



The First Extraordinary Session of the 114th Tennessee General Assembly adjourned sine die on January 30, 2025. The special legislative session primarily focused on immigration policy, education reform, and disaster relief efforts. The Tennessee Senate has announced that they stand in adjournment until February 10th, while the House will reconvene on Monday, February 3 for regular business. The bill filing deadline for the 2025 legislative session is Thursday, February 6. Governor Bill Lee is scheduled to deliver his seventh State of the State address on the same day the Senate will reconvene, Monday February 10th.

During the special session, the legislature passed a bill to align state immigration policies with federal directives, intended to strengthen the state's role in immigration enforcement. This move is part of a broader initiative to prepare for the implementation of policies from the incoming Trump administration.

The Tennessee General Assembly also successfully passed the Education Freedom Act, establishing the state's first universal Education Savings Account (ESA) program. This program allows families to use public funds for private school tuition, aiming to provide more educational choices and opportunities for students across the state.

Finally, in response to Hurricane Helene and other recent natural disasters, the legislature approved a comprehensive relief package. The funding includes financial aid for affected communities, as well as long-term preparedness initiatives to strengthen the state's ability to handle future disasters. Governor Bill Lee's proposals, including a \$917 million budget to cover school scholarships and Hurricane Helene relief, were central to the session.