



Legislative Recap: Week of January 20th

Legislators returned to begin the second week of the legislative session on Tuesday of this week. Both chambers convened for floor sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The bill filing deadlines are still several weeks away, but legislators are moving quickly. Over 300 new bills have been filed in 2020 so far. These newly filed bills will begin moving through the legislative process and will be placed on committee calendars in the coming weeks. This week, many committees met for organizational days and to hear presentations. Below are headlines from this week's action on the Hill.

WBIR: Two Tennessee bills seek to compensate college athletes

Two bills filed in Nashville are pushing to pay college athletes. The first, Senate Bill 1636, would prohibit schools from preventing student athletes to use their own names and faces to earn money. It would allow them to have endorsements or sell gear with their names and faces.

Fox 17: Tennessee senators introduce legislation raising state minimum wage to \$15 per hour

Two Tennessee state senators want to raise the minimum wage for workers in the state to \$15 an hour. Senator Sara Kyle (D-Memphis) introduced SB 1788 on Wednesday, otherwise known as the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act."

News Channel 5: Tennessee lawmaker pushing to make insulin more affordable

Sen. Katrina Robinson (D – Memphis) is pushing to make insulin more affordable for the hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans living with diabetes. With one in four diabetics reporting underusing insulin because of its high cost, Sen. Katrina Robinson has introduced a bill to help change that. The bill would put a cap on the price of insulin for insured Tennesseans.

Tennessean: John Cooper, other mayors press governor, lawmakers to release child care funding

The mayors of Tennessee's four biggest cities are pressing Gov. Bill Lee and lawmakers to release tens of millions of dollars in child care spending before it disappears. Since 2015, the state's Department of Human Services has failed to distribute more than \$214 million in federal funding intended to help low-income working families pay for childcare.

WKRN: Governor Lee defends K-12 education, correction departments

On Monday, Governor Bill Lee defended two of his commissioners after questions have been raised about their departments. From a prison audit where inmate deaths were improperly reported to a K-12 education department with hundreds of educators leaving, Senate Yarbo pointed to areas where he says Governor Lee has no clear agenda yet.

Local Memphis: Lawmaker wants Tennessee hands-free driving law repealed

A Tennessee state law making it illegal to hold your cell phone while driving only went into effect last July, but already one state lawmaker is trying to repeal it. Republican Senator Jon Lundberg, who is from

Bristol, believes the new law is doing more harm than good. He says people are still holding their phones when they drive but in a way that's

[Tennessean:](#) **Gov. Bill Lee loosens requirements for pardons, commutations; defense attorneys hopeful**

Gov. Bill Lee's administration took a scalpel to the state's clemency process, making a series of small tweaks that could have a big impact. Lee's legal team made the checklist less burdensome for defendants seeking his consideration for pardons, commutations and exonerations. The changes reflect the governor's views on rehabilitation and criminal justice.

Below is a list of legislation tracked for you during the 2020 session:

SB2/HB11 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Allows tailpipe testing for emissions.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny
Summary: Allows vehicle owners the choice of a tailpipe emissions test in certain situations.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent the Environmental Protection Agency amends the state implementation plan to allow for tailpipe testing, the cost of implementing the tailpipe test would be passed on from the emissions testing vendor to motor vehicle owners and would not significantly impact state or local expenditures.
Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

SB38 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,
Summary: Enacts the "Affordable Rental Property Act," which requires THDA to annually research the availability of affordable rental housing in each county of the state and determine which counties have a shortage of affordable rental housing. Requires THDA, for counties having a shortage of affordable rental housing, to set annual county income limits for the following year that qualify different sizes of low-income households for affordable rental housing and to set monthly rental rates that may be charged. Specifies that the monthly rental rates shall be based on the size of the rental unit and the income limit for the size of a low-income household. Requires THDA to provide the assessor of property in counties with a shortage of affordable rental housing and the state board of equalization with the applicable income limits and monthly rental rates. Requires the state board of equalization, in consultation with THDA, to create an application form for owners to use in applying to the assessor of property in a county in which there is a shortage of affordable rental housing for classification of rental housing as affordable rental property. Specifies other requirements for application process. Also specifies requirements for assessment of property that has been classified as affordable rental property.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in Senate after being recalled from Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB43/HB180 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Electronic reports on status of highway project reports.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Allows TDOT to provide general assembly members with electronic or print reports on the status of highway projects. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Infrastructure Subcommittee amendment 1 (006005) creates a "railroad crossing improvement fund" within the state treasury which will be funded by revenues the general assembly finds appropriate, funds from the federal government, or any other government agency or private entity via loans, grants, or donations deemed appropriate and interest earnings from deposits. Monies in the fund will be allocated to local agencies for the construction of railroad crossing remediation projects approved by the department upon approval of a request. Requires the local agency match the proposed expenditures by at least twenty percent of the fund's contribution. Requires the department of transportation only approve projects at a stage of critical need.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/03/19 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee deferred to the second calendar of 2020.

House Status: 04/02/19 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB52/HB289 EDUCATION: Award for first four courses taken under dual enrollment grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) award \$500 for the first four courses taken under a dual enrollment grant. Requires TSAC to determine award course hour for courses five through eight, that cannot exceed the cost per credit hour at state community colleges. The act will apply to students applying for dual enrollment grants for the 2019-2020 school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$7,400,900/Lottery for Education Fund Other Fiscal Impact Funding in an amount exceeding \$7,400,900 in FY19-20 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Fund to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account as a result of students receiving an increased dual enrollment grant.

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

House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

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

SB176/HB201 TAXES PROPERTY: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: Requires THDA to create an annual report researching the availability of affordable housing in each county. Requires THDA to work with the state board of equalization to create an application for those searching in counties with scarce

affordable housing, establishing what is affordable property, along with creating a means of addressing the economic impact upon the owner.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact A precise decrease in local government property tax revenue cannot reasonably be determined.

Senate Status: 03/26/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB224/HB232 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Creates registry of tenants evicted through writs of possession.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

Summary: Directs the housing development agency to create a registry of tenants who have been evicted through the execution of a writ of possession, which will be accessible to landlords in this state.

Fiscal Note: (Dated April 5, 2019) Decrease Local Revenue Exceeds \$300

Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee housing development agency.

SB321/HB543 TAXES PROPERTY: Requirement of notice from the delinquent tax attorney relative to property tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Requires the delinquent tax attorney to pose a copy of the proceeding and send a copy by first-class mail addressed to "occupant" at the last known municipal address of the parcel. Declares that all notices to all owners and interested parties must be detailed by the delinquent tax attorney.

Amendment Summary: House Local Committee amendment 1 (006265) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes (1) establish exact wording for notice which is to be furnished by the delinquent tax attorney; and (2) specify how certain charges and costs incurred by the delinquent tax attorney should be treated on a tax lien.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact A precise fiscal impact to local government revenue cannot reasonably be determined due to multiple unknown factors.

Senate Status: 04/09/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to final calendar.

House Status: 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-6-102; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 21; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 24 and Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 25, relative to delinquent property taxes.

SB324/HB271 CONSTRUCTION: Payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary: Prohibits a written contract to have a condition precedent for payment clause where the prime contractor is not required to pay the remote contractor due to contract or until they are paid by the construction owner. Declares that if payment is not received, work by contractor can be suspended until received. Makes other revisions relative to the payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

Amendment Summary: House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (004904) defines "subcontractor." Establishes requirements of notices to owners from all lienors, except laborers, and subcontractors of a remote contractor or materialman. Declares that a written contract between a prime contractor and a remote contractor cannot include a condition precedent for payment clause stating the prime contractor is not obligated to pay the remote contractor for performing in accordance with the contract unless the prime contractor is paid by the owner, with exceptions established. Declares upon an owner's default or refusal to pay, the right to recovery is limited to the contractor's expenses incurred under contract, that if an owner doesn't pay a prime contractor within seven days, the prime contractor can stop work upon seven days of written notice, and if an owner doesn't pay a remote contractor within 15 days, the remote contractor can stop work upon 15 days of written notice.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/16/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to first calendar of 2020.

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

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6; Title 66, Chapter 11 and Title 66, Chapter 34, relative to payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

SB332/HB332 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires TDOT submit report on statutes regarding railroad transportation.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Requires TDOT to submit an annual report to the governor, chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, and comptroller of the treasury on conferences or conventions where the department confers with other state transportation departments and the interstate commerce commission on a draft of statutes that secure uniform control of railroad transportation in the states. Broadly captioned.

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

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 42; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB374/HB366 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Definition of a rickshaw.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Johnson, Curtis

Summary: Excludes a bicycle built for more than three (3) persons or any type of motorized scooter used by persons with disabilities from the definition of a rickshaw.

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

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

SB514/HB556 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Red warning flag on a load projecting from motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Reedy, Jay

Summary: Adds pliable plastic approved by the commissioner of safety as a material that may be used as a red warning flag on a load projecting from certain motor vehicles. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB574/HB693 TAXES PROPERTY: Time frame for eligible taxpayers to apply for refund.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Extends time eligible taxpayers may apply for a refund or present a credit voucher for credit on their taxes from within 35 days from the date taxes in the jurisdiction become delinquent for that year to within 40 days from that date. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property tax.

SB610/HB789 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Survey and plans of proposed projects - filing recommendations with county clerk.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Extends, from 10 to 14 days, the time period within which the committee appointed by a county legislative body to study surveys and plans of county roads has to reduce its recommendations to writing and file them with the county clerk. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB714/HB851 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Notice of an execution and sale of land.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Halford, Curtis
Summary: Increases the time in which a person in actual possession and occupation of land must be provided notice of execution and sale, from 20 days to 25 days.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26; Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to property.

SB1001/HB1344 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Alternative provisions - regional transportation authority.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary: Increases the maximum timeframe in which the governing board of the Middle Tennessee transportation authority may vote to adopt alternative provisions to operate as a regional transportation authority to 90 days. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1071/HB275 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires housing development agency submit reports on blight elimination programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires the housing development agency submit a report on implementation of any amended policies to improve the agency's blight elimination program to the state and local government committee of both legislative houses by March 1 each year.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68, relative to housing.

SB1079/HB595 TAXES GENERAL: TDOT - quarterly report on the status of highway projects.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Requires department of transportation to send quarterly report on the status of highway projects to comptroller of the treasury. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 29; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 64 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1108/HB276 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Authorizes electronic quarterly highway project status reports to general assembly.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Smith, Robin
Summary: Authorizes department of transportation to electronically provide the quarterly report to each member of the general assembly on the status of highway projects in the county or counties that the member represents.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1125/HB1127 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Report on sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Tillis, Rick
Summary: Requires the state fire marshal to submit a report with the commissioner of commerce and insurance on the benefits of using sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings located in this state as compared to the use of standard smoke detectors in such buildings.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

SB1167/HB614 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires landlords provide email addresses.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce
Summary: Requires a landlord to provide certain local governmental agencies responsible for enforcing building codes the landlord's email address, in addition to name, telephone number, and physical address.
Amendment Summary: House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (004989) makes it illegal for any lessor to lease, let, or rent a dwelling unit to an illegal alien, or allow an occupant who is an illegal alien to reside in a dwelling unit leased or rented by the lessor, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that the alien entered or remains in the United States illegally. Requires lessor verify citizenship and lawful presence of prospective occupants and maintain verifying documents for at least one year following the occupant ceasing to rent, let or lease from the lessor. Establishes punishment for offenses. Specifies that the law applies only to contracts to let, lease, or rent dwelling units on or after the effective date of this act. Requires law enforcement officers investigating violations of this law request federal verification on whether an occupant is an alien lawfully present in the United States. Prohibits law enforcement officers or agencies from making independent determinations of any occupant's immigration status.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/26/19 - House Commerce Committee deferred to summer study.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62 and Title 66, relative to the landlord tenant relationship.

SB1272/HB314 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Instructors for online commercial driver training course.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Specifies that it is unlawful for any person to act as an instructor for any commercial driver training school and to teach an online course without a current license to act as an instructor from the commissioner of the department of revenue.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

SB1288/HB1389 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Eliminates requirement for funds to be for certain highways.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-1987 and 1993-1994 fiscal years.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1302/HB262 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requirement on funds from the 1986 gasoline tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases to be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-87 and 1993-94 fiscal years.
Amendment Summary: Senate Transportation & Safety Committee amendment 1, House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (006688) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to study implementation of a public-private partnership to develop, construct, and finance transportation network hubs near the interstate and major highway corridors in the Middle Tennessee Region that will interconnect long-distance commuters to their employers in Nashville, utilizing transportation network company drivers that provide parking and transportation services at the transportation network hubs, including ridesharing and carpooling services, into, from, and around Nashville, to allow a free-flowing commute into, from, and around Nashville. Requires TDOT to submit its finding and any recommendations, on or before February 1, 2020, to the Transportation and Safety Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 04/22/19 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54; Title 55; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1329/HB1467 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - effects administrative rules and regulations have on small businesses.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary: Requires an agency to submit an estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives prior to filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state. Orders the estimate to include implementation costs incurred by all small businesses over three years, number of small businesses affected by the regulation, reasoning upon which the estimate is based and all information used in determining the estimate. Prohibits the agency from promulgating a regulation that will cost equal to or greater than \$3,000,000, unless there is authorizing legislation or a germane modification to reduce costs below the \$3,000,000 threshold. Does not apply to institutions of higher education, emergency rules, or regulations required by federal mandate.
Amendment Summary: House Government Operations amendment 1 (005092) establishes that an agency must submit an estimate to the fiscal review committee between 60 and

90 days of filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state, with the review from the fiscal review staff for accuracy. Declares that the fiscal review staff must review the estimate for accuracy, where after confirmation or modification, the executive director of the fiscal review committee will submit the estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the house and senate.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 16, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Due to the uncertain complexity of the additional responsibilities and the extent to which certain agencies will be impacted, there may be additional state expenditures incurred in order to comply. Future interpretation or expansion of what is requested of agencies may result in the need to contract for services.

Senate Status:

02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status:

01/22/20 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

Caption:

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

SB1370/HB284 TAXES PROPERTY: Eliminates requirement of a report from the state board of equalization.

Sponsors:

Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

Summary:

Eliminates commissioner's duty to prepare and transmit a report to the general assembly on the first day of its organizational session of the work of the state board of equalization.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

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

House Status:

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

Caption:

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

SB1432/HB522 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Addresses tenant and landlord email notification.

Sponsors:

Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Timothy

Summary:

Allows a tenant to rescind the use of an email address provided in the rental agreement by written notice to the landlord. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

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

House Status:

02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption:

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to property.

SB1495/HB918 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Fines for overdimensional and overweight loads.

Sponsors:

Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly

Summary:

Increases the time period within which all fines and penalties collected from violations of restrictions on the maximum weight of freight motor vehicles must be paid to 20 days.

Amendment Summary:

House Safety and Funding Subcommittee amendment 1 (004804) increases the excess weight limit for various fine levels for overweight vehicles transporting loads.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/12/19 - House Safety & Funding Subcommittee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1 (004804).

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to overdimensional and overweight loads.

SB1497/HB618 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Extends Slow Poke Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Windle, John

Summary: Extends the "Slow Poke Law," which prohibits the operation of vehicles in the left lane, except for passing and other purposes, to interstates and multi-lane divided highways with two or more lanes.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$1,900 Increase Local Revenue \$100

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

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to passing lanes and restrictions.

SB1587/HB1601 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on number of current low-emission vehicles using stickers to operate in HOV lanes.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requests the department of revenue to submit a one-time report to the fiscal review committee and transportation committees of each house on or before March 1, 2020, projecting the number of current low-emission or low-emission and energy-efficient vehicles issued stickers to operate in the high occupancy vehicle lanes, and the projected number over the next four years. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 14, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1588/HB1602 TAXES FUEL: Use of funds from 1986 gas tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-1987 and 1993-1994 fiscal years. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1589/HB1603 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on number of commercial driver license holders who previously held military commercial driver licenses.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the department of safety to report to the transportation committees of both houses by February 1, 2020, the number of commercial driver license holders who previously held military commercial driver licenses, and whether they experienced any barriers in applying for such state license. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1590/HB1604 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Notice regarding relocation of utility facilities located in a state highway right-of-way.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Increases, from 10 to 30, the number of days an owner of utility facilities located in a state highway right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice, and the number of days an owner has to file the reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

SB1591/HB1605 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: New specialty earmarked license plate for Southern leopard frog.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Creates a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Southern leopard frog (*Lithobates sphenoccephalus*). Specifies that the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates must be deposited in the wildlife resources fund to be used exclusively for management, protection, propagation, and conservation of fish and wildlife species, including the Southern Leopard frog, and the protection and enhancement of such species' habitats.

Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB1608/HB1594 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Rules concerning equipment and routes.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the commissioner of the department of transportation to provide a report to the chairs of the transportation and safety committee of the senate and the transportation committee of the house whenever rules are promulgated regulating equipment required for vehicles as a condition to using the system of state highways or establishing particular highways upon which commercial motor vehicles may operate. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB1609/HB1595 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Revises definition of disabled driver.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Removes language from the definition of "disabled driver" that states that such definition also includes the owner of a motor vehicle who is so ambulatorily disabled that the person cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest and who is seeking treatment and/or healing solely by prayer through spiritual means in the practice of religion in accordance with the creeds or tenets of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1612/HB1596 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Creation of office of accessible transportation.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the department of transportation to create the office for accessible transportation within the department to provide resources and expertise for expanding and improving accessible transportation in the state.

Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Referred to House Infrastructure Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 23; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB1615/HB1606 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Notice period for termination of residential tenancy.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: Reduces the required notice period for termination of residential tenancy to three days in a county with a population more than 75,000 and to 14 days for all other counties in situations where an unauthorized subtenant refuses to vacate the premises

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 15, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to residential leases.

SB1667/HB1745 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - department of transportation.

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

Summary: Extends the department of transportation to June 30, 2024.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/22/20 - Introduced in the House

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

SB1734/HB1682 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Expands county legislative bodies authority on public roads.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Haston, Kirk
Summary: Expands county legislative bodies authority to adopt alternative procedures for opening, changing, or closing of public roads in the county. Authorizes formation of a committee of the county legislative body to perform certain functions for the opening, changing, or closing of such roads if no regional planning commission exists.
Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to House Infrastructure Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 10, Part 2, relative to opening, closing, or changing public roads.

SB1756/HB1640 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Issuance of a Linemen Power Tennessee new specialty earmarked license plate.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Authorizes issuance of a Linemen Power Tennessee new specialty earmarked license plate to operators of vehicles that are used for passenger transport, owned by an entity that is subject to the Rural Electric and Community Services Cooperative Act, and that have a maximum gross weight less than 9,000 pounds.
Senate Status: 01/22/20 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 01/22/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB1775 HEALTH CARE: Deletes manufactured home monitoring inspection fee.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky ,
Summary: Deletes the commissioner of the department of commerce and insurance's ability to charge a monitoring inspection fee to manufactured home manufactures for each home produced in this state. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/23/20 - Introduced in the Senate
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to manufactured homes.

HB53 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms.

Sponsors: Rep. Potts, Jason
Summary: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms and recommends that all other new constructions have smoke alarms. Requires these smoke alarms have batteries that will operate continuously for at least 10 years.
House Status: 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

HB401 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Transit Improvement District Act.

Sponsors: Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Declares that high capacity transit system require areas of high quality and economic opportunity to support investments and pedestrians of the area. Authorizes municipalities to create a transit improvement district with the broadest possible discretion in establishing these districts in cooperation with regional transportation authorities and municipalities. Declares that services within Knox and Blount counties will utilize property on which transportation infrastructure already exists. Defines costs, description, reimbursement, and payment of the transit projects that must be reported to the governing body. Defines the size and operation of the transit system, along with the timeframe of projects. (17 pp).

House Status: 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

HB1593 INSURANCE AUTOMOBILES: Tennessee automobile insurance plan - annual reporting requirements.

Sponsors: Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Extends, from September 30 to October 15 of each year, the deadline by which the governing committee of the Tennessee automobile insurance plan must submit its annual financial report to the department of commerce and insurance. Broadly captioned.

House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 42; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

HB1696 UTILITIES: Requires DOT to submit common carrier reports within 60 days.

Sponsors: Rep. Marsh, Pat
Summary: Requires the department of transportation to submit any common carrier reports to the chairs of the transportation committee of the house of representatives, the chairs of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the comptroller of the treasury within 60 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

House Status: 01/22/20 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

HJR54 EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Sponsors: Rep. Sparks, Mike
Summary: Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

House Status: 04/17/19 - House adopted.

