

STATE AFFAIRS**HB 19** Tennessee State Healthcare Cost Savings Incentive Program.[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: Withdrawn. on Jan. 27, 2025

Description

Requires the state insurance committee, the local education insurance committee, and the local government insurance committee to establish an incentive program for healthcare services and prescription drug benefits no later than January 1, 2026, to be administered by a third-party vendor. In establishing the incentive program, requires such committees to work with the third-party vendor with which the department of finance and administration has entered into a contract to provide incentives through the incentive program. Specifies that the committees shall require the third-party vendor to provide each enrollee with online information on the cost and quality of healthcare services and providers, allow an enrollee to shop for healthcare services and providers, and reward the enrollee by sharing savings generated by the enrollee's choice of healthcare services or providers. Specifies requirements for contracts with third-party vendor. Requires the committees in collaboration with the third-party vendor of the incentive program to submit an annual report to the speakers of the house and senate, the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate, the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over state government, the chair of the commerce and labor committee of the senate, and the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over insurance. Requires the report to identify the number of enrollees participating in the incentive program and the cost savings to the state healthcare plan as a result of the implementation of the incentive program. Specifies that the report be submitted no later than March 15, 2027, and no later than March 15 of each year thereafter.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27 and Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 6, relative to covered persons insured under state healthcare plans.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Charlie Baum (R)

Hearings

None

HB 59 Collecting of premiums for life insurance policies.[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: Withdrawn. on Jan. 27, 2025

Description

For life insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2025, prohibits the issuer of the policy from collecting premiums from the policy holder once the policy holder has made premium payments, in the aggregate, equal to the amount of coverage under the life insurance policy. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Yusuf Hakeem (D)

Hearings

None

HB 376

Discriminatory practices prohibited regarding membership of state regulatory and health related boar...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Withdrawn. on Feb. 03, 2025

Description

Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for violations. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 9; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to state entities.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jason Zachary (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1477 (SB 1694)

Extends insurer response time to the department from 30 days to 30 business days for complaint infor...

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TN

Latest Action: **HB 1477** P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Jan. 14, 2026
SB 1694 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, extends from 30 days to 30 business days the period of time within which an insurer must respond to the department of commerce and insurance's request for information in regard to a complaint filed against the insurer. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 39; Title 52; Title 56; Title 58; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Yusuf Hakeem (D), Raumesh Akbari (D)

Hearings

None

HB 1478 (SB 1594)

Exempts provider reimbursement information submitted to the comptroller from public records disclosu...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest

HB 1478 Filed for introduction on Jan. 07, 2026

Action:

SB 1594 Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate State and Local Government Committee on Jan. 14, 2026

Description

As introduced, adds provider reimbursement information that is provided to the comptroller of the treasury to the existing list of examples of proprietary information types that are not subject to disclosure as public records.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-142, relative to the comptroller of the treasury.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Michael Hale (R), Paul Rose (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House Public Service Subcommittee	January 28, 2026, 10:30 AM	House Hearing Room II

HB 1548 (SB 1727)

Removes outdated requirement for TennCare drug use study and reporting in nursing homes.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1548** Intro., P1C. on Jan. 14, 2026

SB 1727 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, deletes an obsolete provision that required the comptroller of the treasury, in conjunction with any appropriate TennCare drug utilization review committees, to study the use of prescription drugs in nursing homes and the costs of those prescription drugs for residents of nursing homes; to examine prescription use overall; to focus on any practices that would improve the quality of resident care while reducing costs to the TennCare program; and to report by January 1, 2005, to speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Michael Hale (R), Becky Massey (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1560 (SB 1501)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 14, relative to ...

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Latest Action: **HB 1560** Filed for introduction on Jan. 13, 2026

SB 1501 Senate Government Operations recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, extends the board of dispensing opticians to June 30, 2031. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 14.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 14, relative to the board of dispensing opticians.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Justin Lafferty (R), Edward Jackson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1563 (SB 1504)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 8, relative to t...

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1563** Filed for introduction on Jan. 13, 2026

SB 1504 Senate Government Operations recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, extends the board of optometry to June 30, 2031. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 8.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 8, relative to the board of optometry.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Justin Lafferty (R), Edward Jackson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1646 (SB 1795) Coverage for services related to acquired brain injury.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1646** Filed for introduction on Jan. 14, 2026
SB 1795 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, requires health benefit plans entered into, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, to provide coverage for services related to acquired brain injury. Requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules to provide a process for an expedited appeal of an adverse determination related to such coverage. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance coverage.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bob Freeman (D), Shane Reeves (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1650 (SB 1661) Requires the board of dentistry's annual report to be submitted to the general assembly by February ...

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1650** Filed for introduction on Jan. 14, 2026
SB 1661 Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, requires the annual report by the board of dentistry to be made by February 1 each year and sent to the general assembly, in addition to the governor. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Esther Helton-Haynes (R), Todd Gardenhire (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1665 (SB 1664)

Restricts healthcare providers from asking gender-related questions to minors without parental conse...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1665** Filed for introduction on Jan. 14, 2026

SB 1664 Set for Senate Commerce and Labor. on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, prohibits a healthcare provider from asking certain listed gender-related questions to a minor unless a parent is physically present and fully informed and provides written consent to such questions and the questions are directly related to the diagnosis or treatment of a specific medical or psychological condition currently being evaluated. Makes other related changes.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 47; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the protection of minors in healthcare settings.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Aron Maberry (R), Paul Rose (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1730 (SB 1806)

Removes the three-year limit for healthcare liability claims when injury is discovered late.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1730** Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

SB 1806 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, removes the three-year statute of repose for a healthcare liability action based on an injury that was not discovered when the negligent act or injury occurred so that the action may be brought within one year from the date of such discovery. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28 and Title 29, relative to healthcare liability.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Michael Hale (R), Paul Bailey (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1741 (SB 1790)

Preferred drug lists that do not favor opioids over FDA-approved non-opioid pain treatments for inca...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1741** Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

SB 1790 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, authorizes an insurer that offers an insurance policy that covers an inmate incarcerated to adopt or amend a preferred drug list (PDL). Requires the insurer to ensure that a non-opioid drug approved by the U.S. food and drug administration for the treatment or management of pain is not disadvantaged or discouraged with respect to coverage relative to an opioid or narcotic drug for the treatment or management of pain on the PDL. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 41; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the use of drugs for the treatment of pain.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Elaine Davis (R), Shane Reeves (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1756 (SB 1803)

Study of neighboring states' innovations in health insurance coverage for substance use disorder and...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1756** Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

SB 1803 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, directs the commissioner to use existing resources to study recent innovations by neighboring states to address substance use disorder through new health insurance coverage and reimbursement methods, strategies, or models. Requires the commissioner to compile the findings and any recommendations from the study into a report for transmission to the general assembly no later than December 31, 2026. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.


Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Iris Rudder (R), Edward Jackson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1770 (SB 1753) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to t... [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **HB 1770** Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026
SB 1753 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, adds clinical informatics, lifestyle medicine, and medical virtualist to the list of words or abbreviations that a person may attach to a name to indicate or induce another person to believe that the person is engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to the practice of medicine.


Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brock Martin (R), Ferrell Haile (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1778 Study and report on sales tax revenue from prepared and non-prepared food sales. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

Description

As introduced, urges the department of revenue to study the amount of revenue derived during the previous five fiscal years from the sales tax imposed on retail sales of non-prepared food, and from the general sales tax imposed on retail sales of prepared food. Requires a report be submitted to the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees and the office of legislative budget analysis.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to sales tax.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Tom Leatherwood (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1828 (SB 1966) Criminal background checks required for renewal of licensure.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1828** Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 1966 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, requires the board of medical examiners, board of nursing, and board of osteopathic examination to initiate a criminal background check for each applicant for a renewal of licensure.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 63, relative to criminal background checks.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Gary Hicks (R), Jessie Seal (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1848 Medicare supplement policies.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, prohibits an insurer from denying, conditioning the issuance or effectiveness of, or discriminating in the pricing of a Medicare supplement policy if an applicant meets certain listed requirements, including a non-age eligible person who submits an application for enrollment in a Medicare supplement policy with a different insurer within 60 days of such person's birthday and makes other related changes.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to medicare supplement policies.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Butler (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1852 (SB 1767) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 37; Title 44; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53...

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1852** Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 1767 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee mRNA Pharmaceutical Sovereignty and Safety Act," which prohibits individuals, including professional providers of health care and veterinary medicine, from administering any vaccine or other injectable solution that contains an mRNA vaccine or vaccine material. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 37; Title 44; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 37; Title 44; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Monty Fritts (R), Mark Pody (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1866 (SB 2010) Regulate Artificial Intelligence (AI) In Health Care Act.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1866** Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2010 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, creates the "Regulate Artificial Intelligence (AI) In Health Care Act." Specifies that a health insurance issuer that uses an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool for the purpose of utilization review or utilization management functions, based in whole or in part on medical necessity, or that contracts with or otherwise works through an entity that uses an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool for the purpose of utilization review or utilization management functions, based in whole or in part on medical necessity, shall not deny, delay, or modify healthcare services based, in whole or in part, on medical necessity unless the request for prior authorization for such healthcare services is reviewed by a licensed healthcare professional or healthcare provider. Specifies that a violation is an unfair claims practice. Authorizes the department of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules to effectuate this section.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to health insurance.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Justin Jones (D), Sara Kyle (D)

Hearings

None

HB 1869 (SB 1491)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to medical assistanc...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1869** Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026

SB 1491 Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Jan. 14, 2026

Description

As introduced, changes from March 1 to February 1, the date by which a managed care organization that participates in the TennCare program must submit its annual report to the bureau of TennCare. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to medical assistance.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rick Scarbrough (R), Becky Massey (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1872 (SB 2031)

Civil cause of action against healthcare professionals for injuries caused by medical procedures per...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1872** Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2031 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, creates a civil cause of action against a healthcare professional by a person who suffered an injury that resulted from certain medical procedures if the reason the person, or the person's parent, guardian, or legal representative, consented to the medical procedure was due in whole or in part to coercion by the healthcare professional.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to private causes of action.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Jason Zachary (R), Adam Lowe (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1905 (SB 2013)

Tennessee Nursing Education Integrity and Oversight Act.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1905** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2013 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Nursing Education Integrity and Oversight Act." Establishes a moratorium on the acceptance and approval of applications from nursing education programs located outside of this state that seek approval from the board of nursing to operate, enroll students, or place students for clinical experiences within this state. Specifies that the moratorium begins on the effective date of this act and ends two years after the effective date of this act. Clarifies that a nursing program that is not a program based in this state, but that has been approved by the board of nursing prior to the effective date of this act, retains its approval status during the moratorium period. Requires the center for nursing advancement, in collaboration with the board of nursing, to develop and recommend new standards for the approval of nursing education programs that are not programs based in this state that utilize Tennessee-licensed preceptors or clinical sites located within this state.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 63, relative to nursing.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Bryan Terry (R), Rusty Crowe (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1930 (SB 2067)

Report on coverage for mental health, alcoholism, and drug dependency.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 1930** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

SB 2067 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, revises requirement for the department of commerce and insurance to report on coverage for mental health, alcoholism, and drug dependency. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Kevin Vaughan (R), Bo Watson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1936

Report on creating and maintaining an implanted medical device registry.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, directs the department to submit a report on the feasibility and cost projections for creating and maintaining an implanted medical device registry available to each healthcare facility in this state to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before January 1, 2027. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to implanted medical devices.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1950 (SB 2065) Licensure as speech language pathologists

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **HB 1950** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2065 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, removes requirement that persons seeking licensure as speech language pathologists be members of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 17, relative to professions of the healing arts.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Iris Rudder (R), Bo Watson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1952 (SB 2076) Redefines the practice of optometry.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **HB 1952** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2076 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, redefines the practice of optometry, which includes permitting an optometrist to perform a board-approved surgical procedure for the correction and relief of an ocular abnormality, except for certain listed procedures.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 8, relative to optometry.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ryan Williams (R), Bo Watson (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, adds that a healthcare provider who subcontracts through the contracted healthcare vendor with the department of correction may prescribe a buprenorphine product for the treatment of opioid use disorder if other certain listed criteria are met. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53 and Title 63, relative to buprenorphine products.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Esther Helton-Haynes (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **HB 1955** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 1796 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, directs the commissioner of commerce and insurance to publish and submit to the general assembly on or before October 1, 2026, a report containing data on alleged statutory violations by pharmacy benefits managers during the previous fiscal year for failing to meet requirements for timely reimbursements to pharmacies; the report must include data on the number of alleged violations reported, the commissioner's findings from any ensuing investigations, and any penalties imposed for findings of violations. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 31 and Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 32.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 31 and Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 32, relative to pharmacy benefits managers.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Esther Helton-Haynes (R), Shane Reeves (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1956 (SB 2081) Step therapy for cancer treatments.[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1956** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2081 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, expands the prohibition, from stage 4 advanced metastatic cancer or metastatic blood cancer to any cancer, against a health benefit plan that provides coverage for cancer requiring the use of a step therapy protocol before the health benefit plan provides coverage for an approved prescription drug to an enrollee who has received a diagnosis of cancer. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to step therapy.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Rebecca Alexander (R), Bo Watson (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1990 (SB 2044) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28; Title 29; Title 49; Title 56; Title 63 and Title...[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 1990** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2044 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, directs the department to conduct a study on health concerns of, and identifying obstacles for receiving better care for, persons whose biological sex is female; requires the department to submit a report to the members of the general assembly on the results of the study on or before January 1, 2027. - Amends TCA Title 28; Title 29; Title 49; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28; Title 29; Title 49; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to a person's sex.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Michael Lankford (R), Brent Taylor (R)

Hearings

None

HB 1996 Allows possession of cannabis with a physician's diagnosis and sets penalties for unauthorized posse...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, permits a person to possess cannabis that was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition by, a licensed physician; specifies the sentences permitted for possessing certain amounts of cannabis that was not obtained directly from, or pursuant to a diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition by, a licensed physician.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to cannabis.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Gloria Johnson (D)

Hearings

None

HB 2005 (SB 1852) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relat...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 2005** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 1852 Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, enacts the "TennCare Buy-In Act." - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 71, Chapter 5.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Ray Clemmons (D), Jeff Yarbrow (D)

Hearings

None

HB 2013 (SB 2088)

Testing for psychotropic drugs for person that is believed to have committed a mass shooting.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **HB 2013** Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026
SB 2088 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, requires a law enforcement officer to cause to be administered by a qualified practitioner at a hospital a blood or urine test on a person for the presence of a psychotropic drug if such officer has probable cause to believe that the person committed a mass shooting; directs the health science center to study the drug interactions between any drugs found in the person's blood or urine.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 40; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to psychotropic drugs.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Rush Bricken (R), Rusty Crowe (R)

Hearings

None

SB 2 (HB 2)

End the Grocery Tax by Closing Corporate Loopholes Act.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 2** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 2 Def. to Summer Study in Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Creates the "End the Grocery Tax by Closing Corporate Loopholes Act," which removes the state sales tax on retail food and food ingredients. Revises the definition of "retail food store" for purposes of sale of wine in retail food stores. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57 and Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$823,846,800) EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$500,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$525,269,200)

Primary Sponsor(s)

Charlane Oliver (D), Aftyn Behn (D)

Hearings

None

SB 9 (HB 32)

Removes certain restrictions on employment of radiologists, pathologists, and emergency physicians.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 9** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 32 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Health Subcommittee of Health Committee on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Removes the restriction on the direct employment of radiologists, pathologists, anesthesiologists, and emergency physicians by hospitals and certain healthcare facilities.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to physician employment.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated December 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Johnny Garrett (R)

Hearings

None

SB 25

Availability of medical and health records of a minor.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee on Jan. 15, 2025

Description

Clarifies that a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may access and review all mental health treatment, medical, rehabilitation, and prescription records of the child, including those records related to treatments available to unemancipated minors without parental consent. Allows an employee of a local education agency to provide bandages, gauze, or ice packs for the treatment of minor cuts, scrapes, bumps, and bruises. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare treatment of minors.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Mark Pody (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 32** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee on Apr. 22, 2025
HB 477 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025

Description

Allows a taxpayer to annually elect to take a bonus depreciation deduction of 40 percent of the cost of assets purchased on or after January 1, 2026, during the tax year in which the assets were purchased when calculating net earnings or net losses for excise tax purposes. Allows the taxpayer to take the federal depreciation percentage if it exceeds 40 percent.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20, relative to the deduction for bonus depreciation for excise tax purposes.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 28, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 (\$14,400,000) FY26-27 (\$47,520,000) FY27-28 (\$59,616,000) FY28-29 (\$18,892,800) FY29-30 \$28,086,400 FY30-31 \$22,470,400 FY31-32 \$18,080,800 FY32-33 \$15,037,600 FY33-34 \$13,495,200 FY34-35 \$13,105,600 FY35-36 \$12,584,800 FY36-37 \$10,225,600 FY37-38 \$5,768,000 FY38-39 & Subsequent Years \$1,574,400 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent to which authorizing taxpayers to elect a higher deduction based on the federal governments rate of depreciation will impact state excise tax revenue in future years, if any, is dependent on federal action and cannot be reasonably determined at this time.
SB 32 - HB 477

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Kevin Vaughan (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 139** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health & Welfare Committee on Jan. 16, 2025
HB 144 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Jan. 28, 2025

Description

Requires hospitals that accept Medicaid to inquire about a person's citizenship status on patient admission or registration forms. Also requires such hospitals to submit a quarterly report to the department of health on the number of hospital admissions and emergency department visits by persons lawfully and not lawfully present in the United States. Requires the department of health to submit an annual report to the governor, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives regarding the impact of uncompensated care for persons not lawfully present in the United States and other related information on or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 of each subsequent year. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to healthcare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R), Jason Zachary (R)

Hearings

None

SB 164 (HB 18) Temporary TennCare benefits program.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 164** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Jan. 27, 2025
HB 18 Failed in Insurance Committee on Mar. 05, 2025

Description

Directs the bureau of TennCare to establish a temporary TennCare benefits program to provide medical assistance on a temporary basis to certain individuals who do not qualify for enrollment in TennCare, CoverKids, or a successor program. Requires the bureau to submit a waiver to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by December 31, 2025.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$128,382,900 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 \$234,686,300 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$233,686,300 Total Positions Required: 169 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 \$2,057,164,800 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$2,048,164,800 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive healthcare services from Medicaid, rather than the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbrow (D), Charlie Baum (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 174** Effective date(s) 03/25/2025
HB 186 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 59 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Requires the board of medical examiners to register an applicant as a registered surgical assistant if the applicant maintains current credentials as a surgical assistant issued by the American Board of Surgical Assistants and satisfies other necessary requirements. Removes December 31, 2019, as the deadline by which an applicant for registration as a surgical assistant must register with the board in order to be registered on the basis of certain practical experience.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to surgical assistants.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Becky Massey (R), William Slater (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 182** Sponsor(s) Added. on Feb. 03, 2025
HB 289 Withdrawn. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Requires the department of health to submit a report to certain legislative committees concerning the practice of anesthesiology. Requires the report to include data concerning how many anesthesiologists are practicing in this state, how many persons are currently engaged in anesthesiology residencies in this state, how many persons are graduating from educational programs in anesthesiology in this state, and suggestions on how to increase the number of anesthesiologists in this state. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to professions.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Jackson (R), Justin Lafferty (R)

Hearings

None

SB 197 (HB 1028)

Removes obsolete language regarding the former board of medical examiners' committee on physician as...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 197** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 10, 2025
HB 1028 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Deletes transitional language pertaining to the appointment and length of terms of members of the former board of medical examiners' committee on physician assistants who were transferred to the new board of physician assistants in 2021, with the longest remaining term expiring in 2024. Removes language limiting former committee members to a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms on the new board, inclusive of time as a member of the former committee. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 63, relative to physician assistants.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R), Lowell Russell (R)

Hearings

None

SB 211 (HB 397)

NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision contenders - state and local sales tax revenue.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 211** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 397 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Authorizes an entity designated to operate a stadium designed to host games of an intercollegiate football team that competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) to receive a special allocation of state and local sales tax revenue derived from the sale of admission to events occurring within the stadium and from all sales of food, drinks, merchandise, and parking sold on the premises of the stadium to fund capital and operation expenses for the stadium. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to sales and use taxes.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund Each Year FY25-26 through FY54-55 (\$342,200) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory Each Year FY25-26 through FY54-55 (\$89,900)

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Greg Vital (R)

Hearings

None

SB 223 (HB 172) Registration of persons licensed to practice a healing art who were in the medical corps of the mili...

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 223** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health & Welfare Committee on Mar. 12, 2025
HB 172 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Jan. 28, 2025

Description

Requires a person who is licensed to practice a healing art; who was an officer in the commissioned medical corps of the army, the navy, the air force, or the public health service of the United States; and who was subsequently discharged, instead of honorably discharged, to register with the appropriate board licensing that profession. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to healthcare providers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Jackson (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 268 (HB 145) TRUMP Act.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 268** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate State and Local Government Committee on Apr. 01, 2025
HB 145 Failed in s/c Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee of Commerce Committee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Establishes the "Tennessee Reduction of Unlawful Migrant Placement Act" or "TRUMP Act." Prohibits a financial institution in this state from sending or transferring funds electronically to a person or account outside of the United States and its territories without verifying the immigration status of the person who intends to send or transfer the funds. Specifies that a financial institution shall comply with this requirement by requesting from the person a valid form of government identification and maintaining a copy of such identification for a period of two years. Defines "government identification" for such purpose. Changes the definition of resident or citizen of this state to mean citizens of the United States and aliens lawfully present in this state. Requires the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a pupil who is not lawfully residing in this state, but who attends a public school in this state, to pay tuition.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1; Title 4; Title 7; Title 45 and Title 49, relative to legal status to be present in the United States.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 10, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation may result in a decrease to the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement allocation to school districts for any local education agency or public charter school that realizes a decrease in enrollment due to students unable to pay the tuition and fees. Any impact will occur in the year following disenrollment, the extent of which cannot be estimated. Additionally, the legislation may result in increased revenue to local governments due to an increase in the number of students paying tuition and fees; however, the extent and timing of such an increase can not be determined with reasonable certainty. HB 145 - SB 268 The proposed legislation may jeopardize federal funding to the state and to local governments. However, due to multiple unknown factors, the extent and timing of any decrease in federal funding cannot be determined with any certainty. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Gino Bulso (R)

Hearings

None

SB 291 (HB 465) Denial of license application due to prior criminal conviction.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 291** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb. 10, 2025
HB 465 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Changes, from 30 days to 60 days, the amount of time an individual, applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or registrant has to file a petition after receiving written notice of a denial of an application due to past criminal history.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

Fiscal Impact


(Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Esther Helton-Haynes (R)

Hearings

None

SB 321 (HB 498) Ch. 144, Creates the advisory task force on state reimbursement rates. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 321** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 144 on Apr. 04, 2025
HB 498 Effective date(s) 04/03/2025, 07/01/2025

Description

Creates an advisory task force on state reimbursement rates to recommend annual adjustments to ensure adequate compensation for agencies providing healthcare services. Requires the advisory task force members to represent a different health-related profession. Establishes all member appointments are for six-year terms. Establishes that the task force is attached to the department of health for administrative purposes. Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to serve as chair of the advisory task force. Authorizes the task force to make recommendations about salaries, benefits, and administrative costs for agencies as well as causes and solutions for the healthcare frontline workforce shortage. Requires the task force to consider a wide range of specified factors affecting the health care agencies. Requires the task force to submit an annual report with recommendations to relevant state officials by August 1 or each year.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to state agencies.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 4, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$13,200

Primary Sponsor(s)

Becky Massey (R), Michael Hale (R)

Hearings

None

SB 331 (HB 204) TennCare report regarding outcomes in perinatal care. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 331** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 204 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 03, 2025

Description

Changes from March 1 to January 15 the date by which the bureau of TennCare, in consultation with the perinatal advisory committee and with the assistance of relevant state agencies, must report to legislative committees concerning aspects of quality and outcomes in perinatal care for the last two available fiscal years or calendar years, as may be available. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 332 (HB 203)

Ch. 222, Recipients of report regarding the general supervision over dentists and dental equipment.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 332** Effective date(s) 04/21/2025
HB 203 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 222 on Apr. 29, 2025

Description

Adds the legislative librarian as a recipient of the annual report submitted by the commissioner of health to the governor and the Tennessee State Dental Association on the work done by and under the commissioner regarding the general supervision over dentists and dental equipment in the various state institutions. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 333 (HB 644)

Report on number of advanced practice registered nurses working in hospitals.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 333** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 644 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Health Subcommittee of Health Committee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Requires all hospitals licensed by the health facilities commission or by the department of mental health and substance abuse services to report annually to the department of health, on a form promulgated by the department, the number of advanced practice registered nurses who are working in the hospital for each month. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to advanced practice nursing.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Michele Carringer (R)

Hearings

None

SB 334 (HB 372)

Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 334** Action deferred in Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee to 1/13/2026
HB 372 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee of Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Apr. 14, 2025

Description

Enacts the "Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025," which aligns TennCare's current Medicaid reimbursement rates for key services, meaning obstetrics/gynecology, primary care, outpatient mental health, and substance use disorder treatment with the Medicare fee schedule or average commercial rates, whichever is higher. Requires the department of health to consult with the bureau of TennCare to conduct an annual review to ensure TennCare reimbursement rates align with changes in the Medicare fee schedule and average commercial rates and with the CMS 2024 final rule. Defines CMS annual rule to mean the May 2024 guidelines set by CMS updating Medicaid reimbursement rates. Provides healthcare provider of key services that is entitled to receive TennCare reimbursement to submit a written request for an administrative hearing following an allegation of a delay in payment or receipt of erroneous reimbursement. Provides that the general assembly must appropriate funds under the general appropriations act.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$604,126,000 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,089,194,500 HB 372 - SB 334

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Bud Hulseby (R)

Hearings

None

SB 343 (HB 398)

Licensing board response to inquiry regarding prescriber identified as high-risk prescriber.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 343** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 398 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days a licensing board has to respond to the department of health after the department has inquired about the status of an action or lack of action taken against a prescriber whose prescribing patterns of controlled substances have been identified as representing a statistical outlier, or if the prescriber is identified as a top prescriber or a high-risk prescriber. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 29; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 29, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 359 (HB 1203) Ch. 317, Issuance of license subject to a private advocacy order.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 359** Effective date(s) 05/02/2025
HB 1203 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 317 on May 13, 2025

Description

Allows the board of medical examiners, during an informal initial application interview held in an executive session, to issue a license under a private advocacy order requiring the applicant to maintain advocacy of a peer assistance program. Allows the board of medical examiners to take disciplinary action against an individual practicing under a private advocacy order that failed to maintain the advocacy of the peer assistance program. Establishes that private advocacy orders are confidential, privileged, and not public records unless a practitioner fails to maintain advocacy resulting in a formal disciplinary proceeding.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to healthcare provider licensing.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 363 (HB 389) Assessment of discipline or a penalty against a healthcare provider for a violation of pain manageme...

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 363** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 389 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Reduces, from 30 days to 14 days, the period of time within which a licensing board that assesses discipline or a penalty against a healthcare provider for a violation of pain management rules must notify the department of health of such discipline or penalty. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to pain management.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 28, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 372 (HB 551)

Urges human rights commission to study problems of discrimination against healthcare providers.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 372** Withdrawn. on Mar. 05, 2025

HB 551 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Urges the human rights commission to study discrimination against healthcare providers that decline to participate in healthcare services due to religious, ethical, or moral beliefs. Adds that the findings of these studies shall be included in the annual report to the governor and general assembly. Broadly Captioned

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 20; Title 29; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the right of conscience in health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Rose (R), Mark Cochran (R)

Hearings

None

SB 398 (HB 472)

Membership on state regulatory and health related boards.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 398** Withdrawn. on Feb. 13, 2025

HB 472 Withdrawn. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition, including policies on affirmative action, racial preferences, or racial quotas. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 9; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to state entities.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Rose (R), Jason Zachary (R)

Hearings

None

SB 401 (HB 1387) Minors enrolled in TennCare or CoverKids program.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 401** Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred to 02/04/26 after adopting amendment 12068, which changes the effective date to July 1, 2027
HB 1387 Assigned to s/c TennCare Subcommittee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Requires, on and after July 1, 2026, a minor who is enrolled in TennCare Medicaid or the CoverKids program to remain eligible for such program until the minor reaches 18. Prohibits the division of TennCare from subjecting the minor to a redetermination of eligibility or disenrollment, except under certain circumstances. Requires the director of TennCare to submit any necessary federal waiver request to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by December 31, 2025. Broadly captioned.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 12, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$5,518,900 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$9,950,100

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Torrey Harris (D)

Hearings

None

SB 402 (HB 539)

Reporting a patient's medical debt to a consumer reporting agency prohibited.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 402** Taken off notice in Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture. on Jan. 20, 2026
HB 539 Assigned to s/c Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Prohibits healthcare providers from reporting a patient's medical debt to a consumer reporting agency. Prohibits consumer reporting agencies from including on a consumer report a record of a medical debt. Specifies that a violation constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting trade or commerce and is subject to the penalties and remedies as provided in the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 8; Title 16; Title 18; Title 20; Title 21; Title 27; Title 28; Title 29; Title 45; Title 47; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to credit data.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Vincent Dixie (D)

Hearings

None

SB 403 (HB 435)

Notification to patient that healthcare facility debt is satisfied.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 403** Failed in Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 435 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Requires a healthcare facility that accepts public funds as compensation for losses due to providing uncompensated care to ensure that an amount of outstanding patient debt equal to the amount of public funds accepted is designated as satisfied and that patient is notified of such satisfied debt; prohibits the healthcare facility from seeking a judgment or taking other legal action to collect from the debtor any portion of such debt that is so designated. Requires the department of health and division of TennCare to submit an annual report on uncompensated care payments to hospitals. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 8; Title 16; Title 18; Title 20; Title 21; Title 27; Title 28; Title 29; Title 33; Title 45; Title 47; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to healthcare costs.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 4, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years
\$109,500 Total Positions Required: 1

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Justin Jones (D)

Hearings

None

SB 419 (HB 5) Amount of compensation an injured plaintiff may receive in a civil action.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 419** Rcvd. from S., held on H. desk. on Apr. 10, 2025
HB 5 Sponsor(s) Added. on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Increases the amount of compensation an injured plaintiff in a civil action may receive for noneconomic damages from \$750,000 to \$1,500,000. Increases the amount of compensation an injured plaintiff in a civil action may receive for noneconomic damages, if the injury or loss is catastrophic in nature, from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-39-102, relative to civil damage awards.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Gino Bulso (R)

Hearings

None

SB 421 (HB 1239) Ch. 295, Prescribing of buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 421** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 295 on Apr. 28, 2025
HB 1239 Effective date(s) 07/01/2025

Description

Authorizes certain prescribing physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder when the physician assistant or nurse practitioner is employed by or contracts with a state correctional facility or county or municipal jail, and certain other conditions are met, including having an active registration with the federal drug enforcement agency. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 41; Title 53 and Title 63, relative to healthcare prescribers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 19, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Esther Helton-Haynes (R)

Hearings

None

SB 432 (HB 866) Copy of patient's medical records provided upon receipt of written request by patient.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 432** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 866 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Requires a healthcare provider to provide to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of the patient's medical records within 20 working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or representative instead of 10 working days. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healing arts.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 29, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Tim Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 435 (HB 484) Coverage of biomarking testing.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 435** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 25, 2025
HB 484 Taken off notice for cal. in Government Operations Committee on Mar. 31, 2025

Description

Requires health benefit plans and TennCare health benefit plans to cover biomarker testing on and after January 1, 2026.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to coverage of biomarker testing.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 1, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$1,465,700 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$2,931,500 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Increased biomarker testing utilization under the Division of TennCare and the State Group Insurance Program could result in increased expenditures for such additional services; however, the precise amounts of such increases attributable to the proposed legislation cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for procedures and treatments being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 436 (HB 1198) Ch. 206, Use of biosimilar drugs as a cost-saving measure.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 436** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 206 on Apr. 28, 2025
HB 1198 Effective date(s) 04/11/2025

Description

Adds mandating the use of biosimilar drugs as a cost-saving measure the bureau of TennCare may implement. Adds that a health carrier, health benefit plan, or utilization review organization may require a patient to try a biosimilar product prior to providing coverage for the equivalent branded prescription drug. Requires the TennCare pharmacy advisory committee to consider as a factor the use of biosimilar drugs in the committee's recommendation to the bureau of TennCare on any drugs to be added to the state preferred drug list.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 53; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to biosimilar medicine.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 437 (HB 654)

Ch. 168, Revises certain protocols for mental health and substance abuse services.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 437** Effective date(s) 01/01/2026 on Apr. 30, 2025
HB 654 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 168 on Apr. 30, 2025

Description

Requires a health benefit plan that is offered, delivered, or issued for delivery on or after July 1, 2025, and that provides mental health and substance abuse services to provide for coverage and reimbursement of such services through a psychiatric collaborative care model (PCCM). Permits a health benefit plan to deny coverage and reimbursement of services mandated on the grounds of medical necessity only if the health benefit plan's coverage for mental health and substance abuse otherwise complies with state law and the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) (42 U.S.C. § 300gg-26), and its regulations, and with the Health Care Service Utilization Review Act.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to health insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 24, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Tim Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 458 (HB 507)

Annual report regarding the general supervision of dentists and dental equipment in the various stat...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 458** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 507 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Adds the legislative librarian to the list of persons the commissioner of health must submit an annual report to on the work done by and under the commissioner of health regarding the general supervision of dentists and dental equipment in the various state institutions. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 460 (HB 516) Annual report on hypodermic syringe exchange program.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 460** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 516 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Adds the legislative librarian as a party to which the department of health must submit an annual report based on data received by a county or district health department that operates a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, including the number of people served, number of needles, syringes, and supplies dispensed and returned to the program, number of naloxone kits distributed, and the number and type of treatment referrals provided. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 461 (HB 758) Establishes the scope of practice for anesthesiologist assistants.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 461** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 758 Sponsor(s) Added. on Feb. 13, 2025

Description

Establishes the scope of practice for anesthesiologist assistants, subject to regulatory oversight by the board of medical examiners as part of such practice. Broadly captioned (10 pp.).

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to anesthesiology.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Board of Medical Examiners FY25-26 \$51,100
EXPENDITURES Board of Medical Examiners FY25-26 \$51,100

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Greg Vital (R)

Hearings

None

SB 474 (HB 387) Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership of firearm ammunition.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 474** Action deferred in Senate Health & Welfare Committee to second calendar of 2026 on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 387 Action def. in Health Committee to First Calendar of 2026 on Apr. 01, 2025

Description

Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership, possession of, or access to firearm ammunition or firearm accessories. Prohibits a healthcare provider from denying future treatment of a patient based upon a patient's ownership or control of a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories. Subjects the healthcare provider to disciplinary action and a fine of \$1,000 if the healthcare provider makes such inquires.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Janice Bowling (R), Ed Butler (R)

Hearings

None

SB 496 (HB 560) Monthly list of taxpayers delinquent in paying professional privilege tax. [State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 496** Refer to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Revenue Subcommittee w/ negative recommendation on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 560 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Clarifies that the monthly list of taxpayers delinquent in paying professional privilege tax that the commissioner of revenue transmits to licensing boards and agencies is subject to such restrictions on use as determined by the commissioner. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Page Walley (R), Kip Capley (R)

Hearings

None

SB 511 (HB 605) Liability claims against the state or its agencies and employees.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 511** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 605 Assigned to s/c Public Service Subcommittee on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Requires the board of claims to review, consider, and approve insurance policies recommended by the board that are designed to pay liability claims against the state or its agencies and employees. Defines "state agency" for purposes of such policies. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 9 and Title 56, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Page Walley (R), Rebecca Alexander (R)

Hearings

None

SB 522 (HB 502) Ch. 145, Coverage and treatment for TennCare enrollees with Kleefstra syndrome.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 522** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 145 on Apr. 04, 2025
HB 502 Effective date(s) 07/01/2025

Description

Requires the bureau of TennCare to provide coverage and treatment for enrollees with Kleefstra syndrome. Allows the director of TennCare to apply for a federal waiver as the director deems necessary to effectuate this section. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Kerry Roberts (R), Mary Littleton (R)

Hearings

None

SB 526 (HB 889) Process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 526** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 889 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Cities & Counties Subcommittee of State & Local Government Committee on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Adds to the process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return that the request may be signed by the person's authorized representative.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Chris Todd (R)

Hearings

None

SB 529 (HB 911) Ch. 201, Clarification of consumer protection.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 529** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 201 on Apr. 28, 2025
HB 911 Effective date(s) 07/01/2025

Description

Clarifies that the attorney general and reporter has exclusive authority to enforce the general prohibition under the Consumer Protection Act of 1977 against acts or practices that are unfair to the consumer. Removes the requirement that an assurance of voluntary compliance with the Act be in writing and filed and subject to the approval of the circuit or chancery court of Davidson County. Makes other changes related to consumer protection. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, relative to consumer protection.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Johnny Garrett (R)

Hearings

None

SB 551 (HB 991) Appointments to the board of medical examiners.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 551** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 991 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Allows, instead of requires, the governor to consult with medical groups in making appointments to the board of medical examiners.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the board of medical examiners.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Michael Hale (R)

Hearings

None

SB 552 (HB 508) Medicare supplement policy or certificate - premium refunded to applicant.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 552** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 508 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Extends from 30 to 60 days the period of time following delivery of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate during which an applicant may have the premium refunded, and about which each Medicare supplement policy or certificate must have notice prominently printed on the first page of the policy or certificate. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 13; Title 8; Title 55, Chapter 12; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 553 (HB 509)

Notice regarding change in address listed on a physician's registration certificate.

[State Website](#) 

TN

Latest Action: **SB 553** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 509 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Extends from 30 to 60 days the period of time following a change in the address listed on a physician's registration certificate within which a physician licensed by the board of medical examiners must notify the board of such change. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 554 (HB 510)

Ch. 213, Change of address for registered healthcare provider - notice.

[State Website](#) 

TN

Latest Action: **SB 554** Effective date(s) 04/15/2025
HB 510 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 213 on Apr. 29, 2025

Description

Extends from 30 to 60 days the period of time following a change in the address listed on a registrant's registration certificate within which a registered healthcare provider licensed by the division of health related boards must notify the division of such change. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 555 (HB 511) Notice required by healthcare provider regarding cyber-attack.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 555** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 511 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Requires a healthcare provider, healthcare group, practice, or clinic, healthcare facility, or other entity contracted with one or more health insurance entities for reimbursement of submitted claims for the provision of health care or healthcare-related goods or services to provide notice to each such health insurance entity as soon as practicable if the healthcare provider, healthcare group, practice, or clinic, healthcare facility, or other entity is the subject of a cyber-attack. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 71, relative to health insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 576 (HB 829) Ch. 252, Increased frequency reporting on the annual coverage assessment.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 576** Effective date(s) 06/30/2025
HB 829 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 252 on Apr. 29, 2025

Description

Authorizes the bureau of TennCare to submit its report on the annual coverage assessment to the finance, ways and means committees and health committees of both houses more frequently than quarterly.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to the annual coverage assessment.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 577 (HB 1000) Ch. 115, Payment schedule of hospitals.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 577** Effective date(s) 04/03/2025
HB 1000 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 115 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Requires the bureau of TennCare to provide a schedule showing payments to each hospital under the Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2024 to the Tennessee Hospital Association at least five days in advance of payment instead of at least seven days in advance.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to the annual coverage assessment.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 584 (HB 688) Buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 584** Sponsor(s) Added. on Mar. 11, 2025
HB 688 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Authorizes the commissioner to develop and maintain an essential buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies to be distributed during a natural or man-made disaster, mass casualty event, or public health emergency. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 53; Title 58; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medicine.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 31, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$66,864,900 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$374,900 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Any future additions to, or disbursements from, the strategic essential buffer stock are dependent on the decisions of the Department of Health and the timing of public health emergencies, disasters, and mass casualty events and cannot be reasonably estimated. SB 584 - HB 688

Primary Sponsor(s)

Raumesh Akbari (D), Karen Camper (D)

Hearings

None

SB 597 (HB 647) Report on progress of statewide strategy regarding adult emergency oral health care.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 597** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 647 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Requires the commissioner of health to report annually to the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over health-related matters and the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate on the progress of the statewide strategy regarding adult emergency oral health care by January 15. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Rose (R), Tom Leatherwood (R)

Hearings

None

SB 606 (HB 495) Ch. 339, Fee for requesting a patient's medical record.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 606** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 339 on May 08, 2025
HB 495 Effective date(s) 07/01/2025

Description

Establishes that a party that is requesting a patient's medical records in paper format is responsible for the reasonable costs of copying and mailing the patient's records to the provider or the provider's third-party release of information provider. Upon request of certification or notification, requires the certification or notary fee to be charged at a flat fee of \$20.00. Establishes that a party requesting the patient's records in electronic format is responsible to the provider or the provider's third-party release of information provider for a specified list of fees. Requires a person providing records to provide the records in electronic form unless the records are not kept in electronic form. Prohibits a third-party release of information provider of record copying and related services from imposing a charge or fee for such service in excess of such fee limits

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to medical records.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Charlie Baum (R)

Hearings

None

SB 615 (HB 607)

Summary of meeting provided by advisory council on workers' compensation.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 615** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 607 Sponsor change. on Feb. 11, 2025

Description

Decreases from 10 business days to 10 calendar days, the amount of time the advisory council on workers' compensation has to provide a summary of a meeting after it has been conducted to each member of legislative committees with jurisdiction over commerce. Broadly captioned.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Jody Barrett (R)

Hearings

None

SB 619 (HB 657)

Ch. 100, Information for public dissemination by board regulating a healthcare provider.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 619** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 100 on Apr. 08, 2025
HB 657 Effective date(s) 03/28/2025, 07/01/2025

Description

Allows a healthcare provider to petition a relevant board after completing a peer assistance or treatment program contract to remove information from public dissemination regarding the adverse action and consent order after 10 years from the probation date indicated in the consent order. Requires the relevant board to review and make a determination on a removal request submitted and requires the board, upon approving the request, to remove the information from any place the information is made public. Authorizes the division of health related boards to promulgate rules to effectuate such petition process. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bobby Harshbarger (R), Tim Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 647 (HB 1280)

Medical expense relief fund - assistance for next of kin of decedent who was enrolled in TennCare.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 647** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 1280 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/16/2025 on Apr. 16, 2025

Description

Creates the medical expense relief fund to assist the next of kin and the estate of a decedent who was enrolled in TennCare at the time of death with paying the decedent's medical debt and expenses. Requires the department of human services to administer the fund and establish procedures for the next of kin or the estate of a decedent who was enrolled in TennCare at the time of death to apply for grants awarded pursuant to this section

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 9 and Title 71, relative to medical expenses.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 7, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Medical Expense Relief Fund FY25-26 \$250,000,000
EXPENDITURES General Fund Medical Expense Relief Fund FY25-26 \$250,000,000 \$250,000,000

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Timothy Hill (R)

Hearings

None

SB 650 (HB 364) Emma's Bill.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 650** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 364 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Enacts "Emma's Bill," which requires that when making a determination of medical necessity, the bureau of TennCare shall take into consideration the patient's overall condition and use such overall condition as a factor to determine the level of funding and what medical items and services the patient receives, even if such determination does not result in the least costly course of diagnosis or treatment. Specifies that consideration of a patient's overall condition requires a comprehensive medical review of the patient and includes, but is not limited to, consideration of the patient's mobility or ability to move or turn, the patient's cognitive awareness and ability to communicate, the patient's need for constant nursing supervision, and the patient's need for a ventilator or other life-sustaining equipment. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$9,138,600 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$16,476,100

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Rebecca Alexander (R)

Hearings

None

SB 666 (HB 517) Nursing home inspection and enforcement activities report.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 666** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 517 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 05, 2025

Description

Requires the executive director of the health facilities commission to submit a report no later than July 1, rather than February 1, of each year to the governor, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and the chief clerk of the senate, regarding the commission's nursing home inspection and enforcement activities during the previous year. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Tom Leatherwood (R)

Hearings

None

SB 669 (HB 1226) Ch. 69, Pandemic declaration.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 669** Effective date(s) 03/25/2025
HB 1226 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 69 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Deletes all references to the world health organization. Requires a pandemic to be declared by the federal centers for disease and prevention control, rather than the world health organization, with a subsequent declaration of a state of emergency by the governor for the governor to have exclusive jurisdiction to issue executive orders and directives related to the pandemic until the pandemic ceases to exist.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 68, relative to the world health organization.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Justin Lafferty (R)

Hearings

None

SB 674 (HB 900) Regulation of employment.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 674** Rcvd. from S., held on H. desk. on Apr. 10, 2025
HB 900 Assigned to s/c Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Clarifies that the general assembly preempts and occupies the entire field of regulating the terms and conditions of employment. Prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any law, rule, or policy that requires a term or condition of employment that exceeds or conflicts with state or federal law.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 50, relative to the regulation of employment.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Chris Todd (R)

Hearings

None

SB 676 (HB 754) Coverage for detransition procedures.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 676** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 754 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Requires gender clinics accepting funds from this state to perform gender transition procedures to also perform detransition procedures. Requires insurance entities providing coverage of gender transition procedures to also cover detransition procedures. Requires certain gender clinics and insurance entities to report information regarding detransition procedures to the department of health. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1; Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 1, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$540,000
OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. 3-2-111): Such legislation will result in an increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for procedures and treatments being provided by plans that do not currently offer these benefits at the proposed mandated levels. It is estimated that the increase to each individuals total premium will be less than one percent.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Jeremy Faison (R)

Hearings

None

SB 692 (HB 1119) Report on violations of prohibition against using medical procedures to enable a minor to identify w...

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 692** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1119 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Requires the attorney general to report to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives certain information regarding violations of the prohibition against using medical procedures to enable a minor to identify with, or live as, a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex or to treat purported discomfort or distress from discordance between the minor's sex and asserted identity. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9; Title 14; Title 28; Title 29; Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical practices.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), Michele Carringer (R)

Hearings

None

SB 706 (HB 711) TennCare Network Reporting Reform Act.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 706** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 711 Taken off notice for cal. in Insurance Committee on Apr. 02, 2025

Description

Requires the director of TennCare or the director's designee to gather, collate, and make available to the public on the TennCare website data relevant to the network adequacy of TennCare's 1115(c) and 1915(c) waiver programs, federally required network adequacy reporting metrics, and data on service utilization percentage, appointment wait time, and time between approval and receipt of service. Broadly captioned.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$1,605,500 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$535,200 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 \$2,894,500 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$964,800

Primary Sponsor(s)

Becky Massey (R), Michael Hale (R)

Hearings

None

SB 711 (HB 1076) Time an insurer has to file with the commissioner of commerce and insurance.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 711** Sponsor(s) Added. on Feb. 24, 2025
HB 1076 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Decreases the amount of time an insurer of personal risk insurance must file with the commissioner of commerce and insurance before the proposed effective date of all rates, supplementary rate information, policy forms, supporting information, and endorsements from 30 days to 21 days. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Scott Cepicky (R)

Hearings

None

SB 716 (HB 839) Date of the annual report from the commissioner of health as it relates to the safety net program.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 716** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 839 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Extends the date of the required annual report of the commissioner of health, along with the department of finance and administration, and any other state agency that was involved in the administration of the safety net program, to the general assembly on data relating to access to care and safety net adequacy related issues from January 15 to March 1. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Larry Miller (D)

Hearings

None

SB 764 (HB 979)

Ch. 509, Removes obsolete provision requiring health-related boards to report on issues regarding el...

[State Website](#) 

TN

Latest Action: **SB 764** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 509 on May 27, 2025
HB 979 Effective date(s) 05/21/2025, 07/01/2025, 01/01/2026

Description

Removes an obsolete provision that required health-related boards to report to the general assembly by January 1, 2019, regarding issues relating to implementation of provisions regarding electronic prescriptions for Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Ryan Williams (R)

Hearings

None

SB 782 (HB 726)

Ch. 498, Time frame for an eligible taxpayer to apply for a refund or credit for property tax relief...

[State Website](#) 

TN

Latest Action: **SB 782** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 498 on May 27, 2025
HB 726 Effective date(s) 05/21/2025

Description

Increases, from 35 to 40 days, the time in which an eligible taxpayer must apply for a refund or credit for property tax relief from the date taxes in the jurisdiction become delinquent for that year, before the taxpayer is deemed ineligible for such relief for that tax year. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 9, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bobby Harshbarger (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 800 (HB 1123) Amount of medical, hospital, or doctor bills in a civil action.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 800** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1123 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Increases the amount of medical, hospital, or doctor bills that are presumed in a civil action to have been necessary and reasonable if the bills are itemized in the complaint or civil warrant with an attached copy of the bills attached as an exhibit to the complaint or civil warrant, from a total of \$4,000 to a total of \$25,000. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 1; Title 24, Chapter 5; Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to civil actions.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 28, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Andrew Farmer (R)

Hearings

None

SB 839 (HB 984) Report on aggregate claims data on inpatients and outpatients with coded drug poisonings.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 839** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 984 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Extends from March 1 to April 1, the date by which the department of health must submit to the governor, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and legislative committees with subject matter jurisdiction over health a report with de-identified aggregate claims data on every inpatient and outpatient discharge that includes coded drug poisonings as reported for the calendar year two years prior to the current year by licensed hospitals to the commissioner of health. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 37; Title 44; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Mark Pody (R), Todd Warner (R)

Hearings

None

SB 844 (HB 694) Hearings for revocation of licensure by the department of revenue.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 844** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate F,W&M Revenue Subcommittee on Jan. 08, 2026
HB 694 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Increases the amount of days a person has to enter a formal hearing before the commissioner of the department of revenue for an issue with an application, entitlement, or proposed revocation of a certificate, license, permit, privilege, or right, or for any other action taken to implement any revenue regulatory or registration law from 10 days to 12 days from the action taken by the department of revenue.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R), Charlie Baum (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 851** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 1101 Action Def. in s/c TennCare Subcommittee to First Calendar of 2026 on Mar. 18, 2025

Description

Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; authorizes the governor to negotiate with the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$128,382,900 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 \$234,686,300 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$233,686,300 Total Positions Required: 169 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 \$2,057,164,800 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$2,048,164,800 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive healthcare services from Medicaid, rather than the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined.

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Gabby Salinas (D)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 852** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 1206 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Increases from 10 to 30 business days, the period of time that must be included in a non-compete agreement between an employing entity and a physician regarding the time after which, if no agreement on the fair market value of the practice can be determined when an attempt to repurchase the practice is made, the physician may remove any restrictions on the physician's ability to practice by tendering the amount that was paid to the physician for the sale of the practice. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 853 (HB 970) Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2025.

[State Website](#)  TN

Latest Action: **SB 853** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 25, 2025
HB 970 Sponsor(s) Added. on Feb. 26, 2025

Description

Enacts the "Tennessee Healthcare Quality and Access Act of 2025," which redefines "healthcare Institution" and makes changes to the requirements for certificates of need (12 pp.).

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 34; Title 42; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68; Title 71 and Chapter 985 of the Public Acts of 2024, relative to certificates of need.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Health Facilities Commission FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$504,500) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The Health Facilities Commission may adjust other fees if necessary to collect sufficient revenue from other sources to offset any reduction in certificate of need application fee revenue. It is likely that the proposed legislation will result in an increase of facilities that previously required a certificate of need, which may result in the need for increased staffing and result in an increase in state expenditures; however, the number of new facilities and timings of openings cannot be reasonably determined. SB 853 - HB 970

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), David Hawk (R)

Hearings

None

SB 858 (HB 939) Report on number of injunctions brought against persons who committed harassment against a state emp...

[State Website](#)  TN

Latest Action: **SB 858** Recommended for passage, refer to Senate Calendar Committee on Mar. 25, 2025
HB 939 Taken off notice for cal. in State & Local Government Committee on Apr. 02, 2025

Description

Requires the attorney general to annually report by January 15 of each year to the governor, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives the number of injunctions brought against persons who committed harassment against a state employee in the preceding calendar year. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, relative to employment.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Dennis Powers (R)

Hearings

None

SB 865 (HB 705) Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act requirements.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 865** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 705 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Changes, from June 1 to July 1, the date by which an insurer or insurance group must submit its disclosure to the commissioner of commerce and insurance as required under the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Ron Gant (R)

Hearings

None

SB 871 (HB 1192) Ch. 445, TACIR study on continuum of care how the continuum of care can be improved.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 871** Effective date(s) 05/09/2025
HB 1192 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 445 on May 15, 2025

Description

TACIR to conduct a study and prepare a report on recommendations on the continuum of care in this state and how the continuum of care can be improved. Requires the study and report to survey the continuum of care in other states and compare such care to the continuum of care in this state. Requires TACIR to submit the report on or before January 1, 2026, to each member of the general assembly and the legislative librarian; permits the report to be submitted electronically. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Scott Cepicky (R)

Hearings

None

SB 872 (HB 784) Exemption - retail sale of infant formula, diapers, and wipes.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 872** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 784 Placed on s/c al Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Exempts from the sales and use taxes the retail sale of infant formula and diapers and wipes designed to be used by infants and children. Defines "infant formula" as a liquid or powder that purports or is represented to be for special dietary use solely as a food for infants and children by nature of its simulation of human milk or its suitability as a complete or partial substitute for human milk.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to sales and use tax exemptions.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 28, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$17,622,600) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$7,680,600)

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Greg Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 882 (HB 1141) Ch. 263, Governor's appointee for the health facilities commission.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 882** Effective date(s) 04/24/2025
HB 1141 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 263 on Apr. 29, 2025

Description

Specifies that the governor's appointee for the health facilities commission who is a representative of the assisted-care living facility industry may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested groups, including the Tennessee Center for Assisted Living. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to the health facilities commission.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Clark Boyd (R)

Hearings

None

SB 890 (HB 869) Ch. 447, Length of time a healthcare provider has to provide a patient's medical records.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 890** Effective date(s) 07/01/2025
HB 869 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 447 on May 15, 2025

Description

Reduces from 10 working days to 10 calendar days from receipt of a written request by a patient or patient's authorized representative, the length of time a healthcare provider has to provide the patient or the patient's authorized representative a copy of the patient's medical records. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 47; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health records.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Iris Rudder (R)

Hearings

None

SB 907 (HB 767)

Exemption - receipts from the sale of certain prescription drugs or medicines.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 907** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 767 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Exempts from business tax, receipts from the sale of a prescription drug or medicine with a cost for a 30-day equivalent supply that exceeds the Medicare cost threshold for 2025 plan years and services necessary for proper preparation, storage, handling, administration, patient education, or post-sale monitoring of such exempted drugs or medicines.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 7, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 26, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$2,872,400)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$3,371,900)

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 911 (HB 996)

Prescribing authority for psychologists.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 911** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 996 Def. to Summer Study in Health Subcommittee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Creates prescribing authority for certain psychologists if certain conditions and prerequisites are met. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to psychologists.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Board of Examiners in Psychology FY25-26 \$184,400 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$78,400 EXPENDITURES Board of Examiners in Psychology FY25-26 \$184,400 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$78,400 Total Positions Required: 1 SB 911 - HB 996

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 922 (HB 828) Study on creating new pathways to careers as primary care providers for certain individuals.

[State Website](#)  TN

Latest Action: **SB 922** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 828 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Requires the commissioner of health to conduct a study on creating new or streamlining existing pathways to careers as primary care providers in this state for individuals who have medical training as noncommissioned officers in the armed forces of the United States. Requires the commissioner to conduct the study using existing department resources. Requires the commissioner to deliver findings and recommendations from the study to the chief clerk of the senate, chief clerk of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian no later than December 31, 2025. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Heidi Campbell (D), Ronnie Glynn (D)

Hearings

None

SB 955 (HB 1044) Ch. 266, Medical Ethics Defense Act.

[State Website](#)  TN

Latest Action: **SB 955** Effective date(s) 04/24/2025
HB 1044 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 266 on Apr. 29, 2025

Description

Enacts the "Medical Ethics Defense Act," which specifies that a healthcare provider must not be required to participate in or pay for a healthcare procedure, treatment, or service that violates the conscience of the healthcare provider. Species that the right is limited to a particular healthcare procedure, treatment, or service, and does not waive or modify any duty a healthcare provider may have to provide or pay for healthcare procedures, treatments, or services that do not violate the healthcare provider's conscience. Prohibits a civil cause of action, a criminal prosecution, or discriminatory action based on the exercised right. Details whistleblower and free speech protection of the individual or healthcare provider. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to rights of conscience and free speech.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 21, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB 955 - HB 1044

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Bryan Terry (R)

Hearings

None

SB 994 (HB 1252)

Deletes an obsolete provision relating to a tax credit for beer or ale that was destroyed in a flood

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 994** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate State & Local Government Committee on Mar. 11, 2025
HB 1252 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Deletes an obsolete provision relating to a tax credit for beer or ale that was destroyed in a flood occurring between May 1, 2010, and May 8, 2010. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57 and Title 67, relative to taxes.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Ron Travis (R)

Hearings

None

SB 995 (HB 1034)

Covenants not to compete.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 995** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 25, 2025
HB 1034 Action Def. in s/c Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee to Second Calendar of 2026 on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Prohibits the enforcement of any restriction on the right of an employee or contractor to practice the employee's or contractor's profession upon termination or conclusion of the employment or contractual relationship. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to covenants not to compete.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Rebecca Alexander (R)

Hearings

None

SB 998 (HB 1080) Time frame for removal of a person as officer or director of an insurance company.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 998** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1080 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Increases, from 30 to 35 days, the time that an insurance company has to remove a person as an officer or director of the company after receipt of an order from the commissioner of commerce and insurance to do so. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 999 (HB 1079) Removal of obsolete study of insurance laws.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 999** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1079 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Removes an obsolete requirement for the commissioner to conduct a study of this state's insurance laws to determine what impediments, if any, exist under the laws or policies that may be deterrents for insurance companies in this state to underwrite policies of insurance to insure a person who has used force that is justified, including deadly force, in protecting such person's self or property, and to report the results of the study to the general assembly no later than March 1, 2012. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1000 (HB 1077)

Business entity license under the Tennessee Insurance Producer Licensing Act - expiration.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1000** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1077 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Removes an obsolete reference to the length of the validity for an insurance producer license issued on or after January 1, 2007. Changes, from March 1 to March 15, the date that a business entity license under the Tennessee Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2002 expires biennially. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1001 (HB 1078) Providing of electronic health insurance claims data.[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1001** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1078 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Removes an obsolete reference to January 1, 2010, as the date by which group health plans and health insurance issuers were required to begin providing electronic health insurance claims data for state residents to the commissioner of commerce and insurance or a designated entity authorized by the commissioner each month. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1030 (HB 1156) Immunizations for children.[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1030** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1156 Def. to Summer Study in Population Health Subcommittee on Mar. 04, 2025

Description

Deletes the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian to ensure that such person's child receives vaccines as recommended by guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the American Academy of Pediatrics. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to immunizations.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Janice Bowling (R), Susan Lynn (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Requires an insurance company that increases its premiums to give 45 days' notice rather than 30 days' notice of the increase to a customer who has an account paid by bank draft or preauthorized check. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Steve Southerland (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1053** Placed on Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee calendar for 4/21/2025
HB 1158 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025 on Apr. 09, 2025

Description

Requires the director to take such actions as the director deems necessary to enable the bureau to make available to an enrollee in Part A of the Katie Beckett program the option to use the wraparound home- and community-based services funds allotted to the enrollee by means of a health reimbursement arrangement, including seeking a waiver amendment or new amendment.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to TennCare.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$540,500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$968,400 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT An additional recurring increase in expenditures of \$2,200,000 will be incurred, beginning in FY25- 26. However, such increase can be accommodated within the existing \$25,000,000 budget of the Katie Beckett Program.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Kerry Roberts (R), Susan Lynn (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1054 (HB 1201)

Internationally licensed physicians - foreign training license of limited duration.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1054** Sponsor(s) Added. on Apr. 08, 2025

HB 1201 Received from House, Passed on First Consideration on Apr. 03, 2025

Description

Limits a foreign training license of limited duration to an internationally licensed physician who meets certain listed criteria. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 10, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Kerry Roberts (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1057 (HB 1007)

Study of prescription drugs in nursing homes - removes requirement.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1057** Withdrawn. on Feb. 10, 2025

HB 1007 Withdrawn. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Removes the requirement that the comptroller of the treasury, in conjunction with any appropriate TennCare drug utilization review committees, must study the use of prescription drugs in nursing homes and the costs of those prescription drugs for residents of nursing homes; must examine prescription use overall; must focus on any practices that would improve the quality of resident care while reducing costs to the TennCare program; and must deliver a report by January 1, 2005, to speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ferrell Haile (R), Tim Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1063** Effective date(s) 04/03/2025
HB 1074 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 125 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Requires a healthcare provider to notify a patient of a communication between the provider and the patient's health insurance entity if the provider contacts the health insurance entity seeking additional information needed to process a prior authorization request for the patient within seven days after the communication has occurred. Makes other changes related to prior authorization for healthcare services.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 63, Chapter 1, relative to prior authorization for healthcare services.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Johnny Garrett (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: Withdrawn. on Feb. 20, 2025

Description

Extends the termination date for the doula services advisory committee from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

London Lamar (D)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1116** Effective date(s) 05/05/2025
HB 1356 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 393 on May 13, 2025

Description

Increases from 45 to 60 days the period within which the state registrar must issue a new certificate of birth to a requesting party following receipt of the required paperwork and any applicable fee. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 68, relative to records.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Mary Littleton (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1134** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 11, 2025
HB 1223 Assigned to s/c Insurance Subcommittee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Requires Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) to conduct an evaluation examining the frequency at which health insurers deny healthcare claims or reimbursements for policyholders and healthcare providers and an evaluation of related data for the past five calendar years. Requires TACIR to report its findings to the appropriate standing committees of the general assembly by January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 10 and Title 56, relative to studying reimbursements under policies of health insurers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Dan Howell (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1153 (HB 1205)

Prohibits physicians from treating themselves or their immediate family.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1153** Re-refer to Senate Health & Welfare Committee on Apr. 21, 2025
HB 1205 Senate substituted House Bill for companion Senate Bill. on Apr. 21, 2025

Description

Prohibits physicians from prescribing, administering, or dispensing medication for, or otherwise treating, themselves or their immediate family except for minor, self-limited, short-term, or urgent, emergency situations. Prohibits physicians from treating themselves with or prescribing to family members a scheduled drug. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare services.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 22, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Sabi Kumar (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1195 (HB 740)

Report on births involving neonatal abstinence syndrome.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1195** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 740 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 06, 2025

Description

Removes an obsolete provision that required, on or before January 15, 2018, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the perinatal advisory committee and with the assistance of relevant state agencies, to report to legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care concerning aspects of births involving neonatal abstinence syndrome and opioid use by women of childbearing age Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Jackson (R), Paul Sherrell (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1208 (HB 1049)

Letter regarding impact and effects of the restrictions and limitations on treating patients with op...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1208** Failed in Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 25, 2025

HB 1049 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Health Subcommittee of Health Committee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Requires every year, instead of every other year, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the regulatory boards that license healthcare practitioners, to provide a letter no later than November 1 to the governor, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and legislative committees with subject matter jurisdiction over health that includes updated information on the impact and effects of the restrictions and limitations on treating patients with opioids. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbrow (D), Bob Freeman (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1220 (HB 791)

Workers' Right to Live Act.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1220** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025

HB 791 Failed for lack of second in: Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee on Mar. 26, 2025

Description

Enacts the "Workers' Right to Live Act," which determine proper procedure of workplace negligence and accidents. Requires the reporting of a workplace death within 24 hours. Describes financial penalties and incentive claw backs. Establishes a workplace protection fund. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 29 and Title 50, relative to workplace conditions.

Fiscal Impact


(Dated March 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Charlane Oliver (D), Aftyn Behn (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1235 (HB 1237) Ch. 294, Membership on state regulatory and health related boards. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1235** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 294 on Apr. 28, 2025
HB 1237 Effective date(s) 04/24/2025

Description

Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health-related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Removes requirement that appointing authorities strive to ensure certain boards and commissions are represented by members of racial minorities. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 9; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to state entities.

Fiscal Impact


(Dated February 21, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Rose (R), Jason Zachary (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1242 (HB 1187) Deletion of an obsolete TennCare provision. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1242** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1187 Sponsor change. on Feb. 26, 2025

Description

Deletes a provision that required the comptroller of the treasury and any appropriate TennCare drug utilization review committees to study the use of prescription drugs in nursing home and the costs of those drugs for residents in nursing homes, to examine prescription use overall, and to focus on any practices that would improve the quality of care for the residents while reducing the cost of the TennCare program, and to report by January 1, 2005 to the speaker of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1250 Period to report on Medicaid - increase to 75 days.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Increases from 60 to 75 days the period after the close of each fiscal year within which the department of finance and administration must submit a report to the governor and members of the general assembly that includes an account of the operations and expenditures of all funds under the Medical Assistance Act of 1968, statistics by county about all medical assistance within the state, rules promulgated to carry out the Act, and other information the department deems advisable. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbrow (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1251 K-12 student drug overdoses report.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: Withdrawn. on Feb. 07, 2025

Description

Requires the report on drug overdoses by a student enrolled in grades K-12 to be reported to the public school officials within seven business days of the diagnosis or treatment of such a student. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28; Title 29; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to drug overdoses.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1256 (HB 1260)

Requesting federal approval to import prescription drugs from Canada.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1256** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 11, 2025
HB 1260 Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Requires the department of finance and administration, the department of health, and the bureau of TennCare to apply for federal approval to import prescription drugs from Canada. Requires that, upon federal approval, the department of finance and administration, in collaboration with the department of health and the division of TennCare, shall submit a proposal to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives within six months of approval. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to prescription drugs.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 12, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The timing and extent of a waiver approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services is unknown. The implementation of such waiver is also dependent on the cooperation of the Canadian government. Therefore, the fiscal impact of any future program for the importation of prescription drugs cannot be reasonably quantified.

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Sam McKenzie (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1261 (HB 1382) Artificial intelligence in health insurance issuers.[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1261** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1382 Assigned to s/c Insurance Subcommittee on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Imposes requirements for health insurance issuers using artificial intelligence, algorithms, or other software for utilization review or utilization management functions. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to health insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 20, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Any increase in state or local expenditures is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbrow (D), Torrey Harris (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1270 (HB 1304) Ch. 183, Claims experience report to a plan sponsor or administrator of an ERISA.[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1270** Effective date(s) 04/11/2025, 07/01/2025, 01/01/2026
HB 1304 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 183 on May 02, 2025

Description

Requires an insurance company and health maintenance organization, upon request, to provide a claims experience report to a plan sponsor or administrator of an ERISA (Employee Retirement Income and Security Act of 1974) group health plan. Specifies contents of such a report; revises provisions relating to reinsurance and risk insurance. Revises provisions relating to the readability, content, and style of life and health insurance policies. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Section 68-1-115, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1282 (HB 1310)

Ch. 400, Revised regulations for hospitality, food safety, and organized camps.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1282** Effective date(s) 05/05/2025, 01/01/2026
HB 1310 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 400 on May 13, 2025

Description

Increases when a hotel in the state can be inspected from at least once per month to every three months. Increases when a bed and breakfast can be inspected from once every six months to once every year. Broadens the definition of "food code" to the 2009 Food Code as published by the United States department of health and human services, public health service, food and drug administration, or any subsequent Food Code, or portions thereof, published by the United States department of health and human services, public health service, food and drug administration, and adopted by rule by the commissioner of health. Requires the commissioner of health to set a permit fee by rule to operate specified establishments. Lessens restrictions of terms used on tags for bedding material. Removes requirements and restrictions on quick fast food establishments. Clarifies that an "organized camp" does not include camps that are established for and used exclusively for residential purposes other than camping and places established and used for a short-term rental unit. Increases the fines for a person in violation of organized camp laws from not less than \$10.00 nor more than fifty dollars \$50.00 to not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100. Removes laws regarding rented premises unfit for habitation.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-8-103; Title 68, Chapter 110; Title 68, Chapter 111; Title 68, Chapter 14 and Title 68, Chapter 15, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 1, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Requiring the Department of Health to set certain permit fees by rule could impact state revenue. The timing and extent of such changes cannot be reasonably determined. SB 1282 - HB 1310

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1284 (HB 1311)

Ch. 127, Removal of requirement for board members to sign a license before issuance.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1284** Effective date(s) 04/03/2025
HB 1311 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 127 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Removes the requirement that a license be issued by the health related board be signed by members of the board prior to issuance. Authorizes the presiding officer of the board to divide the board into panels of three or more to conduct contested case hearing or disciplinary matters. Clarifies that patient billing records are a part of the medical and practice records that providers must make available to the department upon the department's request for inspection. States that identifying information of certain parties in a contested case hearing involving disciplinary charges filed against a provider must only be produced by the provider to a subpoena from a law enforcement agency. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health related licensure.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1304 (HB 1318) Ch. 185, Sunset - Access Tennessee health insurance program.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1304** Effective date(s) 04/11/2025

HB 1318 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 185 on Apr. 30, 2025

Description

Extends the Access Tennessee health insurance program from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2030. Part of Administration Package.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2916, relative to the repeal date of the Access Tennessee Act of 2006.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1305** Effective date(s) 04/03/2025
HB 1319 Comp. became Pub. Ch. 130 on Apr. 08, 2025

Description

Extends the CoverKids program from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2030. Part of Administration Package.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-1113, relative to the repeal date of the CoverKids Act of 2006.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1316** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 524 on May 27, 2025
HB 1330 Effective date(s) 05/21/2025, 07/01/2025, 01/01/2026

Description

Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 20; Title 33; Title 38; Title 40; Title 52; Title 55; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68; Title 70 and Title 76, relative to the Less is More Act of 2025.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 2, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$6,500) EXPENDITURES Board of Court Reporting Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$4,000) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation may result in both increases and decreases in state revenue to various boards, and a decrease in state expenditures for travel reimbursement across various governing bodies. However, due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and timing of any such impacts cannot be determined with reasonably certainty. SB 1316 - HB 1330 2

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1328 (HB 1183) Report on total amount of aviation fuel tax revenues collected.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1328** Refer to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee w/ negative recommendation on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 1183 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Extends the date by which the department of finance and administration must annually report in writing to the chairs of the committees of both houses having jurisdiction over finance-related and transportation matters, the total amount of aviation fuel tax revenues collected for the preceding fiscal year from December 31 to January 15. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbro (D), Joe Towns (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1355 (HB 1396) Guaranteed Basic Income Act.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1355** Placed on Senate Health and Welfare Committee calendar for 3/26/2025
HB 1396 Sponsor(s) Added. on Mar. 27, 2025

Description

Requires the department of human services to develop and implement a program which guarantees eligible residents an annual guaranteed basic income grant starting in 2026. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 71, relative to financial assistance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Guaranteed Basic Income Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$16,912,935,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT In order to administer the Guaranteed Basic Income Act or the Protection Against Automation Act, DHS will need to contract with a third-party entity; however, due to guidelines not yet being established, the scope and cost of that contract cannot be reasonably estimated.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Raumesh Akbari (D), Justin Pearson (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1356 (HB 1393) Directs the governor to seek a new TennCare waiver.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1356** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Feb. 12, 2025
HB 1393 Taken off notice for cal in s/c TennCare Subcommittee of Insurance Committee on Mar. 18, 2025

Description

Directs the governor to seek a new TennCare waiver within 180 days of the effective date of this act which would provide medical assistance coverage for individuals whose gross annual income is 138% of the federal poverty levels or less and clarifies that the amendment takes effect upon federal approval.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medical assistance.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 12, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$128,382,900 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 \$234,686,300 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$233,686,300 Total Positions Required: 169 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 \$2,057,164,800 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$2,048,164,800 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive healthcare services from Medicaid, rather than the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined. SB 1356 - HB 1393

Primary Sponsor(s)

Raumesh Akbari (D), Justin Pearson (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1367 (HB 21) Exemption - retail sale of food and food ingredients.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1367** Sponsor(s) Added. on Dec. 17, 2025
HB 21 Placed on s/c cal Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee for 4/14/2025

Description

Exempts from the state sales and use tax the retail sale of food and food ingredients. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 67, relative to taxation.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$808,302,600) EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$500,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$11,515,500

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Elaine Davis (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1369 (HB 819) Acute care hospitals - CON requirement.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1369** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Mar. 26, 2025
HB 819 Taken off notice for cal. in Health Committee on Apr. 01, 2025

Description

Removes acute care hospitals from the requirement of obtaining a certificate of need beginning July 1, 2028. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 68; Title 71 and Chapter 985 of the Public Acts of 2024, relative to certificates of need.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Johnny Garrett (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1372 (HB 651) All-products clause in a network participation agreement with healthcare provider.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1372** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 25, 2025
HB 651 Taken off notice for cal in s/c Insurance Subcommittee of Insurance Committee on Mar. 19, 2025

Description

Prohibits a health insurance entity or TennCare MCO from including an all-products clause in a network participation agreement with a healthcare provider, and makes certain other changes related to MCO network adequacy. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 6, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$689,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURESFY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$2,067,200

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Ryan Williams (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1382 (HB 858) Ch. 505, Step therapy - study on ease of access.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1382** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 505 on May 27, 2025
HB 858 Effective date(s) 01/01/2026

Description

Requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to conduct a study on the ease of access for patients and prescribing practitioners to insurers' online processes to request step therapy exceptions to determine whether insurers in this state are complying with the current law requirement for ease of access in a manner that does not impose any unnecessary barriers to making an exception request. Requires the commissioner to deliver findings and recommendations from the study to the chief clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the legislative librarian no later than December 15, 2025.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to step therapy.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Rebecca Alexander (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1389 (HB 638) TennCare or CoverKids coverage based on vaccination status.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1389** Re-refer to S. Cal Comm on Apr. 22, 2025
HB 638 Sponsor(s) Added. on Apr. 21, 2025

Description

Prohibits a healthcare provider who participates in the TennCare or CoverKids programs from refusing to provide healthcare services to an enrollee based solely upon the enrollee's refusal to obtain a vaccine or immunization. Prohibits the bureau from reimbursing a healthcare provider in violation of such prohibition. Requires the director to adopt rules. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to healthcare providers.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Michele Carringer (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1390 (HB 782) Ch. 502, Establishment of an additional PACE program.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1390** Comp. became Pub. Ch. 502 on May 27, 2025
HB 782 Effective date(s) 05/21/2025

Description

Requires the bureau of TennCare to authorize an additional PACE program as a pilot in one of the two grand divisions where a PACE program did not exist in 2024. Requires a prospective PACE applicant for the pilot program to submit a letter of intent to the bureau. Requires PACE applicants to submit a market analysis of the proposed service area. Requires the director of TennCare to oversee PACE applicants eligibility criteria and certify that applicants are qualified to be PACE providers in the proposed geographic service area. Requires the TennCare director to ensure managed care organizations and counseling entities consider the PACE program before referring recipients to long-term care and establish referral protocols for eligible individuals. Requires the bureau of TennCare to ensure all PACE programs and organizations meet the quality and performance standards established by CMS and the bureau. Requires the bureau of TennCare to provide a PACE program report to the specified state officials on or before January 1. Clarifies specific conditions under which PACE programs can expand into neighboring counties based on population criteria.

Caption

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

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years NET \$744,500 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 & Subsequent Years NET \$1,342,200

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Greg Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1392 (HB 1403) Bond issuance.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1392** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Apr. 15, 2025
HB 1403 Ref. to Delayed Bills Committee on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Authorizes the state, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its bonds and bond anticipation notes for certain purposes.

Caption

AN ACT to authorize the state of Tennessee, acting by resolutions of its funding board, to issue and sell its bonds and bond anticipation notes to provide for acquisition of equipment and sites, and erection, construction, and equipment of sites and buildings, expressly including the acquisition of existing structures for expansion, improvements, betterments, and extraordinary repairs to existing structures, for construction of highways, and repair, replacement, or rehabilitation of bridges, and for grants to any county, metropolitan government, incorporated town, city, special district of the state, or any governmental agency or instrumentality of any of them; to make grants to industrial development corporations to provide for acquisition of equipment and acquisition, site preparation, erection, construction, and equipment of sites and buildings; and infrastructure improvements and development; and to provide for the expenditure of said funds; to issue its debt in excess of the authorized amount to fund discount and costs of issuance; and to provide for the expenditure of said funds. This act makes appropriations for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of allocating the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized by this act.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES First Year Debt Service \$3,300,000 Over the Life of the Bonds \$48,900,000 Principal \$30,000,000 Interest \$18,900,000

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1393 (HB 1404) Appropriations - FY beginning July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1393** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Apr. 15, 2025
HB 1404 Ref. to Delayed Bills Committee on Feb. 10, 2025

Description

Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2025 session of the 114th General Assembly; earmarks sufficient state funds for the purpose of funding any bill naming a highway or bridge in honor of a service member killed in action.

Caption

AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, 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, 2024, and July 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact


Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1394 (HB 1402) Growth of appropriations from state tax revenues.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1394** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Apr. 15, 2025
HB 1402 P2C, ref. to Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Jan. 14, 2026

Description

Deletes requirements that budget document includes personal income statement for calendar year 1977 and actual state appropriations for fiscal year 1977-1978.

Caption

AN ACT pursuant to Article II, Section 24, of the Tennessee Constitution providing for the dollar amount and rate by which the growth of appropriations from state tax revenues will exceed the estimated growth in the state's economy and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 52.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1395 (HB 1401) Grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1395** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Apr. 15, 2025
HB 1401 P2C, ref. to Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Jan. 14, 2026

Description

Authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bo Watson (R), Gary Hicks (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1403 (HB 1179) Extends period of audit notice for a pharmacy - three weeks.

[State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **SB 1403** Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Mar. 18, 2025
HB 1179 P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. on Feb. 12, 2025

Description

Extends from two to three weeks the period of notice that must be provided to a pharmacist or pharmacy prior to an initial on-site audit for each audit cycle by a covered entity, pharmacy benefits manager, the state or its political subdivisions, or an agent of such entity by sending written notice to the pharmacist or pharmacy. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance benefits for pharmacy.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Joey Hensley (R), Monty Fritts (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1496 (HB 1655) Practice of medicine - defined.[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1496** Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1655 Withdrawn in House. on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, adds clinical informatics, lifestyle medicine, and medical virtualist to the list of words or abbreviations that a person may attach to a name to indicate or induce another person to believe that the person is engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to the practice of medicine.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ferrell Haile (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1501 (HB 1560) Sunset - board of dispensing opticians.[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1501** Senate Government Operations recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1560 Filed for introduction on Jan. 13, 2026

Description

As introduced, extends the board of dispensing opticians to June 30, 2031.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 14, relative to the board of dispensing opticians.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ed Jackson (R), Justin Lafferty (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1504** Senate Government Operations recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee. on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1563 Filed for introduction on Jan. 13, 2026

Description

As introduced, extends the board of optometry to June 30, 2031.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 8, relative to the board of optometry.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ed Jackson (R), Justin Lafferty (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: **SB 1598** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Jan. 14, 2026
HB 1859 Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, enacts the "Freedom from Medical Debt Act," which requires the state treasurer to contract with a nonprofit entity to acquire and repay certain medical debts for Tennessee residents with incomes at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level or who owe medical debt equal to 5 percent or more of their household income, and prohibits healthcare providers from reporting a patient's medical debt to a consumer reporting agency. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 9; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical debt.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

London Lamar (D), Shaundelle Brooks (D)

Hearings

None

SB 1722 (HB 1993)

Health insurers must reimburse in-network medical labs at or above the CMS fee schedule.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1722** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1993 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, prohibits a health insurance issuer or managed health insurance issuer from reimbursing for testing services a medical laboratory that is eligible to participate as an in-network participating provider at a rate less than the CMS clinical laboratory fee schedule for medical labs in this state. Permits a managed health insurance issuer to require such lab to meet the performance metrics required of in-network labs.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, relative to medical laboratories.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Bobby Harshbarger (R), Timothy Hill (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1753 (HB 1770)

Expands terms indicating medical practice.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1753** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1770 Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

Description

As introduced, adds clinical informatics, lifestyle medicine, and medical virtualist to the list of words or abbreviations that a person may attach to a name to indicate or induce another person to believe that the person is engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to the practice of medicine.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ferrell Haile (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1767 (HB 1852) "Tennessee mRNA Pharmaceutical Sovereignty and Safety Act."[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1767** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1852 Introduced in the House on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee mRNA Pharmaceutical Sovereignty and Safety Act," which prohibits individuals, including professional providers of health care and veterinary medicine, from administering any vaccine or other injectable solution that contains an mRNA vaccine or vaccine material. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 37; Title 44; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Mark Pody (R), Monty Fritts (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1797 Restrictions on managed care organizations regarding termination of qualified nursing facility contr...[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026

Description

As introduced, prohibits a managed care organization from suspending, denying, refusing to review, terminating, or otherwise taking action resulting in the actual or constructive termination of a qualified nursing facility contract except under certain listed circumstances. Specifies that the bureau of TennCare has the exclusive authority to determine whether a qualified nursing facility may be terminated from participating in the TennCare program and makes other related changes.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to managed care organizations.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Shane Reeves (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1803 (HB 1756)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insu...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1803** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1756 Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

Description

As introduced, directs the commissioner to use existing resources to study recent innovations by neighboring states to address substance use disorder through new health insurance coverage and reimbursement methods, strategies, or models; requires the commissioner to compile the findings and any recommendations from the study into a report for transmission to the general assembly no later than December 31, 2026. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Ed Jackson (R), Iris Rudder (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1806 (HB 1730)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28 and Title 29, relative to healthcare liability.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1806** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, 2026
HB 1730 Filed for introduction on Jan. 20, 2026

Description

As introduced, removes the three-year statute of repose for a healthcare liability action based on an injury that was not discovered when the negligent act or injury occurred so that the action may be brought within one year from the date of such discovery. - Amends TCA Title 28 and Title 29.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28 and Title 29, relative to healthcare liability.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Paul Bailey (R), Michael Hale (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1848 (HB 1984)

Authorizes new categories of health care providers to administer the opioid buprenorphine.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1848** Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 22, 2026
HB 1984 Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

Authorizes additional healthcare providers to directly administer buprenorphine mono or buprenorphine without the use of naloxone. Adds that prescribing a buprenorphine product to nursing mother or prescribing an injectable mono product does not restrict certain healthcare providers from prescribing a buprenorphine product for the treatment of opioid use disorder without naloxone.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 11, relative to the use of buprenorphine products.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Becky Massey (R), Rusty Grills (R)

Hearings

None

SB 1905

Removes outdated study requirement on premium rating for Medicare supplement policies under age 65.

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: Introduced in the Senate on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, deletes an obsolete requirement that the department of commerce and insurance conduct a study to determine the appropriateness of a separate premium rating for Medicare supplement policies for populations under 65 years of age upon the expiration of five years from May 27, 2010. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medicare supplement policies.

Fiscal Impact**Primary Sponsor(s)**

Paul Bailey (R)

Hearings

None

Latest Action: Filed for introduction on Jan. 22, 2026

Description

As introduced, prohibits health insurance entities from downcoding reimbursement claims from healthcare professionals except in limited circumstances. Makes certain other changes related to health insurance claim adjudication.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to health insurance practices.

Fiscal Impact

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R)

Hearings

None