands upon a list of disabilities that appears in the present law definition of a "child with a disability" for purposes of special education. Under this amendment, "child with a disability" means a child between three and 21 years of age, both inclusive, who has been evaluated and determined as having a state-identified disability in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state board of education or as having one or more of the following disabilities, as defined in federal regulations: an intellectual disability; a hearing impairment; a speech or language impairment; a visual impairment; emotional disturbance; an orthopedic impairment; autism; traumatic brain injury; other health impairment; a specific learning disability; developmental delay; deaf-blindness; or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services. This amendment expands the definition of "related services", as described in section (13) of the Bill Summary, to include rehabilitation counseling with a focus on career development, employment preparation, achieving independence, and integration in the workplace and community of a child with a disability. This amendment specifies that, to the maximum extent appropriate, a child with a disability must be educated alongside the child's typically developing peers. This amendment removes a provision of this bill that prohibits an LEA attorney or a parent attorney from being a member of an IEP team. This amendment specifies that there must be a branch school of the school for the deaf located in Davidson County, but removes the language of this bill that would require such school be connected to the Tennessee School for the Blind.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 17, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:*

03/07/19 - Senate passed with amendment 3 (005275).

*House Status:*

04/01/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:*

04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0107 effective April 11, 2019.

*Caption:*

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4- 5-322; Title 49, Chapter 10 and Title 49, Chapter 50, relative to special education.



*Position:*

**SUPPORT**

**SB795/HB939 EDUCATION: Education options - request student's transfer.**

*Sponsors:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:*

Extends the period of time after a local board of education orders a student's school assignment within which a parent, guardian, or legal representative may apply to the board for a hearing to challenge the reasonableness of the student's assignment and to request the student's transfer to another school from 10 days to 30 days. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (007851) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the Tennessee Education Savings Accounts Act (ESA). Requires a participating student to participate in the program until the student enrolls in a public school, graduates or withdraws from high school, or reaches 22 years of age between the commencement of the school year and the conclusion of the school year, whichever occurs first, unless the student is suspended or terminated from participating in the program. Authorizes a participating student to return to the student's LEA after enrolling in the program, and after returning, requires the student's ESA to be closed and any remaining funds to be returned to the State Treasurer. Requires returned funds to the State Treasurer be placed in the Basic Education Program (BEP) Education Trust Fund of 1992, if the student ceases to be a resident of Tennessee. Sets parameters for the use of funds in a student's ESA upon the student graduating high school or exiting the program by reaching 22 years of age and applying those funds to a postsecondary institution. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish procedures to determine student eligibility and develop an application form and approval process. Requires the program to begin enrolling participating students by the 2021-22 school year. Limits program participation to an exact number of students for various years. Requires DOE to select students for participation in the program through a random enrollment lottery process, if the number of program applications received by the department exceeds the maximum number of students that may participate in the program for that school year. Requires the maximum annual amount that a student is entitled under the program to be equal to the per pupil state and local funds generated through the BEP for the LEA in which the student resides. Establishes a school improvement fund to be administered by DOE for the three fiscal years in which the program accepts students. Requires disbursements in the form of an annual grant to each LEA with participating students to be used for school improvements. Requires DOE to post on its website the list of participating schools, the grades taught, and other information that may assist parents in selecting a participating school. Authorizes DOE to



deduct six percent from the annual ESA award amount to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the program. Authorizes DOE to contract with a non-profit organization to administer some or all portions of the program. At the conclusion of the first fiscal year that the program enrolls students, requires DOE to publish an annual report on its website that contains information about the program for the previous school year. House Education Committee amendment 1 (006637) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the Tennessee Education Savings Accounts Act (ESA). Requires a participating student to participate in the program until the student enrolls in a public school, graduates or withdraws from high school, or reaches 22 years of age between the commencement of the school year and the conclusion of the school year, whichever occurs first, unless the student is suspended or terminated from participating in the program. Authorizes a participating student to return to the student's LEA after enrolling in the program, and after returning, requires the student's ESA to be closed and any remaining funds to be returned to the State Treasurer. Requires returned funds to the State Treasurer be placed in the Basic Education Program (BEP) Education Trust Fund of 1992, if the student ceases to be a resident of Tennessee. Sets parameters for the use of funds in a student's ESA upon the student graduating high school or exiting the program by reaching 22 years of age and applying those funds to a postsecondary institution. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish procedures to determine student eligibility and develop an application form and approval process. Requires the program to begin enrolling participating students by the 2021-22 school year. Limits program participation to an exact number of students for various years. Requires DOE to select students for participation in the program through a random enrollment lottery process, if the number of program applications received by the department exceeds the maximum number of students that may participate in the program for that school year. Requires the maximum annual amount that a student is entitled under the program to be equal to the per pupil state and local funds generated through the BEP for the LEA in which the student resides. Establishes a school improvement fund to be administered by DOE for the three fiscal years in which the program accepts students. Requires disbursements in the form of an annual grant to each LEA with participating students to be used for school improvements. Requires DOE to post on its website the list of participating schools, the grades taught, and other information that may assist parents in selecting a participating school. Authorizes DOE to deduct six percent from the annual ESA award amount to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the program. Authorizes DOE to contract with a non-profit organization to administer some or all portions of the program. At the conclusion of the third fiscal year that the program enrolls students, requires DOE to publish an annual report on its website that contains information about the program for the previous school year. House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee amendment



1 (008453) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the Tennessee Education Savings Accounts Act (ESA). Requires a participating student to participate in the program until the student enrolls in a public school, graduates or withdraws from high school, or reaches 22 years of age between the commencement of the school year and the conclusion of the school year, whichever occurs first, unless the student is suspended or terminated from participating in the program. Authorizes a participating student to return to the student's LEA after enrolling in the program, and after returning, requires the student's ESA to be closed and any remaining funds to be returned to the State Treasurer. Requires returned funds to the State Treasurer be placed in the Basic Education Program (BEP) Education Trust Fund of 1992, if the student ceases to be a resident of Tennessee. Sets parameters for the use of funds in a student's ESA upon the student graduating high school or exiting the program by reaching 22 years of age and applying those funds to a postsecondary institution. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish procedures to determine student eligibility and develop an application form and approval process. Requires the program to begin enrolling participating students by the 2021-22 school year. Limits program participation to an exact number of students for various years. Requires DOE to select students for participation in the program through a random enrollment lottery process, if the number of program application received by the department exceeds the maximum number of students that may participate in the program for that school year. Requires the maximum annual amount that a student is entitled under the program to be equal to the per pupil state and local funds generated through the BEP for the LEA in which the student resides. Establishes a school improvement fund to be administered by DOE for the three fiscal years in which the program accepts students. Requires disbursements in the form of an annual grant to each LEA with participating students to be used for school improvements. Requires DOE to post on its website the list of participating schools, the grades taught, and other information that may assist parents in selecting a participating school. Authorizes DOE to deduct six percent from the annual ESA award amount to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the program. Authorizes DOE to contract with a non-profit organization to administer some or all portions of the program. At the conclusion of the first fiscal year that the program enrolls students, requires DOE to publish an annual report on its website that contains information about the program for the previous school year. On January 1st following the third fiscal year that the program enrolls students, requires DOE to provide a report about the program for the most recent year to the General Assembly.

*Fiscal Note:*

*Senate Status:*

*House Status:*

(Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.

04/18/19 - Set for House Floor for 04/23/19.



*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to education options.

**SB796/HB940 EDUCATION: Report on collecting and obligations fulfilled by authorizer fees.**

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

*Summary:* Changes to December 31 the date the state board of education is required to report the total amount of authorizer fees collected in the previous school year and the authorizing obligations fulfilled using the fee. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 6 (007867) adds language to require that a majority of the Commission members must reside within the geographic boundary of an LEA in which at least one public charter school operates. House amendment 3 (007750) revises various provisions of the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002, including the following: (1) This amendment creates a nine-member public charter school commission, which will serve as an appellate charter school authorizer and as the LEA for any public charter school that it authorizes. The governor will appoint the nine commission members, subject to confirmation by each house of the general assembly. This amendment sets out in detail the confirmation process for the members. There will be at least three commission members from each grand division of the state. The commission will have the power to declare a commission member's position vacant if the member fails, without cause, to attend more than 50 percent of the commission's regular meetings in a calendar year. Also, a member will be subject to removal from the commission by a two-thirds majority vote of each house of the general assembly for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty. Such removal will be by passage of a joint resolution by the senate and the house of representatives. This amendment prohibits elected officials and state employees from serving on the commission. This amendment sets out in detail the requirement for commission members; the initial, staggered terms of office; and the duties of the commission. The commission will employ a director of schools. This amendment requires that commission meetings be made available for public viewing over the internet by streaming video accessible on the commission's website, and requires the commission to maintain archives of prior meetings. This amendment also schedules the commission for sunset review. (2) This amendment revises the public charter school authorizing process. Under present law, the chartering authority/authorizer of a public charter school is: (A) The local board of education or the achievement school district (ASD) that approves, renews, or decides not to revoke a public charter school application or agreement; or (B) The state board of education, if the state board approves a charter school: under the present law provisions whereby the LEA may be the sponsor of a public charter school; or upon appeal from



a denial of a charter school application by an LEA that contains at least one priority school on the current or last preceding priority school list. This amendment revises the provisions described above in (2)(B). Under this amendment, if an LEA is the sponsor of a public charter school, then the commission will serve as the authorizer. Also, this amendment transitions the role of an appellate authorizer from the state board of education to the commission created by this amendment. Under this amendment, the state board will not be an authorizer after June 30, 2021. This amendment sets out in detail the process by which charter agreements for which the state board is the authorizer will be transferred to the commission. This amendment provides that the transfer will occur if there is mutual agreement to the transfer by the public charter school's governing body and the commission. If the public charter school's governing body and the commission cannot reach a mutual agreement before July 1, 2021, then the charter agreement authorized by the state board will terminate. This amendment clarifies that a sponsor seeking to establish a new public charter school or convert an existing school to a charter school must apply to the local board of education. This amendment also specifies that the requirement to apply to the local board for a conversion does not apply if the existing public school has entered the achievement school district. This amendment also requires that notice of a commission meeting regarding an appeal be provided to the local board of education, the sponsor, and the general public. Under this amendment, at least one week before the meeting, notice of the meeting must be: published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the LEA is located; and posted on the commission's website. (3) This amendment requires the state board of education to ensure the effective operation of authorizers and to evaluate authorizer quality. This amendment authorizes the state board to conduct periodic evaluations of authorizers to determine authorizer compliance with the Act. If an authorizer fails to comply with state law and rules after receiving notice of noncompliance, the failure to remedy may result in a reduction of the authorizer fee provided for in present law, as determined by the state board. (4) Under present law, if the local board of education is the chartering authority of a charter school, then the local board receives an annual authorizer fee that is a percentage of the charter school's per student state and local funding as allocated under present law. The annual authorizer fee must be the lesser of 3 percent of the annual per student state and local allocations or \$35,000 per school. This amendment adds that if the ASD authorizes a public charter school, then the ASD will receive an annual authorizer fee of up to 3 percent of the public charter school's per pupil state and local funding as allocated under present law. (5) This amendment prohibits a public charter school from charging tuition, registration fees, or enrollment fees. (6) This amendment specifies that the authorization for a public charter school to enroll students residing outside the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located pursuant to the out-of-district



enrollment policy of the LEA in which the public charter school is located applies unless the LEA in which the public charter school is located has a policy prohibiting out-of-district enrollment. (7) This amendment specifies that the state board will determine timelines for approval and the appeal process. House amendment 4 (007891) adds language to amendment 007750 to require that a majority of the Commission members must be residents of a county in which at least one public charter school operates. House amendment 11 revises the provisions, added by House Amendment #3, whereby if the general assembly is not in session at the time a member is appointed to fill a vacancy resulting from the expiration of a term, then the member whose term has expired serves until a new appointee is confirmed; and whereby if the general assembly is not in session at the time a member is appointed to fill a vacancy not resulting from the expiration of a term, then the new appointee serves for the term appointed unless the appointment is not confirmed during the next regular session of the general assembly. This amendment rewrites these provisions to instead provide that if the general assembly is not in session at the time a member is appointed to fill a vacancy, then the new appointee will serve for the term appointed unless the appointment is not confirmed during the next regular session of the general assembly. House amendment 10 (008281) corrects an internal cross-reference in this bill.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/18/19 - Senate passed with amendment 6 (007867), which adds language to require that a majority of the Commission members must reside within the geographic boundary of an LEA in which at least one public charter school operates.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - House concurred in Senate amendment 6 (007867).  
*Executive Status:* 04/18/19 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

## **SB809/HB953 EDUCATION: Career aptitude assessment for students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Requires an LEA to make certain interest inventories available to students in grades five through nine. Requires an LEA to administer a career aptitude assessment to students in grades seven or eight. Part of the Administration Package.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (004909) substitutes the College Board Career Finder for the MyRoad provided by the College Board as a career interest inventory.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/18/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004909).



*House Status:* 04/01/19 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0108 effective April 11, 2019.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-412, relative to student career tools.

**SB835/HB906 EDUCATION: Changes the hours within a pupil has the right to be examined.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom  
*Summary:* Changes the time period in which the pupil has the right to be examined by a physician to determine if the punishment was excessive, in the imposition of corporal punishment within the special school district, from within 48 hours to within 72 hours.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

**SB839/HB358 EDUCATION: Ticket program for behavior management for certain Title 1 public schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Cooper, Barbara  
*Summary:* Requires the department to establish a pilot project for the 2019-2020 school year to implement ticket programs for behavior management in certain Title I schools with the criteria for choosing schools to be that focused on high percentages of suspension, failure, or expulsion.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 25, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$161,700/One-Time Other Fiscal Impact To the extent local education agencies elect to implement on-going ticket programs, there will be a permissive recurring increase in local expenditures. The extent and timing for any such impacts cannot be determined.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/06/19 - Taken off notice in House Education K-12 Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to a pilot project for behavior management.

**SB853/HB297 EDUCATION: STOP Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hill, Matthew  
*Summary:* Enacts the "STOP Act," which authorizes a sentence of imprisonment for not more than 11 months, 29 days for a conviction of not stopping for a school bus that is loading or unloading children. Authorizes LEAs to install and operate a video system to detect and prosecute violations. Requires the department of education to pay for 65 percent of the cost of



installation of the external video systems and requires the LEA to pay for the remainder.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Up to \$8,482,500/FY19-20 Increase Local Expenditures Up to \$4,567,500/FY19-20/Permissive Exceeds \$9,600/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years/Mandatory\* Exceeds \$1,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to school buses.

**SB1149/HB255 EDUCATION: Requires number of BEP instructional positions reflect number of teachers for class size requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Freeman, Bob

*Summary:* Requires, by the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the number of instructional positions funded under the basic education programs (BEPs) to reflect the number of teachers a school district is required to employ to comply with maximum class size requirements.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$309,444,400 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,000,000\*

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 03/20/19 - Referred to House Basic Education Program Review Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to finances.

**SB1153/HB1255 EDUCATION: Suspension for students in kindergarten through grade two.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Prohibits suspension of students in pre-kindergarten through grade two as a form of discipline. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 1, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to discipline of students.

**SB1187/HB769 EDUCATION: Annual report on self-administered medications and healthcare procedures.**



*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Moody, Debra  
*Summary:* Changes from October 31 to October 1 the date by which the departments of education and health are required to jointly compile an annual report to the governor and the general assembly of self-administered medications and healthcare procedures. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1, House Education Committee amendment 1 (006601) requires the education department create a literacy coach pilot program to begin in the 2019-2020 school year and conclude at the end of the 2022-2023 school year for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible districts for the provision of school-based coaches in literacy and math for teachers in pre-kindergarten through grade three that focus on improving instructional quality and coherence in Tennessee's lowest performing elementary schools. Requires the department develop a grant application program and requires that eligible districts match the grant, totaling \$39,000, on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Requires that the school-based coaches possess a valid license to teach and serve for 3 academic years providing in-depth coaching on high-literacy practices, and in the third year of the program, provide in-depth coaching in mathematics. Requires that school-based coaches have experience as a highly effective teacher, demonstrated knowledge of child development, and the ability to pass a foundations of reading test. Requires the department contract with a high-quality vendor with experience in coaching classroom teachers on curricula and formative assessments, using data to analyze and improve instruction, on conducting instructional reviews, classroom observations, and student work analysis, to create a training program for school-based coaches, which each school-based coach must participate in. Requires the department create a coaching network for school-based coaches which, at least twice yearly, will provide school-based coach evaluations that reflect progress for each grade level. Requires the department report their findings and recommendations to the education committees of both legislative houses by July 1, 2024.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

**SB1449/HB351 EDUCATION: Annual reporting on use of corporal punishment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Coley, Jim  
*Summary:* Specifies that the annual report detailing a local education agency's use of corporal punishment must be sent to the department of education at



the completion of a school year. Current law specifies at least annually. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

### Employment/Vocational Rehabilitation

#### **SB789/HB933 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Background checks on human services contractors working with disabled individuals.**

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

*Summary:* Authorizes state and national criminal history background checks and investigations of employees and contractors of the human services department who are likely to have access to individuals with disabilities.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (004343) authorizes a person who is contracted with the department of human services division of rehabilitation services or employed by or subcontracted with a company that is contracted with the department of human services division of rehabilitation services who is likely to have access to individuals with disabilities to undergo a criminal background investigation by a state-licensed private investigation company in lieu of undergoing criminal history background checks and investigations conducted by the TBI and FBI.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 17, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$7,300/FY19-20/TBI \$1,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/TBI Increase State Expenditures \$7,300/FY19-20/TBI \$19,400/FY19-20/Department of Human Services \$1,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/TBI \$3,400/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Department of Human Services

*Senate Status:* 02/25/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004343).

*House Status:* 03/18/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 04/05/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0071 effective March 28, 2019.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 12, relative to criminal history investigations of department of human services employees and contractors with access to individuals with disabilities.

#### **SB904/HB1324 WELFARE: Membership of advisory board of a rehabilitation center.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Sanderson, Bill



*Summary:* Removes the limit on the number of parents of an individual with a disability that may serve on the advisory board of a rehabilitation center. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State Committee amendment 1 (007088) rewrites the bill and allows a county sheriff to create an inmate reentry education program. The successful completion of the program may allow an inmate to qualify for an educational sentence reduction credit of 60 days if the inmate successfully receives a high school equivalency credential, high school diploma, vocational educational diploma, or other postsecondary industry recognized certification. No credit will be given unless the course of study, including the institution through which the credential, diploma, degree, or certification is offered, has received the prior approval of the department of correction.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (007088), which rewrites the bill and allows a county sheriff to create an inmate reentry education program. The successful completion of the program may allow an inmate to qualify for an educational sentence reduction credit of 60 days if the inmate successfully receives a high school equivalency credential, high school diploma, vocational educational diploma, or other postsecondary industry recognized certification. No credit will be given unless the course of study, including the institution through which the credential, diploma, degree, or certification is offered, has received the prior approval of the department of correction. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Floor for 04/22/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to vocational rehabilitation.

### **SB1343/HB1038 LABOR LAW: Copy of employer's policy on a drug-free workplace provided to employee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Requires a covered employer under the drug-free workplace program to provide a written copy of the employer's policy on a drug-free workplace to an employee at the employee's request. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 2020.

*House Status:* 04/03/19 - Taken off notice in House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 50, relative to employment.



## Family Law

### **SB226/HB61 FAMILY LAW: Creates an exception to the presumption of parentage.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
<i>Summary:</i>	Specifies a man who is married to a child's mother cannot be considered the father when he either was physically separated from the child's mother exceeding 300 days prior to the birth or is medically incapable of conceiving a child. Broadly captioned.
<i>Amendment Summary:</i>	Senate amendment 1, House Children & Families Subcommittee amendment 1 (004460) requires the child's mother to confirm by initiating on the sworn application for a birth certificate that the child's mother and her husband were not physically separated for over 300 days and the man is medically incapable of conceiving the child prior to a husband being entered on a child's birth certificate. Specifies one of the above circumstances must apply as well as mutual agreement of the husband being the child's natural father in order for the mother's husband to be able to be entered on the certificate. Orders the office of vital records to make the changes required to birth certificate applications as the current inventories of application forms are exhausted.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 28, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/25/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004460).
<i>House Status:</i>	03/20/19 - Referred to House Children & Families Subcommittee.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 7; Title 36, Chapter 2 and Title 68, Chapter 3, relative to parentage.

### **SB647/HB514 LABOR LAW: Tennessee State Family Leave Act.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
<i>Summary:</i>	Establishes that family and medical leave insurance benefits are payable to a covered individual who meets one of the requirements of birth, adoption, or placement through foster care, or a serious health concern. Establishes maximum number of weeks family and medical leave insurance benefits are payable. Defines benefit time frame and costs associated. Establishes that the state treasury shall create a fund to benefit the family and medical leave program. Establishes the application for receiving benefit and legality in cases of fraud or tampering from an employer. Declares that the act will go into effect on January 1, 2020. (pp 13)
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated March 18, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$178,125,000/FY19-20/Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund \$356,250,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Increase State Expenditures \$7,500,000/FY19-20/General Fund \$15,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/General Fund \$178,125,000/FY19-20/Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund \$356,250,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent



Years/Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$20,625,000/FY19-20\* Exceeds \$41,250,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years\* HB 514 - SB 647

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 03/19/19 - Failed in House Employee Affairs Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (005876).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 50, relative to family and medical leave insurance benefits.

## Government Organization

### **SB130/HB462 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - traumatic brain injury advisory council.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Extends the traumatic brain injury advisory council to June 30, 2025.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/21/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/04/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 03/26/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0026 effective March 22, 2019.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 55, relative to traumatic brain injury advisory council.

### **SB131/HB463 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Extends the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder to June 30, 2021.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/11/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/18/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 04/05/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0057 effective March 28, 2019.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 27, relative to the Tennessee council on autism spectrum disorder.

### **SB142/HB474 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - department of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin



*Summary:* Extends the department of education to June 30, 2022. Requires the department to appear before sunset review committee in 2019 to discuss progress made in addressing findings in its 2018 audit.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Senate Government Operations Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Consent for 04/22/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, relative to the department of education.

**SB143/HB475 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - state board of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Extends the state board of education to June 30, 2024.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/18/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for House Consent for 04/22/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to the state board of education.

**SB759/HB252 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires accommodations for dyslexic applicants for certain licenses.**

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

*Summary:* Requires reasonable accommodations to be made for a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession who is diagnosed with dyslexia.

*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (006297) rewrites this bill to require agencies to ensure the provision of appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if the agency requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination. A state agency that administers a required examination for licensure must promulgate rules to implement this amendment, which rules must establish the eligibility criteria that a person must meet for an accommodation to be provided pursuant to this amendment. This amendment specifies that it does not apply to an examination mandated and administered pursuant to federal law. For purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this bill, this bill as amended will take effect upon becoming law. For all other purposes, this bill as amended will take effect on July 1, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT



*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 04/15/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006297), which rewrites this bill to require agencies to ensure the provision of appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if the agency requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination. A state agency that administers a required examination for licensure must promulgate rules to implement this amendment, which rules must establish the eligibility criteria that a person must meet for an accommodation to be provided pursuant to this amendment. This amendment specifies that it does not apply to an examination mandated and administered pursuant to federal law. For purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this bill, this bill as amended will take effect upon becoming law. For all other purposes, this bill as amended will take effect on July 1, 2020.

*Executive Status:* 04/17/19 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to state licensure examinations.

## Health

### **SB28/HB37**

#### **HEALTH CARE: Creates the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Whitson, Sam  
*Summary:* Creates the state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council and specifies membership of council and terms of members. Specifies that the council is attached to the commission on aging and disability for administrative purposes. Requires the council to develop and submit an Alzheimer's disease state plan to the general assembly that identifies barriers to Alzheimer's disease care, analyzes service utilization data, and includes recommendations, metrics, and best practices to address gaps in service no later than January 15, 2020.

*Amendment Summary:* House Health Committee amendment 1 (004088) adds the Tennessee Association for Home Care and the Tennessee Nurses Association to the list of groups who may submit qualified nominees to be appointed to the Council. Deletes language of the printed bill that authorized private citizen members of the Council be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for attending meetings. Deletes requirement that members of the Council attend at least 50 percent of all meetings. Specifies the legislative committees to which the annual report must be submitted. Senate amendment 1, House Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (005741) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to add the Tennessee Association for Home Care and the Tennessee Nurses



Association to the list of groups who may submit qualified nominees to be appointed to the Council; (2) to delete language of the original bill that authorized private citizen members of the council be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for attending meetings; (3) to delete the requirement that members of the Council attend at least 50 percent of all meetings; and (4) to specify the legislative committees to which the annual report must be submitted.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2019) Increase State Expenditures - \$6,100

*Senate Status:* 04/01/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (005741).

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee  
04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 14 and Title 71, relative to the creation of the state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council.

## **SB281/HB774 HEALTH CARE: Chronic Disease Prevention Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kurita, Rosalind , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

*Summary:* Requires the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house to establish a task force to study methods on how best to prevent chronic diseases in this state and what funding is available to assist with chronic disease prevention. Specifies membership of task force and requires task force to complete its findings and make a report to the speakers by December 15, 2020.

*Amendment Summary:* House Health Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 1 (006525) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to reconstitute the task force to consist of 11 members. Requires six legislative members, three subject matter experts, one certified medical professional, and one person who possesses experience in the subject of health to serve on the task force.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 19, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$6,300/FY19-20 \$4,200/FY20-21

*Senate Status:* 04/08/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (006525).

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee  
04/23/19.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 39; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to enacting the "Chronic Disease Prevention Act".

## **SB385/HB390 HEALTH CARE: Study on the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie



*Summary:* Requires the department of health to study the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state. Requires the department to report on its findings and recommendations, along with any legislative or executive actions needed, no later than December 31, 2019.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 26, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$95,000/One-Time

*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Public Health Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 10; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical interoperability.

**SB661/HB841 HEALTH CARE: Reduces time for health facilities to renew their license.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Smith, Robin

*Summary:* Reduces the amount of time, to 30 days, that a health facility must renew its license following the expiration of such license, and if not renewed within 30 days following expiration, the licensee must reapply for licensure in accordance with the rules established by the board for licensing health care facilities. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/26/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 68, relative to health.

**SB949/HB988 HEALTH CARE: Mental health counseling to each child in a detention or shelter care facility.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Requires the department to provide mental health counseling by a mental health professional not less than once per week to each child in a detention or shelter care facility. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$628,800

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 04/02/19 - House Children & Families Subcommittee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1 (006372).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 37; Title 56; Title 63; Title 71 and Chapter 1052 of the Public Acts of 2018, relative to providing mental health counseling to juveniles.

**SB1070/HB1109**



### **HEALTH CARE: Study of healthcare access and status in certain areas.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Powell, Jason  
*Summary:* Requires health commissioner study healthcare access and healthcare status of populations affected by the implementation of Chapter 1043 of the Public Acts of 2016. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

### **SB1209/HB615 HEALTH CARE: Removes outdated code provision that created a taskforce to review residential and day provider agencies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Kumar, Sabi  
*Summary:* Removes outdated code provision that created a taskforce to review the regulations of the residential and day provider agencies contracted by the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities, which ceased to exist as of June 30, 2014. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health.

## Insurance Health

### **SB416/HB385 INSURANCE HEALTH: Benefits for neurological disorders, including autism.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hodges, Jason  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to conduct a study for the purpose of determining the amount of insurance policies that provide benefits for neurological disorders in this state. Specifies that the study must include the amount of claims for treatment of autism spectrum disorder within the insurance policies that provide benefits for neurological disorders. Requires the commissioner to submit a copy of the report to the insurance committee of the house and the commerce and labor committee of the senate no later than January 1, 2020.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT



*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Life & Health Insurance Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 56, relative to autism.

**SB462/HB313 INSURANCE HEALTH: Establishes certain minimum coverage requirements for health benefit plans.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires that health benefit plans issued, entered into, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, provide at a minimum coverage for certain items or services, immunizations, preventive care, and screenings.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 04/03/19 - Taken off notice in House Life & Health Insurance Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to health insurance.

**SB939/HB1429 INSURANCE HEALTH: Medical Assistance Savings Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Medical Assistance Savings Act" to require health insurance policies to cover a dependent child until the child reaches 26 years of age. Current law specifies 24 years of age.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Not Significant Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation would not result in a significant increase in the cost of health insurance premiums because federal law requires coverage until an adult child turns 26 years of age.  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 04/03/19 - Taken off notice in House Life & Health Insurance Subcommittee.  
*Executive Status:* 03/11/19 - Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance released to standing committees with unfavorable comment.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to coverage of children under a parent's health insurance plan.

**Intellectual/Development Disability**

**SB168/HB75**



## **HEALTH CARE: Change in ownership of a health care institution.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Sexton, Cameron
<i>Summary:</i>	Increases the amount of days given to notify the health services and development agency of the change in ownership of a health care institution from 30 days to 60 days.
<i>Amendment Summary:</i>	House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee amendment 1 (006612) rewrites the bill. Rewrites the Policy of the Tennessee Health Services and Planning Act of 2002. Revises CON guidelines for MRIs from 250,000 county population to 175,000 county population. Revises CON guidelines for a hospital, rehabilitation facility, or mental health hospital to increase its total number licensed beds from 10% to 25%. Establishes that an entity that is operating a facility under a CON and that is leasing or renting property wherein the facility is located is not required to obtain a new CON if: in a county with a population excess of 175,000 that entity relocates its facility to another location within a half-mile radius of the leased or rented property, or if in a county with a population of, or less than, 175,000 that entity relocates its facility to another location within a two-mile radius of the leased or rented property. Requires that the HSDA not deny an application for a CON for home health service provided by a home care organization, radiation services, MRI, an independent standing emergency center, an outpatient diagnostic center, or an ASTC if the complete application and fees are submitted to HSDA and such services and facilities are to be located in a distressed county that does not have a hospital already providing those services or facilities as of January 1, 2019. Requires the independent standing emergency centers be located/provided services in distressed counties. Defines "distressed county" and "independent standing emergency center".
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	04/16/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 68, relative to certificates of need.

## **SB608/HB702 TENNCARE: Reimbursement for qualifying home and community-based services received from non-contracted providers.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Daniel, Martin
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires amendments to rules concerning home-based and community-based settings be consistent with an intent for services to be received in the most integrated setting appropriate to the person's needs. Authorizes the Bureau of TennCare to make to make eligible for consumer direction and reimbursement qualifying home-based and community-based services



received from non-contracted providers when: services are provided by a state-licensed program or provider; services are provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual's needs; services are comparable to those included in the home- and community-based CHOICES program; services align with the person-centered individualized support plan; and services do not exceed annual cost limits assigned to a CHOICES benefit group.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$3,183,000

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-404; Title 33, Chapter 5; Section 68-11-202 and Section 71-2-412, relative to promulgation of rules for licensure of settings of home-based and community-based services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## **SB807/HB951 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Licensure exemptions - direct care services.**

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

*Summary:* Exempts from licensure requirements a person providing direct care services at most four people receiving services through consumer direction in a Medicaid home and community-based services program.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (004801) replaces this bill's exemption from licensure for a person providing direct care services to no more than four people receiving services through consumer direction in a medicaid home and community-based services program. This amendment instead adds to present law an exemption for a person providing direct care services to no more than three people receiving services through consumer direction in a medicaid home- and community-based services program. This amendment specifies that the exemption it adds does not apply to an individual who holds out to the public as being in the business of providing personal support services for compensation.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 16, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/28/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004801).

*House Status:* 03/14/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 04/08/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0089 effective April 4, 2019.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-402 and Section 33-2-403, relative to the licensure of a person providing direct care for a person with an intellectual or developmental disability through consumer direction.

## **SJR74**



**HEALTH CARE: Honors Commissioner Debbie Payne.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,  
*Summary:* Commends Debbie Payne for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.  
*Senate Status:* 01/28/19 - Senate adopted.  
*House Status:* 01/31/19 - House concurred.  
*Executive Status:* 02/05/19 - Signed by governor.

**HJR207 HEALTH CARE: Down Syndrome Awareness Day.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Whitson, Sam  
*Summary:* Honors and commemorates "Down Syndrome Awareness Day" in Tennessee.  
*House Status:* 02/18/19 - House adopted.

Mental Health

**SB31 CRIMINAL LAW: Prohibits death penalty for persons with severe mental illness.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard ,  
*Summary:* Prohibits death penalty as punishment for individuals with severe mental illnesses at the time they committed first degree murder.  
*Senate Status:* 02/12/19 - Withdrawn in Senate after being recalled from Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to severe mental illness.

**SB66 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Task force to study the management and operation of state mental health facilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,  
*Summary:* Creates a special joint task force to study issues relating to the management and operation of state mental health facilities, including the training of staff. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives, by February 15, 2020.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT



*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in Senate after being recalled from Senate Government Operations Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 33, relative to mental health facilities.

**SB579/HB643 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Removes law enforcement as mental health department transportation method for people with certain conditions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carter, Mike

*Summary:* Removes law enforcement as a transportation option provided by the mental health and substance abuse services department for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or serious emotional disturbance.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Health and Welfare Committee amendment 1 (007528) requires the department of mental health and substance abuse services to identify the five counties with the greatest number of emergency mental health transports and mental health transports by law enforcement in a twelve-month period by July 1, 2020. Requires department to enter into an agreement with a transport agent to provide emergency mental health transports and mental health transports for persons not arrested or in the custody of law enforcement in the five counties. Between July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 law enforcement in the five identified counties is not required to provide an emergency mental health transport for a person not under arrest or in custody of law enforcement or a court if the person is covered by private health insurance or mental health transport. After July 1, 2021 law enforcement is not required to provide an emergency mental health transport or mental health transport. Exempts Davidson and Shelby counties from requirements for transportation agent to notify the hospital or treatment resource of their arrival time. Removes references to sheriffs and other law enforcement agents from mental health transport requirements. House Health Committee amendment 1 (008322) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a grant program through the Department of Finance and Administration, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Division of TennCare, to assist sheriffs required to transport persons to a hospital or treatment resource for emergency mental health transport under this section. Prohibits assistance from the grant program for emergency mental health transports where a physician, psychologist, or designated professional determines that the person can be transported by friends, neighbors, or other mental health professionals familiar with the person, relatives, or member of the clergy. Authorizes a sheriff to contract with one or more third parties or other law enforcement agencies to transport persons to a hospital or treatment resource. Sheriffs may use grant funds to pay for the services. Authorizes hospitals or treatment resources to conduct an evaluation for admission through telehealth if such services are available and offered.



*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Floor for 04/22/19.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21; Title 8, Chapter 42; Title 9, Chapter 8; Title 13, Chapter 26; Title 29, Chapter 20; Title 33, Chapter 2; Title 33, Chapter 6; Title 33, Chapter 7; Title 37, Chapter 1; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to transportation service for persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and serious emotional disturbance.

## Taxes/Properties

### **SB922/HB292 TAXES PROPERTY: Tax exemption for owners of property used as intermediate care facilities for those with intellectual disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Owners of property used as intermediate care facilities for those with intellectual disabilities exempt from taxes are required to make payments in lieu of taxes to the tax jurisdiction no less than 25 percent of the tax exempted. Only applies to counties with a population of less than 8,000 from the 2010 census.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 4, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$4,600 Increase Federal Expenditures \$8,700 Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$18,800  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 67, Chapter 5 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to intermediate care facilities.

## TennCare/Medicaid

### **SB244/HB158 TENNCARE: Reporting on annual actuarial study may be done in electronic format.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Sexton, Cameron  
*Summary:* Allows for the comptroller of the treasury to report any annual actuarial study of the medical assistance program and any participating managed care organizations and associated comments in electronic format.  
*Amendment Summary:* House TennCare Subcommittee amendment 1 (004911) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the department of health (DOH) to manage all functions of, and administrative support for, the state medical assistance programs established in Title 71, Chapter 5.



Requires that all rules promulgated by the division of TennCare (Division) will remain in full force and effect and are transferred to the authority of the DOH. Removes the Division's authority to manage the functions of, or administrative support for, the state medical assistance programs established in Title 71, Chapter 5, after July 1, 2019.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 2020.  
*House Status:* 04/09/19 - House Insurance Committee deferred to the first calendar of 2020.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SB254 TENNCARE: Federal waiver to establish VolunteerCare.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara ,  
*Summary:* Directs the commissioner of finance and administration to seek a federal waiver to allow the commissioner to enter into a contract with one or more insurers or managed care organizations to provide coverage to person who enroll in the VolunteerCare plan. Establishes the VolunteerCare plan within the TennCare program to make coverage available for any person who is not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under this part and permits persons who are 55 years of age or older to purchase healthcare coverage through the TennCare program.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact If the waiver amendment is approved by CMS, it is assumed the Division of TennCare would experience an increase in state expenditures to administer the program. The extent to which such expenditures will be offset with premiums and copayments from enrollees is unknown. Otherwise, any fiscal impact is considered not significant.

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

**SB286/HB265 TENNCARE: Notification of material change to info provided on application.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Decreases the amount of time an enrollee in the TennCare program has to notify the Bureau of TennCare of any material change to the information provided in the enrollee's application for TennCare benefits from 30 days to 15 days from the material change. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.



*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SB371/HB974 TENNCARE: Decreases time allowed to mail certain changes to TennCare application.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Littleton, Mary  
*Summary:* Decreases time for an enrollee or applicant for medical assistance to mail documentation of a material change affecting the enrollee's or applicant's TennCare application from 30 to 15 days. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SB378/HB378 TENNCARE: Authorizes governor to make decisions regarding medical assistance programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Removes requirement for the governor to receive authorization from the general assembly to make decisions pertaining to expanding optional enrollment in medical assistance programs.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

**SB387/HB517 INSURANCE HEALTH: Creation of a committee to study managed care organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hill, Timothy  
*Summary:* Creates a committee to study managed care organizations with goal to study the state expenditures on services for patients in areas of care, including Medicare programs in other states. Requires managed care organizations participating in the TennCare program to submit any information and provide assistance as may be requested by the committee for purposes of the study. Requires the study committee to report whether the expenditures are reasonable along with all other findings and recommendations from the study to the governor and the members of the general assembly by January 1, 2020.



*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$6,300/One-Time  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Insurance Committee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to managed care organizations.

**SB464/HB1050 TENNCARE: Expands governor's authority with medicaid.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) Increase State Revenue - \$25,361,400/FY19-20 \$56,798,700/FY20-21 \$31,731,100/FY21-22 Increase State Expenditures - \$75,836,200/FY19-20 \$160,059,700/FY20-21 \$92,821,400/FY21-22 Increase Federal Expenditures - \$569,687,100/FY19-20 \$1,264,283,900/FY20-21 \$709,705,500/FY21-22  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Failed in House TennCare Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

**SB476/HB498 TENNCARE: Reduces time for mailing documentation - TennCare applications.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Whitson, Sam  
*Summary:* Reduces from 30 to 15 days the time for a medical assistance applicant to mail documentation of a material change affecting their TennCare application. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Insurance Committee amendment 1 (006388) establishes the Katie Beckett program to provide a medicaid services eligibility pathway by waiving the parents' income and resources requirements for children under 18 years of age and with medical needs that result in severe functional limitations, would qualify for institutionalization in an acute care hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility, and are likely to last at least 12 months or result in death provided they are not receiving benefits from any alternative waiver, would otherwise qualify for supplemental security income but for the income or resources of the parent, and for whom the cost of care outside of the institution does not exceed the estimated medicare cost of appropriate institutional care. Requires the Katie Beckett program to provide an integrated program which provides such children, funding permitted, respite care, care coordination, medically



necessary care and supporting services. Clarifies requirements for continued enrollment. Establishes a medicaid diversion plan that offers a capped package of essential wraparound services and supports as well as premium assistance using a sliding scale based on parent income for children meeting the previous criteria. Requires this program provide services to support and sustain child health, family caregiving, and prepare the child for transition to employment and community living with as much independence as possible in the most integrated setting appropriate and cost-effective way. Requires the bureau of TennCare and intellectual and developmental disabilities department issue and annual joint report on the status of the program to the health committees of both legislative chambers.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to healthcare benefits for disabled children.

*Position:* **SUPPORT**

### **SB845/HB1331 HEALTH CARE: Annual report pertaining to birth defects registry.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Haston, Kirk  
*Summary:* Permits the advisory committee to submit its annual report pertaining to the birth defects registry to the appropriate standing committees of the general assembly electronically. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

### **SB945/HB960 WELFARE: Medicaid Buy-in for Working People with Disabilities Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Windle, John  
*Summary:* Establishes that the department will submit an amendment to the medical assistance plan to permit the expansion of medical assistance eligibility for the purpose of implementing a Medicaid buy-in program for people with disabilities who are in the basic coverage group or medical improvement group. Defines the eligibility requirements and that there is no income or asset limitation for a participant in the Medicaid buy-in



program. Authorizes the department to promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer the Medicaid buy-in program.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 2, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$9,801,500 Increase Federal Expenditures - \$18,506,000

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

### **SB974/HB1094 TENNCARE: Federal waiver to establish VolunteerCare.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Allows the commissioner of finance and administration to enter into a contract with one or more insurers to provide coverage to those who enroll in the VolunteerCare plan and to grant a person aged 55 or older, ineligible for coverage through medicare, to purchase coverage through VolunteerCare. Requires the commissioner to establish the VolunteerCare plan within TennCare. Defines coverage granted by VolunteerCare.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 9, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact If the waiver amendment is approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), it is assumed the Division of TennCare would experience an increase in state expenditures to administer the program. The extent to which such expenditures will be offset with premiums and copayments from enrollees is unknown. Otherwise, any fiscal impact is considered not significant.

*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

### **SB983/HB1092 TENNCARE: Medicaid expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Hodges, Jason

*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Also authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services with respect to the terms of the expansion.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) Increase State Revenue - \$25,361,400/FY19-20 \$56,798,700/FY20-21 \$31,731,100/FY21-20 Increase State Expenditures - \$75,836,200/FY19-20 \$160,059,700/FY20-21 \$92,821,400/FY21-22 Increase Federal Expenditures - \$569,687,100/FY19-20 \$1,264,283,900/FY20-21 \$709,705,500/FY21-22

*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.



*House Status:* 04/10/19 - House TennCare Subcommittee deferred to the first calendar of 2020.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

### **SB1029/HB1430 TENNCARE: Medicaid expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike

*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) Increase State Revenue - \$25,361,400/FY19-20 \$56,798,700/FY20-21 \$31,731,100/FY21-20 Increase State Expenditures - \$75,836,200/FY19-20 \$160,059,700/FY20-21 \$92,821,400/FY21-22 Increase Federal Expenditures - \$569,687,100/FY19-20 \$1,264,283,900/FY20-21 \$709,705,500/FY21-22

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

### **SB1116/HB1136 TENNCARE: Waiver for access to evidence-based home visitation services for certain families.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of finance and administration to submit a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II wavier or a new waiver in order to improve access to and quality of evidence-based home visitation services for the families of babies suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome or related conditions for eligible residents of Tennessee, to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 7, 2019) Increase State Expenditures - \$949,900/FY19-20 \$1,899,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures - \$1,793,600/FY19-20 \$3,587,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to summer study.

*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

### **SB1286/HB616 TENNCARE: TennCare enrollees' eligibility for federal supplemental security income due to disability.**



*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Kumar, Sabi  
*Summary:* Requires the Bureau of TennCare to establish a program that identifies child enrollees in TennCare who are likely to be eligible for federal supplemental security income due to disability upon reaching 18 years of age. Also requires the program to initiate counseling with and provide enrollment assistance to the child and the child's parent or guardian to prevent a gap in TennCare eligibility upon the child reaching 18 years of age.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/15/19 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for House Consent for 04/22/19.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SB1428/HB1280 TENNCARE: TennCare II funding by means of a block grant indexed for inflation and population growth.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Timothy  
*Summary:* Requires the governor acting through the commissioner of finance and administration to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver, or to submit a new waiver in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population by means of a block grant no later than 120 days after the effective date of this act. Orders the block grant to convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding into an allotment that is tailored to meet the needs of the state and that is indexed for inflation and population growth. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (004786) requires any negotiated agreement between the federal government and the finance and administration commissioner be approved by a general assembly joint resolution. Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (008269) increases the number of days after the effective date of this act for the submission of a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver, or for the submission of a new waiver, from 120 days to 180 days. Adds that the block grant authorized must convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state into an allotment that excludes from the block grant financing amount any expenses that are not included in the state's existing 1115 demonstration waiver, factors the current inaccurate reflection of the state's labor costs in the state's Medicare Wage Index, excludes administrative costs from the block grant financing amount, permits the state to continue to draw federal matching funds for administrative costs, provides the state with minimum flexibility with regard to existing federal mandates, provides the state with maximum flexibility regarding pharmacy benefits, provides the state with maximum



flexibility to serve other needy populations with distinct financial needs, and remains at the level set according to the block grant without any decrease in the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state based on deflation or a reduction in population.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 25, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Not Significant Other Fiscal Impact - If approved by the federal government, the level of federal funding that would be approved for the Medicaid program is unknown. The current federal funding level for FY18-19 is approximately \$7,544,537,000.

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 04/11/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (004786).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

*Position:* **OPPOSE**

**SB1464/HB63 TENNCARE: Mailing documentation affecting enrollee or applicant's TennCare application.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Travis, Ron

*Summary:* Reduces the amount of days an applicant for TennCare has to mail documentation of a material change affecting the person's application from 30 days to 15 days. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 01/27/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SB1466/HB300 HEALTH CARE: Encourages finance and administration commissioner consult with TennCare advisory committee about impact of policies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Encourages the commissioner of finance and administration to consult the TennCare advisory commission concerning the impact of policies and procedures on providers with respect to home- and community-based services.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.



*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

**SJR172 TENNCARE: Medicaid eligibility expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,  
*Summary:* Authorizes governor to expand Medicaid eligibility.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

Tort Liability

**SB576/HB192 TORT LIABILITY: Immunity for civil liability for local governments for certain software.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carter, Mike  
*Summary:* Establishes that a person does not have a cause of action against a local government, officers, employees, or agents of a local government for any defect or malfunction in a software program intended to register a non-communicative person with law enforcement when the program was designed in good faith and without cost to the recipient local government or user of the program. Provides exception to immunity for claims based on gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 9, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact A precise cost savings for local government cannot reasonably be determined due to multiple unknown factors.  
*Senate Status:* 03/25/19 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/18/19 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0141 effective April 5, 2019.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86; Title 9; Title 36 and Title 38, relative to immunity from civil liability.

*Position:* **SUPPORT**

Transportation

**SB46/HB62 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Dynamic Accessibility Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Dynamic Accessibility Act," which requires the commissioner of general services to designate a new symbol of access for disabled persons for use on state property. Also requires the department of revenue



*Amendment Summary:*

to designate a new symbol of access for disabled drivers and disabled passengers for use on registrations, placards, decals, and license plates. Describes new symbol and logo to be used.

House amendment 1 (004604) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that substantive changes include: Removes \$10,000 renovation threshold; Delays the date the sign must be used to designate access points for state buildings, structures, and real property, from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020; Establishes that a state government entity that receives documentation from a federal agency that compliance with a provision of this act may jeopardize federal funding or grant money for the state governmental entity is not required to comply with such provision; provided, that the state governmental entity shall comply with each provision of this act that does not jeopardize such federal funding or grant money. Requires any person requesting to replace an existing registration, placard, decal, or license plate with another which features the symbol of access, to pay the fee otherwise due for the initial issuance of such registration, placard, decal, or license plate; Establishes that the requirement to utilize the symbol of access for registrations, placards, decals, or license plates only applies upon the exhaustion of the supply of existing registration, placards, decals, and license plates; Specifies that personalized plates for disabled drivers may bear the stylized wheelchair symbol in addition to the symbol of access; Authorizes, rather than requires, that parking spaces owned or leased by state and local entities use the symbol of access and delays such authority until July 1, 2020, rather than July 1, 2019; and delays the effective date of this Act from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Net Impact Exceeds \$342,900/FY19-20 Exceeds \$27,300/Each FY20-21 through FY23-24 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100,000/Each FY19-20 through FY23-24\*

*Senate Status:*

03/25/19 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1 (004604).

*House Status:*

03/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (004604).

*Executive Status:*

04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0112 effective April 9, 2019.

*Caption:*

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 12; Title 55 and Title 68, relative to persons with disabilities.

**SB78/HB131**

**TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Urges study of enforcement of disabled parking violations.**

*Sponsors:*

Sen. Kurita, Rosalind , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:*

Urges department of revenue study enforcement of disabled parking violations and requires that if a study is conducted a report with findings and recommendations be made to the senate transportation & safety and house transportation committees by February 1, 2020.



*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (003354) deletes the study on July 1 after it has completed its work.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/21/19 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 02/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (003354).  
*Executive Status:* 03/11/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0004 effective March 7, 2019.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

**SB374/HB366 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Definition of a rickshaw.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Johnson, Curtis  
*Summary:* Excludes a bicycle built for more than three (3) persons or any type of motorized scooter used by persons with disabilities from the definition of a rickshaw.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

**SB863/HB1046 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Violations regarding parking for persons with disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Requests the department of revenue to conduct a study on the number of violations of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-108 or an ordinance dealing with parking privileges for persons with disabilities and report its findings and any recommendations on or before February 1, 2020 regarding such study to the transportation committee of the house and the transportation and safety committee of the senate.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 14, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21 and Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to parking privileges for persons with disabilities.



## Voting

### **SB90/HB133 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Photo identification licenses issued for the purposes of voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesch , Rep. Love Jr., Harold  
*Summary:* Authorizes usage of out of state driver's licenses to establish an identity for issuing photo identification licenses by the department of safety for voting purposes.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2019) Forgone State Revenue Exceeds \$12,000/Department of Safety Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$2,000/Department of Safety  
*Senate Status:* 03/19/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/20/19 - Taken off notice in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to photo identification licenses issued for the purposes of voting.

### **SB192/HB160 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voting at licensed nursing homes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne  
*Summary:* Specifies that institutions designated for elderly or disabled persons with qualified staff who regularly assess residents that are at least 35 percent frail can use the same voting methods as nursing homes.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 22, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/26/19 - Failed in Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/27/19 - Taken off notice in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 68, relative to voting at licensed nursing homes.

### **SB193/HB145 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Application procedure for absentee voters who are first time voters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Lamar, London  
*Summary:* Establishes that a person who registered by mail or online voting for their first time may request an application to vote absentee at any county election commission office. The count election commission where the application was completed shall verify the voter's identity and forward said application to the appropriate count election commission.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 22, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/19/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.



*House Status:* 03/20/19 - Taken off notice in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to absentee voting.

**SB503/HB768 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Requires conducting of supplemental voter registration at high schools in the fall and spring.**

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

*Summary:* Requires county election commissions conduct a supplemental registration at public and private high schools once each fall and spring semester. Authorizes high schools to provide opportunities for students to register to vote online at times other than the supplemental registrations.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2019) Increase Local Expenditures \$9,500\*

*Senate Status:* 04/02/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 03/27/19 - Failed in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1 (004833).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 49, relative to voter registration.

**SB762/HB214 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Absentee voting requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Permits any registered Tennessee voter to vote absentee after providing certification of identity in the application for a ballot. Requires an absentee ballot to be counted for the election in which the ballot is cast. Removes requirement that a voter who registers by mail must vote the first time in person.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 22, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$917,200/FY19-20 and Every Four Years Thereafter Increase Local Expenditures \$1,834,500/FY20-21 and Every Two Years Thereafter\* \$914,200/FY21-22 and Every Four Years Thereafter\*

*Senate Status:* 02/26/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to next Elections Calendar.

*House Status:* 03/06/19 - Failed in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to absentee voting.

**SB962 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voting at polling places - evidence of citizenship.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,



*Summary:* Prohibits a polling place workers from making any inquiries or requiring documentation or other evidence regarding a person's citizenship at a polling station if the person presents a valid voter registration card and appropriate identification evidence.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 3, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 7, relative to voting at a polling place.

## Welfare

### **SB550/HB110 WELFARE: Employment Opportunities for Parents Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Increases employment and self-sufficiency among families by assigning able-bodied parents who have school-aged children and receive food stamps to workforce programs, as authorized by federal law.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 26, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$591,200/One-Time \$225,343,200/Recurring Other Fiscal Impact Federal funding may be available for a portion of the increase in state expenditure. SNAP Admin Funding requires a state agency to justify any increase over five percent of the previous years funding level. Additional funding is not guaranteed to be awarded.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Public Health Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to the Employment Opportunities for Parents Act.

### **SB1273/HB88 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Changes name of committee giving annual report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Griffey, Bruce

*Summary:* Changes the name of one of the committees giving the annual report of the CoverKids Act of 2006 to the governor and general assembly from "the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives" to "the insurance committee of the house of representatives".

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 04/03/19 - House Public Health Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 16; Title 24; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to public assistance recipients.

