

BILL	SPONSOR	SYNOPSIS	POSITION	STATUS	CHAMBER SUCCESS
<b>COMMERCIAL LAW</b>					
SB0547 HB0545	Ketron Rogers	<b>Business Cyber Security:</b> As amended, Tennessee Chamber supported legislation modifying cyber information security requirements for business. This law requires information holders, following discovery or notification of a breach of system security, to disclose the breach of certain system security to any resident of Tennessee whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.	SUPPORT with Chamber amendment	PASSED PC 0091	✓
SB0888 HB1382	Haile Jernigan	<b>Manufacturing Mandated to Share Intellectual Property:</b> Opposed by the Tennessee Chamber, this legislation would have required certain equipment manufacturers to make available proprietary digital electronic control and repair information to non-authorized repair providers. The bill would have further required these manufacturers to make confidential information available for purchase by any owner or independent repair provider even if the equipment is under warranty.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
SB0305 HB0366	Watson Lynn	<b>Litigation Financing:</b> Revises various provisions regarding litigation lending including assignment and lien priority for financier behind attorney liens, medical liens and liens based upon subrogation interests or rights of reimbursement related to the consumer's legal claim, and child support, Medicare, tax or any other statutory or governmental lien.	NEUTRAL with Chamber amendment	PASSED PC 0212	✓
<b>CRIMINAL LAW / FIREARMS</b>					
SB0131 HB0493	Roberts Holt	<b>Firearms:</b> This bill would have jeopardized the ability for private employers to prohibit working employees from carrying firearms. The bill established that a person may carry a firearms almost anywhere and in any situation. Business believe that government should not interfere with private property rights and employee and employer relationships jeopardizing safety.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
SB1341 HB0884	Bailey Matheny	<b>Firearms:</b> Limits current law allowing businesses and private entities to control firearms on their property. As filed the bill would allow a valid handgun carry permit holder to carry a firearm at any time and in all places in Tennessee unless the permit holder has been drinking alcohol, is in a judicial proceeding, or is on school grounds and does not tell the principal.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
SB1215 HB0529	Norris Hawk	<b>Broadband:</b> Tennessee Chamber 2017 Agenda priority addressing the need for increased broadband across Tennessee. Establishes a \$45m 5-year grant program for the deployment and adoption of broadband access services. Authorizes electric cooperatives to provide cable or video service in addition to providing broadband. This legislation was compromised by all parties and will facilitate economic development in all areas of Tennessee.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0228	✓
<b>EDUCATION &amp; WORKFORCE</b>					
SB1313 HB1391	Yarbro Jernigan	<b>Union Apprenticeships:</b> Union supported legislation that, if enacted, would create an office within the department of economic development to promote union-certified apprenticeship and work study programs.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓

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SB0771 HB0888	Beavers Pody	<b>Bathroom Bill:</b> The Chamber was concerned about the negative economic impact this bill would have on Tennessee. As written, the bill creates a new statewide mandate that students in public schools and colleges must use the restrooms and locker rooms that are assigned to the gender listed on their birth certificates. Similar bills in other states have led to economic boycotts. The state and federal departments of education have issued guidance allowing local education districts to make their own decisions on this complex issue.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB1196 HB0309	Norris Hawk	<b>Classroom Accountability, Evaluations:</b> Haslam administration proposal related to education accountability and student achievement; revises and preserves various accountability provisions related to student achievement and growth data generated from state assessments as components of teachers' evaluation criteria; requires a gradual phase-in of student scores on state assessments to also comprise a percentage of a student's final class grade.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0192	✓
SB0248 HB0022	Tracy Brooks, H.	<b>Drive to 55, Expands Early Post-Secondary Opportunities:</b> Legislation aimed to enhance Tennessee's workforce requiring local education agencies to offer students in each high school at least four early post-secondary credit-bearing courses, such as Advanced Placement, dual credit, or International Baccalaureate courses.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 450	✓
SB1218 HB0531	Norris Hawk	<b>Drive to 55, TN Reconnect:</b> Tennessee Chamber supported legislation enacting a major component of Governor Haslam's Drive to 55, Tennessee Reconnect establishes a last-dollar scholarship program to cover all tuition costs for any adult Tennessee resident without a postsecondary degree or credential to attend a community college or lottery-eligible postsecondary institution in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0448	✓
SB1231 HB0445	Norris Gant	<b>Drive to 55, Work-Based Learning:</b> Authorizes THEC and Board of Regents to develop credit-bearing work-based learning curricula for secondary or postsecondary students participating in job shadowing and apprenticeships as part of the Labor Education Alignment Program.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0283	✓
SB1198 HB0308	Norris Hawk	<b>School Accountability and ESSA Implementation:</b> Makes various revisions to student accountability measures due to the implementation of The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), such as revising the way the state board of education and the department of education determine school performance level; redefines performance-based thresholds for priority school designation and restructures associated improvement intervention and turnaround plans.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0177	✓
SB0340 HB0570	Niceley Powers	<b>Elected School Superintendents:</b> This annual proposal opposed by the business community establishes a mechanism for electing local school superintendents which injects politics into our education system. The proposal would have required 2/3 vote of any local legislative body and a majority vote on a referendum to establish an elected superintendent in that locality.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB0572 HB0997	Gresham White, D.	<b>Student Placement:</b> This legislation proposes a state-mandated academic redistribution scheme into local schools' student placement decisions by adding teacher evaluations and student performance on assessments as factors that determine a student's public classroom assignment.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓

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SB0774 HB0795	Beavers Terry	<b>Teacher Evaluations:</b> This bill would have threatened to roll back the progress Tennessee has made on teacher evaluations requiring the Department of Education to provide an annual report that details the evidence of validity in teacher evaluations.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB1300 HB1312	Yarbro Turner	<b>Educational Assessment and Testing:</b> This bill would limit public schools from giving students standardized test in certain grades, unless it's solely for diagnostic purposes or required by federal law. The bill also prohibits testing as a method of evaluating a school employee.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; ENERGY</b>					
SB1371 HB1405	Johnson Keisling	<b>Protecting Industrial Development: State Air Board.</b> Tennessee Chamber 2017 agenda priority, this bill established clear guidelines for air pollution control boards to consider for industrial projects. The bill prohibits municipalities and counties from including land use or zoning requirements in air pollution control regulations, certificates of exemption, or state implementation plans.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0284	✓
SB1242 HB0486	Norris Lollar	<b>Modifies Solid Waste Board:</b> Proposed bill would alter the membership of the UST and SWD control board from 14 to 16 members. The Chamber and other business groups believe board composition should be comprised of experts instead of activists who seek to stop projects and influence decisions.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB0295 HB0362	Briggs Zachary	<b>Legislative Approval of Storm Water Permits:</b> Opposed by the Tennessee Chamber as drafted since it would require all storm water permits to have legislative approval. Current amendment states, prior to issuing a permit, TDEC is required to submit a report on the financial impact of the national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit to the chairs of the Government Operations committees under the procedures of Rule Review.	NEUTRAL with amendment	<b>FAILED TO PASS</b> referred to 2018	
SB0776/ SB0886 HB0816/ HB1393	Kelsey/ Harris Lollar/ Hardaway	<b>Industrial Use of Underground Water:</b> Two proposals were filed concerning the Memphis Sands Aquifer. Already there are a number of permitting and regulatory requirements that business and industry must follow, both bills would have grown government permit requirements establishing a regional management board, and required a duplicate permit process for additional agencies to approve well drilling.	OPPOSE both	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB0819 HB0764	Southerland Halford	<b>Water Quality Control Act.</b> Requires the wildlife resources agency to refer cases involving potential water release violations to TDEC for investigation. Requires the TDEC to consult with the department of agriculture when investigating on property used in agriculture.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0148	✓
SB1336 HB1021	Bailey Sexton, C.	<b>Local Referendums for Energy Projects:</b> As introduced, this bill was opposed by the Tennessee Chamber as it required a countywide referendum to build industrial projects. As amended, the Tennessee Chamber defers on the bill that now establishes a joint study committee to make recommendations on the need for wind turbine regulations. Sets a one year moratorium for the construction of wind farms unless a county has adopted local regulations.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC0368	✓
<b>GOVERNMENT FUNDS / REGULATION</b>					
SB1049 HB1029	Bowling Lynn	<b>Chemicals:</b> This bill, opposed by the Tennessee Chamber and the American Chemistry Council, would have prohibited the use of certain flame retardants in residential upholstered furniture and children's products.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓

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SB1217	Norris	<b>Protects Citizen Service on Regulatory and Licensing Boards:</b> Creates a review process in Board actions to prevent an unreasonable "restraint of trade". Clarifies that rules and actions of the Board must be consistent with a clearly articulated state policy or law established by the general assembly with respect to the regulatory board.	SUPPORT with Chamber led amendment	PASSED PC 0230	✓
HB0326	Hawk				
SB0473	Roberts	<b>Limits Regulation of Licenses:</b> Enacts the "Freedom to Prosper" Act, limit the circumstances under which local government entities may regulate certain occupations.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0332	✓
HB0979	Calfee				
HEALTHCARE / INSURANCE MANDATES					
SB0210/ SB0367	Green/ Overbey	<b>Health Coverage Mandate:</b> Two insurance mandates that would have required insurance plans in Tennessee to offer an additional and specific type of cancer treatment and mandated that insurance companies will be reimbursed for the additional treatment.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB0883/ HB0523	Holsclaw/ Ramsey				
SB0922	Ketron	<b>Health Coverage Mandate:</b> Business insurance mandate that would have required insurance companies to offer all anti cancer medications at the same price, regardless of the actual cost.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB1059	Lamberth				
SB0991	Green	<b>Pharmacy Benefits:</b> Prevents insurance plans from using certain cost savings tools, such as low co-payments on generic prescription drugs, unless such changes are made during the open enrollment periods.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB0960	Terry				
SB0799	Dickerson	<b>Pharmacy Benefits:</b> Bill would have increased insurance costs by allowing pro-rated dispensing fees when a pharmacist partially fills a prescription in order to synchronize the refill dates of multiple medications.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB0139	Sexton, C.				
JUDICIARY					
SJR 0057	Beavers	<b>Constitutional Amendment:</b> Proposes an amendment to provide for popular election of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of six years. TN Chamber supports the current framework of our state constitution that directs the attorney general be appointed by the state supreme court.	OPPOSE	PASSED Senate	✓
				FAILED House	
LABOR LAW / REGULATORY					
SB0332	Johnson	<b>Employee Pay:</b> Authorizes a private employer to pay their employees monthly. Tennessee Chamber worked on this legislation to ensure that private employers may still pay more frequently.	NEUTRAL	PASSED PC 0362	
HB0419	Wirgau				
SB1029	Yarbro	<b>Employee Benefits:</b> In addition to existing pregnant employee accommodations and remedies, this legislation would have created an additional layer of requirements on private employers and added unnecessary legal remedies against employers.		FAILED referred to 2018	
HB0834	Jones				
SB0262	Johnson	<b>Employee Scheduling:</b> Supported by the Tennessee Chamber, this legislation prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that regulates or imposes a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0107	✓
HB0180	Lynn				
SB1141	Kyle	<b>Leave, Employees:</b> This bill as proposed established six weeks of paid leave for adoption, pregnancy, childbirth, or nursing an infant. The legislation also added a number of stiff legal penalties against employers to defend. Federal legislation has been proposed to provide paid leave from state unemployment insurance funds.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB1184	Powell				
SB1411/ SB1122	Kyle	<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Two versions were introduced for the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act". One establishes a state minimum wage of \$15/hr. on July 1, 2017. The other establishes a minimum wage that increases annually on July 1, until it reaches \$10.10 in 2019 or at least 0.5% higher than the federal minimum wage.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
HB0080/ HB1060	Hardaway / DeBerry				

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SB1105/ SB1106 HB0477/ HB1246	Kyle Clemmons	<b>Employee Pay Mandates:</b> As proposed, this legislation known as the TN pay equality act creates a new legal cause of action for employers to defend against employee pay. The legislation also established in Tennessee law a mandatory framework requiring an employer to prove differences in pay are justified under a specified set of standards. The bill also established stiff legal penalties and fines against business.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
SB0209 HB0165	Green Pitts	<b>Veteran Hiring Preferences.</b> Aligns the state with federal law authorizing private employers to give a hiring preference to honorably discharged veterans, spouses of a veteran with a service-connected disability, and unremarried widows or widowers of a member of the military who died in the line of duty or as the result of a service-connected disability.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0009	✓
SB1421 HB1329	Harris Stewart	<b>Wage Theft:</b> In addition to existing state and federal law, this bill would have added another mandate on private employers establishing failure to pay an employee in full, shall be required pay any unpaid wages due, including interest and pay an additional amount equal to two times the unpaid wages due and legal costs incurred.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
SB0124 HB0038	Crowe Reedy	<b>New Worker Protections:</b> This legislation was amended to prohibit employers from requiring arbitration agreements for employees who are military service members.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
SB1317 HB0866	Crowe Holsclaw	<b>Volunteer Firefighter Protections:</b> In addition to existing state law this bill would have established yet another prohibition against terminating employment of a volunteer firefighter, who is absent or late, due to responding to a state of emergency.	OPPOSE	FAILED referred to 2018	✓
MISCELLANEOUS					
SB0794 HB0464	Dickerson Staples	<b>Government Programs:</b> Enacts Property Assessed Clean Energy Act allowing the County Property Assessor to collect loan repayments from monies borrowed through the program, which focuses on home energy efficiency improvements.	OPPOSE	FAILED Summer Study	✓
SB1087 HB1290	Stephens Sanderson	<b>Energy Authorities:</b> Based on feedback from Chamber members, the Tennessee Chamber worked to amend this legislation to exclude natural gas utilities. Revises the Municipal Energy Authority Act, allowing municipal utilities to convert to energy authorities for electric, telecommunications, water and wastewater services.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0446	✓
SB0453 HB0557	Bell Carter	<b>Notice to property owner:</b> As amended, requires zoning officials to send a certified letter to property owners, when a third party seeks to rezone another's property.	SUPPORT	FAILED referred to 2018	✗
TAX					
SB1207 HB0320	Norris Hawk	<b>Business Flexibility for Franchise &amp; Excise Taxes:</b> Chamber priority legislation authorizing annualization payment method for franchise & excise tax quarterly tax payments. The legislation saves Tennessee business \$13 million annually.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0192	✓
SB0114 HB0052	Overbey Carr	<b>Property Taxes:</b> Legislation provides much needed tax relief for FEMA certified victims of the Gatlinburg/Sevierville area "Two Chimneys Fire".	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0011	✓
SB0415 HB1101	Lundberg Hill, T.	<b>Sales Tax:</b> Allows a local government to raise the existing local option sales tax by 2/3 vote of local governing body, rather than by approval of the votes by referendum	OPPOSE	FAILED withdrawn in House	✓

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SB1221 HB0534	Norris Doss	<b>Transportation Funding: Priority for the Tennessee Chamber included in our 2017 agenda.</b> The <b>IMPROVE ACT</b> , make a number of important investments both in our transportation and infrastructure programs and provides important tax changes for manufacturers known as the single sales factor. Overall the bill was a major tax decrease to facilitate and enhance Tennessee's economic development. In addition the bill reduces taxes on food, dividend income, property taxes on disabled veterans and elderly in poverty.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC0181	✓
SB0963 HB1012	Roberts Hawk	<b>Sales Tax Transportation Funding Plan:</b> Opposed by the Tennessee Chamber and other business groups. The Hawk Plan, was an alternative proposal from the IMPROVE act that would have diverted sales tax from the general fund to pay for road improvements. The legislation also eliminated the much needed single sales factor for manufacturers needed for our economic growth and development.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
SB0151 HB0381	Lundberg Lamberth	<b>Autonomous Vehicles:</b> Automated driving systems (ADS) in Tennessee. Establishes registration, restraint, operational, and accident requirements for autonomous vehicles to operate on public roads and highways in Tennessee.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED sent to Governor	✓
SB0272 HB0222	Beavers Ragan	<b>Driver's Licenses:</b> Required illegal alien marking on drivers license. The Chamber worked to ensure the bill did not send a negative message to foreign owned companies with high level employees here to amend the bill, requiring the department of safety to print "VISA" on driver licenses issued for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United States.	NEUTRAL with amendment	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	
SB0299 HB0187	Bowling Rogers	<b>Toll Roads:</b> Tennessee Chamber members have noted concerns with toll-roads preferring increases in fuel taxes to fund transportation improvements. This legislation would have authorized the Transportation Commissioner to establish toll ways that include existing HOV lanes.		<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	
SB0676 HB0751	Green Marsh	<b>Trucking:</b> Authorizes the utilization of trucking platoons requiring advance notice given to transportation and safety departments. Truck platooning has the potential to save business transportation costs.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0171	✓
<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION</b>					
SB0261 HB0939	Johnson Carter	<b>Workers' Compensation Judicial Appeal:</b> Initiated by the Tennessee Supreme Court, this legislation would have removed a long-standing provision in TN workers' comp law authorizing a direct appeal to the supreme court. The Tennessee Chamber was concerned there would be no backup to appeal cases, forcing business to resort solely to the legislature to resolve interpretations. Last year there were only 8 cases that were appealed to the TN Supreme Court.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB0297 HB0666	Briggs Hill, M.	<b>Worker's Compensation Utilization review:</b> As introduced, this legislation was opposed by the Chamber and later amended by the sponsors to limit the provisions of the bill. As amended this legislation maintains utilization review (authorization) for invasive procedures but allows the treating physician to order diagnostic procedures within medical guidelines within 30 days of the accident. It also increases the death benefit for funeral expenses to \$10,000.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0380	✓

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SB1214 HB0325	Norris Hawk	<b>Worker's Compensation:</b> This is a technical corrections bill from the Worker's Compensation Bureau that was reviewed and approved by the Tennessee Chamber's human resources committee. It allows certain injured workers to access additional vocational services for returning to the workforce. It also allows certain employers to elect work comp coverage by written notification of a partnership or proprietorship.	NEUTRAL	PASSED PC 0334	✓
SB1237 HB0451	Norris Eldridge	<b>Workers Compensation, Rights of Recovery:</b> A number of Chamber members noted concern with this legislation that modified the assignment of fault in workers' compensation cases impacting subrogation. This legislation proposed to allow a court to assign a percentage of fault to an employer in the circumstance that an injured employee also caused harm to a third party.	OPPOSE	<b>FAILED</b> referred to 2018	✓
SB1189 HB0301	Norris Hawk	<b>Retaliatory Taxes:</b> The original bill would have increased the cost of Workers Compensation Insurance by automatically added taxes or fees on insurance companies incorporated outside of Tennessee. The Chamber worked for an amendment to keep claims of unequal taxation on insurance that will be heard in Davidson County Chancery Court instead of an automatic increase.	SUPPORT with amendment	PASSED PC 0423	✓