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Appropriations

SB1518/HB1508 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>Amendment Summary:</i>	Senate amendment 2, House amendment 2 (004500) makes appropriations from the general fund and the education fund in the amount of \$17,982,000 recurring and \$86,553,500 non-recurring for various departments and organizational units of state government, including the department of economic and community development for economic and community development grants for making rural and community grants for capital expenditures, repairs, maintenance, or operations to local governments or non-profit public education, public safety, library, community, or recreational service entities. Also appropriates amounts to implement the cited legislative bills, including the JuJuan Latham Act. Further, specifies earmarked appropriations and capital outlay additional provisions. Also, specifies program expansions from federal and other departmental revenue and specifies annual hospital coverage assessment. House amendment 3 (005000) is the legislative amendment to the appropriations bill.
<i>Senate Status:</i>	04/30/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (008574), amendment 2 (004500), and amendment 3 (009019).
<i>House Status:</i>	04/30/19 - House concurred in Senate amendment 1 (008574), amendment 2 (004500), and amendment 3 (009019).
<i>Executive Status:</i>	05/20/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0405 effective July 1, 2019. (114 pages)
<i>Public Chapter:</i>	PC405.pdf
<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 Pilot program to provide child care payments to eligible relative caregivers.**
- Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Staples, Rick
- Summary:* 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.
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- SB12/HB3 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.
Public Chapter: PC130.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 36 and Title 37, relative to relative caregivers.

SB616/HB921 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: 04/30/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to the department of children's services.

Conservatorship

SB261/HB305 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 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: 05/07/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0230 effective April 30, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC230.pdf

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

Position: **SUPPORT**

SB765/HB994 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 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 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 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: 04/23/19 - House passed.
Executive Status: 05/13/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0283 effective May 8, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC283.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, relative to virtual schools.

SB33/HB25 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: 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: 04/29/19 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (007902).
Executive Status: 05/24/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0460 effective May 21, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC460.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to special education.

SB50/HB60

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

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 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 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: 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: 04/29/19 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/18/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (008319).

Executive Status: 05/24/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0421 effective May 21, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC421.pdf

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

SB190/HB979 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 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: House 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: 04/30/19 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/22/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006301).

Executive Status: 05/24/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0418 effective May 21, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC418.pdf

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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: 05/01/19 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/30/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006906).

Executive Status: 05/28/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0500 effective May 24, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC500.pdf

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

SB338/HB18



Participation in the individualized education account program.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Reedy, Jay
<i>Summary:</i>	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.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(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.
<i>Senate Status:</i>	02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 14, relative to individualized education accounts.

SB375/HB34 Funds for noneducational purposes.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Carr, Dale
<i>Summary:</i>	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.
<i>Amendment Summary:</i>	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.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 30, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/18/19 - Senate passed.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/07/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (003435).
<i>Executive Status:</i>	04/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0134 effective April 9, 2019.
<i>Public Chapter:</i>	PC134.pdf



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 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 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: House amendment 1 (008375) creates the portfolio review committee composed of the following 10 members: (1) The chair of the education committee of the house; (2) The chair of the education committee of the senate; (3) One member of the house, to be appointed by the speaker of the house; (4) One member of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate; (5) One representative from the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; (6) One representative from the Tennessee school boards association; (7) The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee; and (8) One pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teacher from each grand division of the state, to be appointed as follows: (A) The speaker of the house will appoint one pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teacher from the western grand division; (B) The governor will appoint one pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teacher from the middle grand division; and (C) The speaker of the senate will appoint one teacher from the eastern grand division. The committee will, among other things: identify expectations for the pre-k/kindergarten growth portfolio model and areas of improvement for the growth portfolio model; and study and consider alternative options for measuring student growth in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. The department of education will identify additional opportunities for educators and stakeholders throughout this state to provide feedback on the growth portfolio model on an ongoing basis.



The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house no later than August 1, 2019, at which time the committee will cease to exist. Senate amendment 3 (009048) authorizes an LEA to use a "comparable alternative measure of student growth," instead of an "alternative academic growth indicator," as provided in this bill. This amendment adds that, for the 2018-2019 school year, employment termination and compensation decisions for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teachers will not be based solely on data generated by the portfolio model.

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: 05/01/19 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1 (008375).

House Status: 05/01/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (008375).

Executive Status: 05/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0376 effective May 10, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC376.pdf

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

SB509/HB1384 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 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 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: House amendment 2 (008831) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill to: (1) add "alternative program" as an option for a student to participate in who has been suspended or expelled; and (2) require students in grades seven through twelve who have been suspended or expelled to be assigned to attend an alternative school or alternative program if there is space and staff available. House amendment 3 (008858) specifies attendance in an alternative program shall be voluntary.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$3,000,000 Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,000,000*



Senate Status: 05/01/19 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/30/19 - House passed with amendment 2 (008831) and amendment 3 (008858).
Executive Status: 05/28/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0465 effective May 24, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC465.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to alternative education.

SB631/HB759 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 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 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.
Public Chapter: PC107.pdf
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 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: House amendment 2 (008453) rewrites this bill and enacts the "Tennessee Education Savings Account Act," which provides for



education savings accounts for eligible students, whereby funds will be provided for the student to be educated at a private school that meets the requirements established by the department of education and the state board of education for a Category I, II, or III private school (referred to as a participating school). An "eligible student" under this bill is a resident of this state who: (A) Was previously enrolled in and attended a Tennessee public school for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year for which the student receives an education savings account; is eligible for the first time to enroll in a Tennessee school; or received an education savings account in the previous school year; (B) Is a student in any of the grades K-12; (C) Is zoned to attend a school in an LEA that had three or more schools identified as priority schools in 2015 and that had three or more schools among the bottom 10 percent of schools as identified by the department in 2017; and (D) Is a member of a household with an annual income for the previous year that does not exceed twice the federal income eligibility guidelines for free lunch. Additionally, either the parent of the student, if the student is less than 18 years of age, or the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, must present one of the following documents for the parent of the minor student or for the student who is at least 18 years of age: a valid Tennessee driver license or photo identification license issued by the department of safety; a valid driver license or photo identification license issued by another state where the issuance requirements are at least as strict as those in this state, as determined by the department; an official birth certificate issued by a United States state, jurisdiction or territory; A U.S. government-issued certified birth certificate; a valid, unexpired United States passport; a U.S. certificate of birth abroad; a report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States; a certificate of citizenship; a certificate of naturalization; a United States citizen identification card; or valid alien registration documentation or other proof of current immigration registration recognized by the United States department of homeland security that contains the individual's complete legal name and current alien admission number or alien file number. In addition to the provision of the above-described documentation, to participate in the program the parent of a minor eligible student, or the eligible student, as applicable, must: (1) Ensure the provision of an education for the participating student that satisfies the compulsory school attendance requirement of state law through enrollment in a private school that meets the requirements established by the department and state board for a Category I, II, or III private school; (2) Not enroll the participating student in a public school while participating in the program; (3) Release the LEA in which the participating student resides from all obligations to educate the participating student while participating in the program. Participation in the program has the same effect as a parental refusal to consent to the receipt of services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and (4) Only use the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA for education-



related expenses. This amendment details the allowable expenditures, such as tuition, textbooks, certain fees for transportation, computer hardware, and school uniforms. Authorized expenditures also include fees for the management of the ESA by a private or non-profit financial management organization, as approved by the department. The fees must not exceed 2 percent of the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA in a fiscal year. This amendment specifies that it does not prohibit a parent or third party from paying the costs of educational programs and services for a participating student that are not covered by the funds in an ESA. Generally under this amendment, a participating student may participate in the program until: the participating student enrolls in a public school; ceases to be a resident of the LEA in which the student resided when the student began participating in the program; 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. A participating student may return to the student's LEA at any time after enrolling in the program. Upon a participating student's return to the student's LEA, the student's ESA will be closed and any remaining funds must be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account of the education trust fund. Similarly, if a participating student ceases to be a resident of the LEA in which the student resided when the student began participating in the program, then the student's ESA will be closed and any remaining funds must be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account. Any funds remaining in a participating student's ESA upon graduation from high school or exiting the program by reaching 22 years of age may be used by the student when the student becomes a legacy student to attend or take courses from an eligible postsecondary institution, with qualifying expenses subject to the conditions of this amendment described above in (4). A participating student's ESA will be closed, and any remaining funds will be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account, after the first of the following events: upon a legacy student's graduation from an eligible postsecondary institution; after four consecutive years elapse immediately after a legacy student enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution; after a participating student or legacy student exits the program and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution; or after a participating or legacy student reaches 22 years of age and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution. A student who is eligible for both the program created under this amendment and an individualized education account under the Individualized Education Act may apply for both programs but must only participate and receive assistance from one program. This amendment also specifies the criteria for a participating student's eligibility to participate in a sport sanctioned by an association that regulates interscholastic athletics for



the first year in which the student attends a participating school. The program will begin enrolling participating students no later than the 2021-2022 school year. The number of participating students enrolled in the program must not exceed: (1) For the first school year of operation, 7,500 students; (2) For the second school year of operation, 15,000 students; (3) For the third school year of operation, 22,500 students; (4) For the fourth school year of operation and for each school year thereafter, 30,000 students. This amendment sets out in detail the process that will be followed when applications are less than or more than maximum allowable amount of students, including provisions for a lottery and the preference in the lottery for certain students. The maximum annual amount to which a participating student will be entitled under the program must be equal to the amount representing the per pupil state and local funds generated and required through the basic education program (BEP) for the LEA in which the participating student resides. This amendment establishes a school improvement fund to be administered by the department that, for the first three fiscal years in which the program accepts participating students and subject to appropriation, will disburse an annual grant to each LEA to be used for school improvement for participating students under the program who: were enrolled in and attended a school in the LEA for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year in which the student began participating in the program; and generate BEP funds for the LEA in the applicable fiscal year that will be subtracted from the state BEP funds payable to the LEA. The annual grant amount will be as follows: (1) For the first fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to appropriation, 75 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements; (2) For the second fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to appropriation, 50 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements; and (3) For the third fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to appropriation, 25 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements. This amendment provides that the department will also disburse an annual school improvement grant to LEAs that have priority schools as defined by the state's accountability system, but that do not have participating students in the program as follows: (1) For the first fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to appropriation, 25 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements; (2) For the second fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to appropriation, 50 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements; and (3) For the third fiscal year in which the program accepts participating students, subject to



appropriation, 75 percent of the ESA amount awarded to participating students under the program who meet the above-described requirements. This amendment establishes various requirements of the department of education in administering the program, and authorizes the department to deduct 6 percent from the annual ESA award amount to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the program. This amendment also authorizes the department to contract with a nonprofit organization to administer some or all portions of the program. Under this amendment, as a condition of participating in the program, participating students in grades 3-11 must be annually administered the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests for math and English language arts, or successor tests authorized by the state board of education for math and English language arts. For participating students enrolled full-time in a participating school, the participating school shall annually administer the tests required in subdivision (a)(1) to participating students. For participating students 17 years of age or younger who are not enrolled full-time in a participating school, the participating student's parent must ensure that the participating student is annually administered the tests. A participating student who has reached the age of 18 and who is not enrolled full-time in a participating school must ensure that participating student is annually administered the tests. This amendment sets out in detail other requirements for the program and the ESA accounts, establishes certain reporting requirements, and specifies that the program is subject to audit by the comptroller. The department may suspend or terminate a participating student from the program, or close a legacy student's ESA, if the department determines that the participating student's or legacy student's parent or the participating student or legacy student has failed to comply with the requirements of this amendment. This amendment also sets out requirements for participating schools, such as requiring the schools to certify that they will not discriminate against participating students or applicants on the basis of race, color, or national origin; and requirements to conduct criminal background checks on employees. The department may suspend or terminate a participating school's or provider's participation in the program if the department determines that the participating school or provider has failed to comply with the requirements of this amendment. Under this amendment, if a person knowingly uses ESA funds for expenses that do not constitute qualified expenses with the intent to defraud the program, or knowingly misrepresents the nature of the expenses paid with the intent to defraud the program, then the department may refer the matter to the appropriate enforcement authority for criminal prosecution. This amendment specifies that a participating school or provider will be considered autonomous and not an agent of this state, and provides that a participating school will not be required to alter its creed, practices, admissions policies, or curriculum in order to accept participating students, other than as is necessary to



comply with the requirements of the program. This amendment grants various rulemaking authorities to the state board of education and the department of education, as detailed in this bill, to effectuate various provisions of the program. This amendment: (1) Provides that it is the intent of this amendment to provide funding to students who reside in LEAs that have consistently had the lowest performing schools on a historical basis and for the ESA funds to be used to provide educational opportunities to such students that are equal to the educational opportunities of students who reside in LEAs with higher performing schools; (2) Requires the department to provided, on January 1 following the third fiscal year in which the program enrolls participating students, and every January 1 thereafter, a report to the general assembly. The report must include a list of the LEAs with at least one school among the bottom 5 percent of schools in overall achievement, as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board, for the most recent year in which the department collected such information. The report must also include a recommendation for legislative action if, based upon the list provided, the group of LEAs whose students are eligible for participation under this amendments provisions described above in (C) is no longer consistent with the intent described in item (1) above; and (3) Specifies that a local board of education does not have authority to assert a cause of action, or intervene in any cause of action, challenging the legality of this bill as amended. House amendment 11 (008684) reduces the maximum number of students that may participate in the program, as described above in the summary for House Amendment #2, to be 5,000 for the first year; 7,500 for the second year; 10,000 for the third year; 12,500 for the fourth year; and 15,000 for the fifth and subsequent years. This amendment also adds to the requirement of House Amendment #2 that participating students being annually administered the TCAP tests (or successor tests) for math and English language arts to also require that such students be administered the TCAP tests (or successor tests) for: science in even-numbered years; and social studies in odd-numbered years. House amendment 12 (008599) adds that an education savings account under this amendment is a state or local public benefit for purposes of the present law Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act. Senate amendment 5 (008665) revises various provisions of this bill, as follows: (1) This amendment revises, in the definition of "eligible student," the school to which the student must be zoned (as described above in the summary for House Amendment #2 in (C)) to be either: (A) A school in an LEA, excluding the achievement school district (ASD), with 10 or more schools: identified as priority schools in 2015, as defined by the state's accountability system; among the bottom 10 percent of schools, as identified by the department in 2017; and identified as priority schools in 2018, as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to 49-1-602; or (B) A school in the ASD on the effective date of this bill. (2) This amendment allows, as an alternative to enrollment in a



private school, the student satisfying the compulsory school attendance through a home school operated under either of the following present law provisions: the provisions for home schools that teach K-12, where the parents are associated with and where students are enrolled with a church-related school that are supervised by the church-related school's director and that administer or offer standardized achievement tests; or the provision for enrollment by the parent-teacher of a home school student in a church-related school with the parent-teacher participating as a teacher in that church-related school. (3) This amendment adds the following to the list of allowable expenses under this bill: payment for purchase of curriculum, including any supplemental materials or instruments required by the curriculum; and services provided under a contract with a public school, including individual classes or extracurricular programs. This amendment removes "technology fees" from the list of allowable expenses. (4) This amendment removes the requirement for the parent or student, as applicable, to provide proof of legal presence in this country, and adds a requirement for the parent or student to verify that the student's household income meets the requirements of this bill by providing documentation showing evidence of income, including, but not limited to, pay stubs, W-2 forms, or income tax returns. Household income must be verified under this amendment when the parent or student, as applicable, submits an application to participate in the program and at least once every three years, according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department. This amendment adds that a student's participation in the program will terminate if the parent or student, as applicable: fails to verify that the participating student's household income meets the requirements of this bill according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department; or verifies, according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department, that the participating student's household income does not meet the requirements of this bill. (5) This amendment removes this bill's criteria for a participating student's eligibility to participate in a sport sanctioned by an association that regulates interscholastic athletics for the first year in which the student attends a participating school. (6) This amendment requires the department to establish an application process that provides a timeline, before the start of the school year for which an application is being submitted, when a parent of a student, or a student who has reached the age of 18, as applicable, must submit an application to participate in the program. If the application is approved, then the student may participate in the program beginning with the school year identified in the application. If a participating student exits the program, then the student's parent, or the student, as applicable, may reapply to participate in the program in accordance with the application process and timeline established by the department. This amendment also requires the department to establish an income verification process. (7) This amendment revises the provisions



governing the number of participating students to be as follows: the number of participating students that may enroll in the program from any one LEA, as described above in (1)(A) of this amendment summary, or from any one school, as described above in (1)(B) of this bill summary, must not exceed: for the first school year of operation, 5,000 students; and for the second school year of operation and for each school year thereafter, 7,500 students. Under this amendment, the maximum number of students that may participate in the program is 15,000 students. (8) This amendment revises the process that will be followed when applications are less than or more than maximum allowable amount of students to make the provisions applicable to situations where applications do or do not exceed 75 percent of the maximum number of students that may participate in the program. (9) This amendment specifies that the maximum annual amount to which a participating student is entitled under this bill must not exceed the average state BEP allocation per pupil combined with the average required local match per pupil. (10) This amendment revises the provisions governing the amount and method of awarding a school improvement grant to an LEA for the first three fiscal years in which the program accepts participating students, as described above in the summary for House Amendment #2, which provides for a different percentage depending on the fiscal year of the program. This amendment instead provides that the grant will be in an amount equal to the ESA amount and revises the provision for grants to LEAs that have priority schools but no participating students so that after the first three fiscal years in which the program accepts participating students the department will disburse any appropriations to the fund as school improvement grants for programs to support priority schools. (11) This amendment removes the requirements added by House Amendment #11 regarding TCAP tests for science and social studies. (12) This amendment removes the provision whereby, if a person knowingly uses ESA funds for non-allowable expenses, the department may refer the matter to the appropriate enforcement authority for criminal prosecution. (13) Replaces the requirement for an annual report from the department to the general assembly that includes a list of the LEAs with at least one school among the bottom 5 percent of schools in overall achievement for the most recent year in which the department collected such a recommendation for legislative action if, based upon the list provided, the group of LEAs whose students are eligible for participation is no longer consistent with the intent of this legislation. This amendment instead requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA), in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, to provide a report to the general assembly to assist the general assembly in evaluating the efficacy of the program. The report must include, in compliance with all state and federal student privacy laws: (A) The information contained in the department's annual report prepared pursuant to this bill (includes number of participating students;



assessment information; graduation outcomes; and results of a parental satisfaction survey); (B) Academic performance indicators for participating students in the program; (C) Audit reports prepared by the comptroller; (D) A list of the LEAs that meet the requirements described in (1)(A) and (B) of this amendment summary for the most recent year in which the department collected such information; and (E) Recommendations for legislative action if, based upon the list provided pursuant to (D), the LEAs with students who are eligible to participate in the program is no longer consistent with the intent of this legislation. (14) This amendment removes this bill's provision that a local board does not have authority to assert a cause of action, or intervene in any cause of action, challenging the legality of this bill. (15) This amendment removes the provision added by House Amendment #12, which specifies that an ESA is a state or local public benefit for purposes of the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act. Senate amendment 2 (008818) corrects a typographical error, makes technical clarifications, and makes the following substantive changes and additions to this bill: (1) This amendment specifies that the amount that a participating student receives under the program must not exceed "the combined statewide average of required state and local BEP allocations per pupil" instead of "the average state BEP allocation per pupil combined with the average required local match per pupil". This amendment adds a requirement that the department of education promulgate rules to annually calculate and determine the combined statewide average of required state and local BEP allocations per pupil; (2) This amendment requires that the department's annual report concerning the program include "participating student performance on annual assessments required by this bill, aggregated by LEA and statewide" instead of "aggregate participating student performance on annual assessments required by this bill"; (3) This amendment adds a requirement that data from the TCAP tests that are annually administered to participating students in grades three through 11 be used to determine student achievement growth, as represented by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS), for schools that participate in the program. This amendment further requires the department of education to make the TVAAS score of each participating school publicly available on the department's website; and (4) This amendment clarifies OREA's responsibility to report certain data with regard to the achievement school district.

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



SB796/HB940 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).
House Status: 04/18/19 - House concurred in Senate amendment 6 (007867).
Executive Status: 04/30/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0219 effective April 26, 2019 .
Public Chapter: PC219.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

SB809/HB953 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.
Public Chapter: PC108.pdf



Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-412, relative to student career tools.

SB835/HB906 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 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 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 Requires number of BEP instructional positions reflect number of teachers for class size requirements.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumes h , 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 Suspension for students in kindergarten through grade two.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumes h , 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 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: 04/30/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status: 04/30/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

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

SB1449/HB351 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 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.
Public Chapter: PC71.pdf
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 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: House 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: 04/24/19 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/22/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (007088).

Executive Status: 05/14/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0346 effective May 10, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC346.pdf

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 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 Creates an exception to the presumption of parentage.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: 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.

Amendment Summary: 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.

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

Senate Status: 03/25/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004460).

House Status: 03/20/19 - Referred to House Children & Families Subcommittee.

Caption: 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 Tennessee State Family Leave Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary: 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)

Fiscal Note: (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 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.
Public Chapter: PC26.pdf
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 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.
Public Chapter: PC57.pdf
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 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: 04/24/19 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/22/19 - House passed.
Executive Status: 05/14/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0336 effective May 10, 2019.



Public Chapter: PC336.pdf
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 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: 04/22/19 - House passed.
Executive Status: 05/13/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0292 effective May 8, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC292.pdf
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 Requires accommodations for dyslexic applicants for certain licenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, 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).
Executive Status: 05/07/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0243 effective May 2, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC243.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to state licensure examinations.



Health

SB28/HB37

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 amendment 3 (008715) adds language to the bill as amended to include a representative of Leading Age Tennessee to the list of groups who may submit qualified nominees to be appointed to the Council.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 2, 2019) Increase State Expenditures - \$6,100

Senate Status:

04/30/19 - Senate concurred in House amendment 3 (008715).

House Status:

04/30/19 - House passed with amendment 3 (008715).

Executive Status:

05/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0364 effective May 10, 2019.

Public Chapter:

PC364.pdf

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

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:

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: 05/01/19 - House passed.
Executive Status: 05/15/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0372 effective May 10, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC372.pdf
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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 Change in ownership of a health care institution.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

Summary: 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.

Amendment Summary: 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".

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

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

House Status: 04/16/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.



Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 68, relative to certificates of need.

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

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary: 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 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.
Public Chapter: PC89.pdf
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.

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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

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

SB579/HB643 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: House 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: 05/01/19 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/22/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (008322).
Executive Status: 06/05/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0512 effective July 1, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC512.pdf
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 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 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 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: 02/22/19 - Withdrawn in Senate after being recalled from 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 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 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 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 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 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/FY21-20 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 - Failed in House TennCare Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

SB476/HB498 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: House amendment 1 (006388) deletes all language after the caption of the proposed legislation. Directs the Commissioner of the Department of



Finance and Administration, no later than 120 days after the effective date of this act, to submit a waiver or waivers pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the purpose of establishing a distinct Katie Beckett program. Requires the program to be designed in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. House amendment 2 (008921) deletes the provision in 006388 that requires Part A and Part B to be approved by CMS for the Katie Beckett program to be administered and replaces it with the provision to authorize the approval of either Part A or Part B by CMS for the program to be administered without the other part.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 05/01/19 - Senate passed.
House Status: 04/30/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006388) and amendment 2 (008921).
Executive Status: 05/28/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0494 effective May 24, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC494.pdf
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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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: 04/22/19 - House passed.
Executive Status: 05/13/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0310 effective May 8, 2019.
Public Chapter: PC310.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

SB1428/HB1280 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 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: 05/02/19 - Senate adopted conference committee report (009338).

House Status: 05/02/19 - House adopted conference committee report (009338).

Executive Status: 05/28/19 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0481 effective May 24, 2019.

Public Chapter: PC481.pdf

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 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 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

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 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.
Public Chapter: PC141.pdf
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

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 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.



Amendment Summary:

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.

Public Chapter:

PC112.pdf

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

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.
Public Chapter: PC4.pdf
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

SB374/HB366 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 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 Photo identification licenses issued for the purposes of voting.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , 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 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 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 Requires conducting of supplemental voter registration at high schools in the fall and spring.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , 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 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 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 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 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.