



Work continues on Capitol Hill as lawmakers advanced legislation through committees and on the House and Senate floors. There are a total of 954 bills on notice this week in committees. Next week will be the peak for legislation being considered in the committee process. In the coming weeks, the General Assembly shifts its focus to the legislative adjustments to the Governor's budget and appropriations amendment. The General Assembly is still on a timeline to adjourn in mid-April.

The General Assembly this week unanimously passed first-of-its-kind legislation protecting artists' identity and work from misuse of artificial intelligence (AI). The [Ensuring Likeness Voice and Image Security \(ELVIS\) Act](#), sponsored by House Majority Leader William Lamberth, R-Portland, would expand protections for Tennesseans. While Tennessee's existing law protects name, image and likeness, it does not address new, personalized generative AI cloning models and services that enable human impersonation and allow users to make unauthorized fake reproductions in the image and voice of others. This legislation is headed to the Governor's desk for his signature.

Governor Lee's main legislative priority advanced this week in both chambers. [House Bill 1183](#), would establish the Education Freedom Scholarships Act (EFSA). This legislation would provide scholarships for students to attend private schools. A total of 20,000 scholarships would be available to families for the 2024-25 school year. Priority would be given to students who are currently eligible for an Education Savings Account followed by those from households at or below 400 percent and 500 percent of the federal poverty level respectively. The House and Senate versions of the bill are in very different forms. The House and Senate must come to an agreement on final language for the bill to become law. The legislation will continue to be on the forefront of this legislative session.