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Mon 4/7/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Lafferty (R); VICE CHAIR J. Reedy (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemons (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)

22. **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 Education Committee 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 Finance Committee amendment 1 (006826) 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 - 04/01/25 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006947), which 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. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

Tue 4/8/25 8:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

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)

14. **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 - 04/02/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/08/25.

15. **SB172** **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 (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 (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

HB7 - M. Hale - 04/02/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (006911), which 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.

35. **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 Public Service Subcommittee 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. Burkhart - 04/03/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 04/08/25.

Tue 4/8/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); VICE CHAIR E. Davis (R); R. Alexander (R); F. Atchley (R); G. Bulso (R); C. Doggett (R); R. Eldridge (R); J. Garrett (R); T. Harris (D); G. Johnson (D); K. Keisling (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); R. Travis (R)

23. **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:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (004483) 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 - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

29. **HB5** **JUDICIARY: Amount of compensation an injured plaintiff may receive in a civil action.** Increases the amount of compensation an injured plaintiff in a civil action may receive for noneconomic damages from \$750,000 to \$1,500,000. Increases the amount of compensation an injured plaintiff in a civil action may receive for noneconomic damages, if the injury or loss is catastrophic in nature, from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. **Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (005443) establishes that a defendant who commits the Class E felony offense of mailing or delivering an abortion-inducing drug to a patient in this state, and such drug results in the death of an unborn child, is strictly liable in the amount of \$5,000,000 in damages for the wrongful death of a person. Specifies that such liability does not apply to a pharmacist, physician, motor carrier, freight forwarder, or an air carrier. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB419 - J. Hensley - 04/01/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005576). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

45. **HB811** **TORT LIABILITY: Charitable organizations providing housing to persons unlawfully present in the US.** Allows a charitable organization that provides housing to a person who the charitable organization knows is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States while the person is receiving housing services from the charitable organization if the charitable organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct. **Amendment Summary:** Senate amendment 1, House Civil Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (003769) establishes that a charitable organization may be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by a person that is unlawfully present in the United States if: 1) the organization knew the person was unlawfully present in the United States; 2) the person was receiving housing services from the organization when the offense was committed; and 3) the organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB227 - B. Taylor - 04/03/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003769), which establishes that a charitable organization may be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by a person that is unlawfully present in the United States if: 1) the organization knew the person was unlawfully present in the United States; 2) the person was receiving housing services from the organization when the offense was committed; and 3) the organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct.

Tue 4/8/25 12:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR G. Hicks (R); VICE CHAIR J. Gillespie (R); C. Baum (R); C. Boyd (R); K. Camper (D); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); J. Faison (R); B. Freeman (D); R. Gant (R); J. Garrett (R); R. Grills (R); M. Hale (R); D. Hawk (R); T. Hicks (R); B. Hulsey (R); W. Lamberth (R); H. Love Jr. (D); L. Miller (D); D. Moody (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); M. Sparks (R); K. Vaughan (R); R. Williams (R); J. Zachary (R)

20. **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 - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/08/25.

Tue 4/8/25 1:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); VICE CHAIR K. Roberts (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); B. Harshbarger (R); S. Kyle (D); L. Lamar (D); J. Stevens (R); B. Taylor (R); D. White (R)

39. **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:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (004483) 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 - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Tue 4/8/25 2:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Crawford (R); VICE CHAIR D. Wright (R); R. Bricken (R); J. Burkhart (R); E. Butler (R); M. Carringer (R); J. Chism (D); V. Dixie (D); R. Eldridge (R); D. Howell (R); T. Leatherwood (R); M. Littleton (R); G. Martin (R); J. McCalmon (R); L. Miller (D); B. Mitchell (D); J. Moon (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); T. Rudd (R); I. Rudder (R); G. Salinas (D); T. Warner (R)

1. **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. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB845 - A. Lowe - 04/02/25 - Failed in Senate State & Local Government Committee after adopting amendment 2 (006993).

3. **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 Public Service Subcommittee amendment 1 (006268) clarifies that these requirements do not apply to a governing body that is a TennCare vendor. Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (006843) clarifies that these requirements do not apply to a governing body that is a TennCare vendor. Clarifies that these requirements do not apply to a local governing body that has neither the authority to make binding decisions nor the ability to appropriate funds. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB212 - T. Gardenhire - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 3 (006988). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

6. **HJR146** **EDUCATION: Constitutional amendment - local boards of education to approve lotteries conducted by nonprofit school organizations.** Proposes an amendment to Article XI, Williams R. Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to authorize local boards of education to approve lotteries conducted by nonprofit school support organizations. Requires that the net proceeds of the lottery's revenues be allocated to the local education agency to be used for educational or extracurricular purposes. **Amendment Summary:** House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (005294) proposes amending Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee by adding the provision that local boards of education have the power to approve one lottery event per year conducted by a nonprofit school support organization, provided that the net proceeds of the lottery's revenues are allocated to the local education agency to be used for educational or extracurricular purposes and that the lottery event occurs within the geographic boundaries of the school district.

17. **HB177** **STATE GOVERNMENT: Department of safety urged to study enforcement of federal immigration laws.** Urges the department of safety to study the enforcement of federal immigration laws, detentions and removals, investigations in this state, and immigration-related progress and challenges. Requires the department to submit a report, including findings and recommendations, to the governor and general assembly, if such study is conducted, on or before January 1, 2026. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (006262) creates an offense for a person who is not lawfully present in the United States to knowingly enter or attempt to enter this state, or to remain in this state after entering prior to the legislation's effective date. Establishes penalties for violating such an offense. Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution if the defendant has been granted lawful presence or asylum by the federal government, if the defendant's conduct does not constitute a violation of federal statute regarding improper entry by an alien, or if the defendant was approved for benefits under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Requires a judge to issue a written order that requires a person charged or convicted of a violation of this legislation to leave the state within 72 hours upon completion of the sentence imposed by the court. Specifies that persons convicted are not eligible for release prior to serving the entire sentence. Effective on the nearest January or July 1 after the date on which: (1) the United States Supreme Court issues a judgement overruling, in whole or in part, *Arizona v. United States* 567, U.S. 387 (2012); (2) one of a few specific illegal entry laws of another state is valid and enforceable for 60 consecutive days, provided that law is not subject to an injunction or other order issued by a court enjoining its enforcement, or; (3) publication in the Federal Register certifying the ratification of an amendment to the United States Constitution that, in whole or in part, grants states the right to enforce or regulate immigration. Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 2 (006842) adds an age limit of 18 years or older to provisions of the bill on persons who are not lawfully present in the United States and knowingly enters or attempts to enter this state, or knowingly entered this state prior to the effective date of this act, and remains in this state. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB1087 - J. Johnson - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to the first calendar of 2026 after adopting amendment 1 (006262) and amendment 2 (006842). Amendment 1 (006262) creates an offense for a person who is not lawfully present in the United States to knowingly enter or attempt to enter this state, or to remain in this state after entering prior to the legislation's effective date. Establishes penalties for violating such an offense. Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution if the defendant has been granted lawful presence or asylum by the federal government, if the defendant's conduct does not constitute a violation of federal statute regarding improper entry by an alien, or if the defendant was approved for benefits under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Requires a judge to issue a written order that requires a person charged or convicted of a violation of this legislation to leave the state within 72 hours upon completion of the sentence imposed by the court. Specifies that persons convicted are not eligible for release prior to serving the entire sentence. Effective on the nearest January or July 1 after the date on which: (1) the United States Supreme Court issues a judgement overruling, in whole or in part, *Arizona v. United States* 567, U.S. 387 (2012); (2) one of a few specific illegal entry laws of another state is valid and enforceable for 60 consecutive days, provided that law is not subject to an injunction or other order issued by a court enjoining its enforcement, or; (3) publication in the Federal Register certifying the ratification of an amendment to the United States Constitution that, in whole or in part, grants states the right to enforce or regulate immigration. Amendment 2 (006842) adds an age limit of 18 years or older to provisions of the bill on persons who are not lawfully present in the United States and knowingly enters or attempts to enter this state, or knowingly entered this state prior to the effective date of this act, and remains in this state.

21. **HB622** **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 Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (005791) enacts the Dismantle DEI Act. Prohibits the state, any local government, any local education agency (LEA), and public institutions of higher education from basing hiring decisions on metrics which consider an applicant's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability; or from hiring a particular candidate in order to achieve any goals to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion in the workplace; however, an applicant's national origin, age, or disability may be considered if such consideration is expressly permitted by a specific provision of state law or a federal statute or regulation. Removes the requirement that the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) recommend a policy to promote educator diversity to local boards of education, which must subsequently adopt such policy. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB1083 - J. Johnson - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006805). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

23. **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 Department & Agencies Subcommittee 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 - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006418), which 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. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

38. **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 Public Service Subcommittee 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 - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/08/25.

46. **HB744** **STATE GOVERNMENT: Discrimination on basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.** Prohibits an organization or entity receiving financial assistance from this state for programs or activities from denying benefits to, excluding from participation in, or discriminating against a person otherwise eligible for the program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin. Broadly captioned. **Amendment Summary:** Senate amendment 1, House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (004698) revises the provision prohibiting an organization or entity receiving financial assistance from this state for programs or activities from denying benefits to, excluding from participation in, or discriminating against a person otherwise eligible for the program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, to, instead, only apply to such prohibited conduct on the basis of religion. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 4, 2025) EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$78,000 Total Positions Required: 1
SB305 - R. Briggs - 03/17/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004698).

Tue 4/8/25 2:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee Consent

13. **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
Atchley F. SB453 - T. Hatcher - 03/17/25 - Senate passed.

15. **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
Scarborough R. SB758 - K. Yager - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.

Wed 4/9/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm III, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

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)

3. **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 - 04/02/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004931) and amendment 2 (005586). Amendment 1 (004931) creates a portal that checks whether a person is a convicted felon or illegal. 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. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

6. **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. **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
Davis E. SB1367 - B. Watson - 03/18/25 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.

15. **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 \$594,800 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,072,300
Martin B. SB185 - E. Jackson - 03/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.