



TNN Legislative Calendar

Mon 4/14/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Behind the budget calendar MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Williams (R); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); R. Gant (R); J. Gillespie (R); T. Hicks (R); G. Hicks (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); J. Zachary (R)

8. **HB69** **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Verification of voter eligibility.** Requires the coordinator of elections, in collaboration with the department of safety and Tennessee bureau of investigation, to create two electronic portals prior to January 1, 2028, for purposes of verifying an applicant's eligibility to vote based upon United States citizenship and conviction of a felony prior to registering the applicant to vote. Requires department of safety to issue lawful permanent residents a temporary driver license, instead of a standard license, to aid in determining voter eligibility for someone who presents a Tennessee driver license as identification. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004931) creates a portal that checks whether a person is a convicted felon or illegal immigrant before they register to vote. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2028. Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 2, House Transportation Committee amendment 2 (005586) Requires the creation of an electronic portal through which each county administrator of elections may access information to verify whether a person is a United States citizen before they process the person's application to vote. Requires an administrator who rejects an application to provide a written notice to the applicant. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 3, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$800,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Previously awarded federal grant funds could offset some of the expenditures for the development of electronic portals; however, the extent and timing of any such offset cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. HB 69 - SB 133
SB133 - J. Johnson - 04/10/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/15/25.

20. **HB594** **TAXES SALES: Temporary sales periods that a bona fide religious institution may participate in.** Increases, from two to four, the number of temporary sales periods that a bona fide religious institution may participate in and be exempt from registering to collect sales tax on sales directly to consumers made during such temporary sales period. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 27, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$52,200) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$21,300)
SB659 - J. Hensley - 03/11/25 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.

26. **HB7** **EDUCATION: Creates the hunger-free campus grant program.** Creates the hunger-free campus grant program to provide grants to higher education institutions to be used to address hunger on the institutions' campuses. Requires THEC to administer the program. Establishes a separate fund within the general fund to be known as the hunger-free campus grant fund. Specifies that such fund is to be composed of funds specifically appropriated by the general assembly for the grant fund and gifts, grants, and other donations received for the grant fund. Specifies eligibility requirements for higher education institutions for receipt of the grants. **Amendment Summary:** House Education amendment 1, Senate Finance amendment 1 (004938) establishes a hunger-free campus grant program. Declares the program will be used to provide grants to eligible private and public higher education institutions in order to address hunger on the institutions' campuses. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to administer the program. Creates the HungerFree Campus Grant Fund to be funded by gifts, grants, donations, and funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Establishes criteria under the program that institutions must meet in order to be eligible for such grants and sets guidelines for how grant dollars may be spent. House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Finance amendment 2 (006911) specifies that it is the legislative intent that the general appropriations act does not include an appropriation of funds for the hunger-free campus grant program for fiscal year 2024-2025 or 2025-2026. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 25, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT Hunger-Free Tennessee Locally University of General REVENUE Campus Board of Governed Tennessee Fund Grant Fund Regents Institutions System FY25-26 & - \$301,000 \$76,000 \$75,000 \$75,000 Subsequent Years Hunger-Free Tennessee Locally University of General EXPENDITURES Campus Board of Governed Tennessee Fund Grant Fund Regents Institutions System FY25-26 & \$301,000 \$301,000 \$76,000 \$75,000 \$75,000 Subsequent Years
SB172 - B. Massey - 04/08/25 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means placed the bill behind the budget.

35. **HB173** **TENNCARE: Reimbursement rate levels for rural hospitals.** Establishes TennCare minimum and maximum reimbursement rate levels for rural hospitals and requires that the reimbursement rate is based on the rural hospital's current federal fiscal year. Provides that, for routine, nonspecialized inpatient services at rural hospitals, the minimum level of reimbursement is 100% and the maximum level is 120%. Specifies that implementation does not require the expansion of Medicaid. Requires the bureau to publish the list of MS-DRGs included in each service category on its website, to update the list annually and to annually furnish an updated list of MS-DRGs directly to participating rural hospitals. Defines relevant terms. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 26, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,072,300
SB185 - E. Jackson - 03/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

48. **HB410** **EDUCATION: Working group to study and develop best practices for EL educators.** Requires the department of education to convene a working group to study and develop best practices, strategies, and programming for English language learner (EL) educators in this state to utilize in educating EL students enrolled in a public school in this state in any of the grades kindergarten through 12. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Education Committee amendment 1 (004795) requires the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a working group to study and develop best practices, strategies, and programming for English language learner (ELL) educators to utilize in educating ELL students enrolled in a public school in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12). Establishes the required membership for the working group and that members of the working group serve without compensation, and are not entitled to receive per diem or reimbursement for any travel expenses. Requires the DOE to submit a report to certain legislative committees outlining the findings of its study and including any recommendations for legislation by January 1, 2026. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 23, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$22,100
SB246 - T. Gardenhire - 03/06/25 - Senate passed.

49. **HB148** **EDUCATION: Creates Tennessee Promise completions grant special account in state treasury.** Creates the Tennessee Promise completion grant special account in the state treasury for purposes of awarding completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students. Makes the four-year pilot program established by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to award completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students a permanent program. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT Tennessee Promise Completion REVENUE General Fund Grant Special Account FY25-26 & Subsequent Years - \$250,000 Tennessee Promise Completion EXPENDITURES General Fund Grant Special Account FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$250,000 \$250,000
SB686 - D. White - 03/19/25 - Senate Education recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

60. **HB21** **TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of food and food ingredients.** Exempts from the state sales and use tax the retail sale of food and food ingredients. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1 (006794) exempts milk, bread, eggs, butter, cheese, and fresh fruits and vegetables from the state sales tax on food and food ingredients. House Finance Subcommittee amendment 2 (007001) exempts from the sales and use tax all sales of tangible personal property or services conducted by the University of Tennessee through its Agriculture Research and Extension functions, sales conducted through the State Cooperative Extension Program, and sales of tangible personal property or services conducted by Tennessee State University through its Agricultural Extension Program. **Fiscal Note:** (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
SB1367 - B. Watson - 03/18/25 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.

74. **HB813** **TAXES SALES: Exemption - feminine hygiene products.** Exempts feminine hygiene products from sales tax on the annual sales tax holiday. Defines relevant terms. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET (\$255,000) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$3,600
SB188 - L. Lamar - 02/25/25 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.

94. **HB98** **PUBLIC FINANCE: Funding of human resource agencies.** Increases the amount of funding the state is authorized to match local contributions for funding of human resource agencies. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 19, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT To the extent the state appropriates the proposed maximum to all human resource agencies in any given year, the increase in state expenditures directly attributable to this legislation will be \$1,980,000 in any such year. In addition, there would be corresponding increases in funding to the human resource agencies. Removing the contribution cap per county may result in a permissive increase in local expenditures. The extent and timing of any permissive increase cannot be reasonably determined. SB165 - P. Walley - 04/09/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/15/25.

112. **HB977** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: List of employees participating in retirement system provided by education associations.** Expands the time in which education associations whose employees participate in the retirement system must submit a list of retired members of the retirement system who are assigned to perform functions or duties for the association as an employee of a subsidiary of the association or an independent contractor to the board of trustees by allowing them to submit the list annually or at such other intervals set by the board. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004486) allows political subdivision to adopt a supplemental bridge benefit for members who are in positions covered by the mandatory retirement. Establishes This supplemental bridge benefit will apply to those members retiring on or after the effective date of the resolution adopted by the political subdivision's chief governing body, and who have reached 55 years of age, but less than 62 years of age. Establishes that members retiring between 55 and 60 years of age shall be paid the supplemental bridge benefit for a period not to exceed 7 years after the member's effective date of retirement. Establishes members retiring after reaching 60 years of age, but no later than 62 years of age shall be paid the supplemental bridge benefit until the member reaches 67 years of age. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB953 - B. Powers - 04/11/25 - Set for Senate Floor 04/14/25.

Mon 4/14/25 9:00am - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

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2. **HB793** **EDUCATION: Authorizes schools to refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States.** Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate amendment 1 (004412) requires a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school to require that each student who seeks to enroll in the LEA or public charter school provide documentation establishing that the student is: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) is in the process of obtaining citizenship; or (3) holds a legal immigration or visa status. Authorizes an LEA and public charter school to enroll students who do not meet one of the residency status criteria upon payment of tuition. Establishes minimum uniform tuition amounts for students. Establishes that an LEA or public charter school shall not refuse to enroll any such student in the LEA or public charter school without first allowing the student to enroll upon payment of tuition. Provides each LEA or public charter school with the discretion as to whether to enroll a student lacking the required documentation and whether to charge tuition. Establishes a student appeal process with the Department of Education. House Education Committee amendment 1 (005269) authorizes a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school to require that each student who seeks to enroll in the LEA or public charter school to produce documentation establishing that the student is: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) is in the process of obtaining citizenship; or (3) holds a legal immigration or visa status. Authorizes an LEA and public charter school to: (1) enroll students without requiring the production of documentation; (2) condition the enrollment of students on the production of documentation, regardless of whether the documentation produced establishes that a student meets, or fails to meet, one of the criteria; (3) condition the enrollment of a student who does not produce documentation as required by the LEA or public charter school, or whose documentation does not establish that the student meets one of the criteria on the and payment of tuition; or (4) deny enrollment to a student who does not produce the required documentation, or whose documentation does not establish that the student meets one of the criteria, without having to offer the student the option of enrolling in the LEA or public charter school if the student pays tuition. Establishes minimum uniform tuition amounts for students. Establishes a student appeal process with the Department of Education (DOE) and enrollment procedures for LEAs and public charter schools during the appeal. Exempts a student and the parent or guardian of a student who is denied enrollment in, or who is removed from, an LEA or public charter school pursuant to this act from all compulsory school attendance and truancy intervention laws and requirements. Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, requires each LEA and public charter school to document the number of students who enroll in the LEA or public charter school without providing a true copy of the student's birth certificate and to annually report that number to the DOE. Requires the DOE to report such information received from each LEA and public charter school for the immediately preceding school year to the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate by July 1 each year. Senate amendment 2 (006947) amends amendment drafting number 004412. Requires a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school to enroll a school-age student who resides within the geographic boundaries of the LEA or public charter school and who provides documentation establishing that the student is: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) is in the process of obtaining citizenship; or (3) holds a legal immigration or visa status. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 28, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT 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 certainty. SB836 - B. Watson - 04/10/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004412) and amendment 2 (006947).

13. **HB138** **EDUCATION: Establishing a fund for career and technical education supports.** Creates a special fund to provide grants to local education agencies and public charter schools for the acquisition, retention, or expansion of digital career and technical education curricula through platforms containing comprehensive courses with lesson plans, media rich content and activities, and interactive assessments. Requires the department of education to administer the fund and establish procedures for LEAs and public charter schools to apply for grants. **Amendment Summary:** House Education Committee amendment 1 (006196) specifies that it is the general assembly's intent that the fund consists of a nonrecurring appropriation of \$6,000,000 from the general fund to be divided and used evenly during the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, respectively. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 22, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Career & Technical Education Curriculum Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$5,000,000 Career & Technical Education EXPENDITURES General Fund Curriculum Fund FY25-26 \$5,017,000 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$5,007,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$5,000,000 SB612 - B. Massey - 02/26/25 - Senate Education recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

19. **HB322** **CRIMINAL LAW: Creates the offense of human smuggling.** Creates the offenses of human smuggling and the offense of harboring or hiding, or assisting another in harboring or hiding, within this state an individual who the person knows or should have known has illegally entered or remained in the United States. Authorizes the attorney general to take certain actions against a person or organization who commits or is about to commit a human trafficking offense or an aggravated human trafficking offense. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (006449) creates a Class E felony offense of human smuggling. Creates a Class A felony offense of aggravated human smuggling. Expands the offense of human trafficking to include promoting the prostitution of a minor. Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring an action in state court against a person or organization that is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a human trafficking offense or aggravated human trafficking offense. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for harboring, hiding, or assisting another person in harboring or hiding an individual who has illegally entered or remained in the United States, punishable only by a fine of \$1,000 for each person hidden or harbored. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$4,000 SB392 - B. Taylor - 04/11/25 - Set for Senate Floor 04/14/25.

29. **HB923** **STATE GOVERNMENT: Dismantling DEI Departments Act.** Enacts the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act," which requires that a department, agency, or other unit of state government, county government, municipal government, metropolitan government, or a public institution of higher education shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion with all mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (006418) enacts the Dismantling DEI Departments Act. Prohibits a department, agency, or other unit of state government, or political subdivision of the state, such as a county, municipal, metropolitan government, or public institution of higher education from maintaining or authorizing an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. Declares all mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such an office, division, or department as void. Declares the prohibition does not apply to such entities that submit a notice in writing to the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) that compliance with this section would result in a loss of federal funding, to the extent such an exemption is necessary to conform to federally awarded or amended contracts, subcontracts, or postsecondary grants as a condition to receipt of federal funds. Requires the COT to review the notice and upon determination that such would result in federal funding to notify the entity in writing of the exemption. Requires the entity to annually renew in writing the exemption with the COT. Removes the requirement that appointing authorities must strive to ensure certain boards, commissions, committees, and other governing or advisory entities of the executive branch of state government (boards) are represented by members of a certain age, gender, or racial minority. Requires that appointing authorities strive to ensure that all appointments to serve on boards be made based on individual merit, qualifications, and needs. Terminates the Minority-Owned Businesses Advisory Council attached to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB1084 - J. Johnson - 04/11/25 - Set for Senate Floor 04/14/25.

Mon 4/14/25 2:00pm - House Chamber, House Consent

The House will take up the following items on consent: hr109, hjr629:644

1. **HB391** **HEALTH CARE: Solicitation materials to be used by a professional solicitor on behalf of a nonprofit organization.** Revises notification requirements for timely filing of fundraising campaign literature by allowing a professional solicitor to file with the secretary of state required solicitation campaign literature or promotional materials, within 90 days after a solicitation campaign has been completed or within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for a campaign that lasts more than one year. Removes the requirement that a professional solicitor must notify the secretary of state or provide copies of any modification or changes in campaign solicitation literature or promotional materials. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB453 - T. Hatcher - 03/17/25 - Senate passed.

12. **HB1385** **EDUCATION: Reporting of activities by a school support organization.** Requires a school support organization and a group or organization that collects and raises money, materials, property, or securities while representing itself to be a school support organization to annually provide a detailed report of the organization's receipts and expenditures while representing itself to be a school support organization to the department of education by July 1 each year, unless the school support organization is a booster club, parent teacher association, parent teacher organization, or parent teacher support association. Requires the department to publish the reports on the department's website for at least three years from the date by which the report was submitted. Broadly captioned. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB1417 - S. Kyle - 03/31/25 - Senate passed.

14. **HB35** **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: MidSouth development district state financial assistance.** Adds the MidSouth development district to the list of development districts to which this state intends to assist financially; specifies an overall state funding level for the nine development districts. Changes the calculation for how much funding each development district will receive. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$995,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$995,000
SB751 - K. Yager - 04/11/25 - Set for Senate Consent 2 04/14/25.

28. **HB779** **EDUCATION: Charitable solicitations - registration exemptions for educational institutions.** Corrects a reference in the charitable solicitations law that requires educational institutions be approved as such by the Tennessee public charter school commission rather than the state board of education to be exempt from registration requirements. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB563 - M. Pody - 03/24/25 - Senate passed.

38. **HB672** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Redefines remediation site.** Redefines "remediation site" to include a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity whose main purpose is to promote industrial development and new nuclear development upon dissolution of the existing nonprofit entity. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 27, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB758 - K. Yager - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.

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67. **HB1097** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Reports on and penalties for violations of state law or the state constitution.** Requires the attorney general and reporter, at the request of a member of the general assembly, to investigate an ordinance, regulation, order, or other official action adopted or taken by the chief executive officer or governing body of a local government or any written policy, written rule, or written regulation adopted by any agency, department, or other entity of the local government that the member alleges violates state law or the Constitution of Tennessee. Creates penalties for violations. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (006481) authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to review whether or not a local government action violates state law or the Constitution of Tennessee. Establishes that, if the AG determines that the local government action violates state law or the Constitution of Tennessee, the AG must notify the local government's chief executive officer specifying the statutory or constitutional provision that the local government has violated. Establishes that if a local government receives a notice, within 60 days from receipt, the local government may: (1) resolve the violation by repealing or revising the local government action to eliminate the violation; or (2) challenge the finding of the AG by filing a special action before a three-judge panel seeking a declaratory judgment that the local government action is consistent with and does not violate state law or the Constitution of Tennessee. Requires the AG to defend the AG's finding in the special action. Requires the AG to instruct the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) and the State Treasurer to withhold all funds of the state allotted to the local government, including state-shared taxes, if the entity fails to resolve or repeal the violation within 60 days. Requires the AG to notify the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the impacted local government that the violation has been resolved. Restores such funding to the local government upon the AG's determination that the issue has been resolved. Requires F&A to hold the withheld funds in reserve and to allocate to the local government once the violation has been resolved. Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to local government actions taken on or after that date and funds allocated or appropriated during or after FY26-27. Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 2 (006993) authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to review whether or not a local government action violates state law or the Constitution of Tennessee. Establishes that, if the AG determines that the local government action violates state law or the Constitution of Tennessee, the AG must notify the local government's chief executive officer specifying the statutory or constitutional provision that the local government has violated. Establishes that if a local government receives a notice, within 60 days from receipt, the local government may: (1) resolve the violation by repealing or revising the local government action to eliminate the violation; or (2) challenge the finding of the AG by filing a special action before a three-judge panel seeking a declaratory judgment that the local government action is consistent with and does not violate state law or the Constitution of Tennessee. Requires the AG to defend the AG's finding in the special action. Requires the AG to instruct the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) and the State Treasurer to withhold all funds of the state allotted to the local government, including state-shared taxes, if the entity fails to resolve or repeal the violation within 60 days. Requires the AG to notify the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the impacted local government that the violation has been resolved. Restores such funding to the local government upon the AG's determination that the issue has been resolved. Requires F&A to hold the withheld funds in reserve and to allocate to the local government once the violation has been resolved. Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to local government actions taken on or after that date and funds allocated or appropriated during or after FY26-27. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB845 - A. Lowe - 04/09/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 3 (007091). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

74. **HB885** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Agendas for meetings of governing bodies.** Expands the requirement that state and local governing bodies make an agenda available to the public prior to regular public meetings of the body to include the governing bodies of certain nonprofit organizations, including nonprofit community organizations that receive federal funding, nonprofit organizations that receive community grant funds from this state or certain funding from local governments, nonprofit organizations created for the benefit of local governments, and nonprofit organizations that provide the metropolitan government of Nashville/Davidson County with certain utility services. Requires, rather than permits, such governing bodies that maintain a website to post the agenda to the website. **Amendment Summary:** House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate amendment 3 (006988) defines "local governmental body" as: (1) the legislative body of an incorporated city or town, a metropolitan government, or a county; (2) a regional or municipal planning commission; (3) a board of zoning appeals; (4) a public utility board; (5) an industrial development corporation board of directors; (6) a housing authority; (7) a regional or municipal airport authority; (8) A county election commission; and (9) the budget committee of a legislative body of an incorporated city or town, a metropolitan government, or a county. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB212 - T. Gardiner - 04/07/25 - Senate passed with amendment 3 (06988).

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4. **SB751** **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: MidSouth development district state financial assistance.** Adds the MidSouth development district to the list of development districts to which this state intends to assist financially; specifies an overall state funding level for the nine development districts. Changes the calculation for how much funding each development district will receive. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$995,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$995,000
HB35 - G. Hicks - 04/11/25 - Set for House Consent 04/14/25.

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10. **SB392** **CRIMINAL LAW: Creates the offense of human smuggling.** Creates the offenses of human smuggling and the offense of harboring or hiding, or assisting another in harboring or hiding, within this state an individual who the person knows or should have known has illegally entered or remained in the United States. Authorizes the attorney general to take certain actions against a person or organization who commits or is about to commit a human trafficking offense or an aggravated human trafficking offense. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (006449) creates a Class E felony offense of human smuggling. Creates a Class A felony offense of aggravated human smuggling. Expands the offense of human trafficking to include promoting the prostitution of a minor. Authorizes the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to bring an action in state court against a person or organization that is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a human trafficking offense or aggravated human trafficking offense. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for harboring, hiding, or assisting another person in harboring or hiding an individual who has illegally entered or remained in the United States, punishable only by a fine of \$1,000 for each person hidden or harbored. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$4,000 HB322 - C. Todd - 04/09/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/14/25.

23. **SB953** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: List of employees participating in retirement system provided by education associations.** Expands the time in which education associations whose employees participate in the retirement system must submit a list of retired members of the retirement system who are assigned to perform functions or duties for the association as an employee of a subsidiary of the association or an independent contractor to the board of trustees by allowing them to submit the list annually or at such other intervals set by the board. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004486) allows political subdivision to adopt a supplemental bridge benefit for members who are in positions covered by the mandatory retirement. Establishes this supplemental bridge benefit will apply to those members retiring on or after the effective date of the resolution adopted by the political subdivision's chief governing body, and who have reached 55 years of age, but less than 62 years of age. Establishes that members retiring between 55 and 60 years of age shall be paid the supplemental bridge benefit for a period not to exceed 7 years after the member's effective date of retirement. Establishes members retiring after reaching 60 years of age, but no later than 62 years of age shall be paid the supplemental bridge benefit until the member reaches 67 years of age. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB977 - J. Burkhardt - 04/10/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/14/25.

28. **SB1083** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Dismantle DEI Act.** Enacts the "Dismantle DEI Act." Prohibits local governments from basing hiring decisions on any metrics that considers a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or hiring a candidate in order to achieve any goals to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion in the workplace. **Amendment Summary:** House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (006805) enacts the Dismantle DEI in Employment Act. Prohibits the state, any local government, any local education agency (LEA), and public institutions of higher education from basing employment decisions on metrics which consider an applicant's race, ethnicity, sex, age, or any other demographic characteristic, rather than on individual merit, qualifications, veteran status, or lawful eligibility criteria. Creates exemptions to the aforementioned prohibition for such entities, as necessary to conform to federal guidelines in order to maintain eligibility for federal funding. In order to receive such exemption, the respective entity must submit notice in writing to the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) that compliance with this act would result in a loss in federal funding. The COT is required to create guidelines establishing what information must be included in any such notice. The COT must review each notice and if approved, such exemption shall be granted. Exemptions must be renewed annually. Requires any such entity to notify the COT within 14 days if such conditions or justifications for an exemption no longer exist. Removes the requirement that the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) recommend a policy to promote educator diversity to the State Board of Education (SBE), and rather, prohibits the SBE from adopting a policy that promotes educator diversity based on race, ethnicity, sex, age, or any other demographic characteristic, rather than on individual merit, qualifications, veteran status, or lawful eligibility criteria. Specifies that any policy previously adopted by the SBE in conflict with this act is void and of no effect. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB622 - A. Maberry - 04/09/25 - House Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (verbal). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

29. **SB1084** **STATE GOVERNMENT: Dismantling DEI Departments Act.** Enacts the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act," which requires that a department, agency, or other unit of state government, county government, municipal government, metropolitan government, or a public institution of higher education shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion with all mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (006418) enacts the Dismantling DEI Departments Act. Prohibits a department, agency, or other unit of state government, or political subdivision of the state, such as a county, municipal, metropolitan government, or public institution of higher education from maintaining or authorizing an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. Declares all mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such an office, division, or department as void. Declares the prohibition does not apply to such entities that submit a notice in writing to the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) that compliance with this section would result in a loss of federal funding, to the extent such an exemption is necessary to conform to federally awarded or amended contracts, subcontracts, or postsecondary grants as a condition to receipt of federal funds. Requires the COT to review the notice and upon determination that such would result in federal funding to notify the entity in writing of the exemption. Requires the entity to annually renew in writing the exemption with the COT. Removes the requirement that appointing authorities must strive to ensure certain boards, commissions, committees, and other governing or advisory entities of the executive branch of state government (boards) are represented by members of a certain age, gender, or racial minority. Requires that appointing authorities strive to ensure that all appointments to serve on boards be made based on individual merit, qualifications, and needs. Terminates the Minority-Owned Businesses Advisory Council attached to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB923 - A. Maberry - 04/09/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/14/25.

Tue 4/15/25 1:30pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

The committee will meet immediately following Senate Finance, Ways & Means Appropriations Subcommittee. MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Watson (R); VICE CHAIR J. Stevens (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Hensley (R); F. Haile (R); J. Johnson (R); L. Lamar (D); B. Powers (R); P. Rose (R); P. Walley (R); K. Yager (R); J. Yarbro (D)

9. **SB165** **PUBLIC FINANCE: Funding of human resource agencies.** Increases the amount of funding the state is authorized to match local contributions for funding of human resource agencies. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 19, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT To the extent the state appropriates the proposed maximum to all human resource agencies in any given year, the increase in state expenditures directly attributable to this legislation will be \$1,980,000 in any such year. In addition, there would be corresponding increases in funding to the human resource agencies. Removing the contribution cap per county may result in a permissive increase in local expenditures. The extent and timing of any permissive increase cannot be reasonably determined. HB98 - G. Hicks - 04/10/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/14/25.

17. **SB1395** **PUBLIC FINANCE: Grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care.** Authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB1401 - G. Hicks - 02/10/25 - Referred to House Delayed Bills Committee.

22. **SB133** **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Verification of voter eligibility.** Requires the coordinator of elections, in collaboration with the department of safety and Tennessee bureau of investigation, to create two electronic portals prior to January 1, 2028, for purposes of verifying an applicant's eligibility to vote based upon United States citizenship and conviction of a felony prior to registering the applicant to vote. Requires department of safety to issue lawful permanent residents a temporary driver license, instead of a standard license, to aid in determining voter eligibility for someone who presents a Tennessee driver license as identification. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004931) creates a portal that checks whether a person is a convicted felon or illegal immigrant before they register to vote. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2028. Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 2, House Transportation Committee amendment 2 (005586) Requires the creation of an electronic portal through which each county administrator of elections may access information to verify whether a person is a United States citizen before they process the person's application to vote. Requires an administrator who rejects an application to provide a written notice to the applicant. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 3, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$800,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Previously awarded federal grant funds could offset some of the expenditures for the development of electronic portals; however, the extent and timing of any such offset cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. HB 69 - SB 133 HB69 - W. Lamberth - 04/10/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/14/25.

Wed 4/16/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Lafferty (R); VICE CHAIR J. Reedy (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); J. Crawford (R); J. Faison (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Glynn (D); W. Lamberth (R); A. Maberry (R); P. Marsh (R); S. McKenzie (D); A. Parkinson (D); M. Reneau (R); P. Sherrell (R); J. Towns Jr. (D)

2. HB1278 **PUBLIC FINANCE: Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund.** Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund, from which the Tennessee emergency management agency shall provide county recovery grants and direct assistance recovery grants for certain counties and households impacted by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (005314) creates the Hurricane Helene County Relief Fund (CRF), administered by the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A), to provide grants to county governments for infrastructure repairs, remediation, and general recovery efforts. Allocates specific grant amounts to designated counties with application processes and auditing requirements to ensure accountability. Requires counties to maintain records of disbursements for oversight by the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT). Specifies the legislative intent includes a \$50,000,000 appropriation to the CRF in FY25-26. Creates the Hurricane Helene Rapid Response Fund, (RRF) administered by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), to provide direct financial assistance to eligible individuals recovering from the hurricane. Authorizes TEMA to administer grants. Requires TEMA to develop a standardized online application portal and to establish rules for awarding grants, including eligibility criteria, allowable uses of funds, and procedures for expedited application review and approval. Mandates compliance with auditing and reporting requirements, including recordkeeping for COT to publish an aggregated fund distribution report. Specifies the legislative intent includes a \$50,000,000 appropriation to the RRF in FY25-26. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 12, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery Fund FY25-26 \$200,000,000 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$200,000,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$200,000,000 SB 646 HB 1278

SB646 - R. Crowe - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended with amendment 1 (005314). Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.