

# TN AFL-CIO 2019 Tracked Bills

## **SB14/HB67 UTILITIES: Funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide rescue services within utility district's service area.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Permits utility districts formed under the Utility District Law of 1937 to provide funding, if approved by the board of commissioners, to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide rescue services within the utility district's service area and that do not provide fire protection services.

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

*House Status:* 01/27/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

## **SB19/HB301 EDUCATION: Retention election for director of schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. VanHuss, James

*Summary:* Authorizes any county or city governing body to require the director of schools to face a retention election at the next regular August election immediately preceding the expiration of the director of schools' contract. Prohibits a local board of education from extending the contract of a director of schools if a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the director of schools.

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

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

## **SB20/HB70 EDUCATION: Repeal of Virtual Public Schools Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Extends the date of the repeal of the "Virtual Public Schools Act" from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2023.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - House Education Administration Subcommittee deferred to 02/26/19.

## **SB23/HB29 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Establishes process for replacing secretary of state in certain cases.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to appoint a temporary secretary of state if the general assembly is in recess when the office is vacated. Authorizes general assembly to appoint an individual for the remainder of the term if they are in session. Also allows secretary of state to appoint successor for coordinator of elections if vacated.

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

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

## **SB27/HB21 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Selection of candidates for United States senator.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Makes revisions to the nomination process for candidates for United States senator.

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

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

## **SB29/HB384 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Expands first responder benefits to include emergency medical technicians.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Includes emergency medical technicians in the compensation for injury or death suffering during employment.

*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/19/19.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 02/19/19.

## **SB34/HB10 LABOR LAW: Prospective Employee Credit Information Privacy Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Enacts the "Prospective Employee Credit Information Privacy Act," which prohibits an employer from failing or refusing to recruit or interview a prospective employee with respect to employment based on that person's credit information. Establishes a private cause of action for persons injured due to violations by employers.

*Senate Status:* 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in House.

## **SB36/HB137 CRIMINAL LAW: Restoration of voting rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Chism, Jesse

*Summary:* Allows a person who has lost the right to vote to apply for restoration of voting rights if that person is making payments for restitution, court costs and/or overdue child support.

*Senate Status:* 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

**SB38 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,

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

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

**SB40/HB49 TAXES SALES: Exemption for tangible personal property sold to a K-12 school during temporary sales period.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Creates a sales and use tax exemption for all tangible personal property or taxable services sold to a K-12 school or school support group during the first five temporary sales periods of a calendar year.

*Senate Status:* 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

**SB47/HB13 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: County election commission expenses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Requires a county election commission to comply with terms of insurance policy providing coverage of claims asserted in a lawsuit with respect to legal representation of commission. Also requires county election commission to comply with terms of insurance policy with respect to expenses covered by the policy.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB48/HB1358 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Increases threshold for local government purchases requiring public advertisement and sealed bids.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Calfee, Kent

*Summary:* Authorizes a county, municipality, utility district or LEA with a centralized purchasing authority to increase the threshold, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids are required. Decreases the number of purchase orders, from three to two, that must be retained by a county after a purchase order or contract is issued or executed.

*Senate Status:* 02/12/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB50/HB60 EDUCATION: Early learning programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to create a three-year early learning pilot program, to begin in the 2019-2020 school year, to identify early learning programs or models that provide opportunities for quality early childhood education and improvement in student outcomes. Requires the pilot program to be funded through a system of competitive grants utilizing voluntary pre-kindergarten funding. Specifies that grants are to be awarded by the department of education to no more than five LEAs that create a program as approved by the department that implements an early learning program to serve economically disadvantaged students from birth through the third grade, in lieu of the LEA operating a voluntary prekindergarten program.

*Senate Status:* 01/28/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/27/19 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

**SB57/HB978 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Public employment by women with pregnancy-related conditions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Prohibits public employers from discriminating against employees with pregnancy-related conditions, defined as taking adverse action, denying employment opportunities, or requiring employees to take leave. Employers are granted exceptions if providing accommodations for these conditions would result in undue hardship. The human rights commission is charged with developing courses to inform employers, employees, and applicants of their rights and responsibilities, and with hearing complaints from those claiming to be aggrieved by these prohibited discriminatory practices.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB63/HB866 EDUCATION: Expands career and technical education programs to middle school students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

*Summary:* Expands career and technical education to grades six through twelve,. Program must be available to all students in grades six through twelve, with the program serving at least 50% of those students. Requires board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

**SB71/HB28 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Placement of election campaign materials outside of polling locations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

*Summary:* Requires the officer of elections to have sample ballots, voting instructions and other materials placed inside the polling place for the use of voters. Requires the officer to designate entrances to the building where the election is to be held, and to measure off one hundred feet (100') from the entrances and place boundary signs.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - House Local Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

**SB74/HB195 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Allows voter registration with social security number.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Lafferty, Justin

*Summary:* Defines social security number to mean the last four digits of a person's social. Requires secretary of state to create a system for registering voters with their social security numbers and redacting any voting records that contain the full nine-digit social security number.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB79/HB130 UTILITIES: Municipal electric plant to provide internet outside its service area.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kurita, Rosalind , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Authorizes municipal electric plants to provide internet and other services outside its service area. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/19/19.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB86/HB7 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Use of campaign funds for child care expenditures.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Allows a candidate to receive reimbursement for child care costs that resulted from the candidate's participation in campaign related activities.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB87/HB877 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Time period for withdrawing as a candidate.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Establishes that if a candidate wishes to withdraw from an election, the request must be filed by 12:00 pm prevailing time on the sixtieth day before the election.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB90/HB133 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Photo identification licenses issued for the purposes of voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Authorizes usage of out of state driver's licenses to establish an identity for issuing photo identification licenses by the department of safety for voting purposes.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB119/HB451 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - department of labor and workforce development.**

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

*Summary:* Extends the department of labor and workforce development to June 30, 2020.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

**SB122/HB454 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - state unemployment compensation advisory council.**

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

*Summary:* Extends the state unemployment compensation advisory council to June 30, 2023.

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

**SB123/HB455 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - prevailing wage commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Extends the prevailing wage commission to June 30, 2023.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

**SB163/HB726 CORRECTIONS: Reporting of death of any person in custody in the department of corrections.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Rudder, Iris  
*Summary:* Declares that in the event any person dies while in custody of the department of corrections, the commissioner must provide a report of death and report the facility in which the death took place within five business days to the state senator and representative representing the person. Current law specifies a 10-day report time frame. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB176/HB201 TAXES PROPERTY: Affordable Rental Property Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Requires THDA to create an annual report researching the availability of affordable housing in each county. Requires THDA to work with the state board of equalization to create an application for those searching in counties with scarce affordable housing, establishing what is affordable property, along with creating a means of addressing the economic impact upon the owner.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

**SB182/HB248 EDUCATION: Video footage from cameras on school buses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Tillis , Rick  
*Summary:* Requires local boards of education to adopt policies to allow for a parent of a student to request photo or video collected from a camera installed on a school bus if the parent or student reports harm, harassment, or bullying has taken place while the student was being transported on the school bus. Specifies that the policies must require that photos or video footage be viewed under supervision of the director of schools, the school principal, or a school official.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB191/HB144 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Publishing data on minority- and woman-owned businesses with state contracts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Lamar, London  
*Summary:* Requires the central procurement office collect and maintain data regarding minority- and woman-owned businesses that contract with the state and create a public Internet portal publishing collected data. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB192/HB160 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voting at licensed nursing homes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne  
*Summary:* Specifies that institutions designated for elderly or disabled persons with qualified staff who regularly assess residents that are at least 35 percent frail can use the same voting methods as nursing homes.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB193/HB145 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Application procedure for absentee voters who are first time voters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Lamar, London  
*Summary:* Establishes that a person who registered by mail or online voting for their first time may request an application to vote absentee at any county election commission office. The count election commission where the application was completed shall verify the voter's identity and forward said application to the appropriate count election commission.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB196/HB261 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Expands the Right to Earn a Living Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Requires entry regulations, public service restrictions, and statutes to be clearly apparent and shaped to fulfill a legitimate public health or safety objective. Allows individuals to bring civil action on relevant licensing authorities that failed to meet standards.  
*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/19/19.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB200/HB780 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Creates presumption that firefighters with PTSD are eligible for workers' compensation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

*Summary:* Creates presumption that, for purposes of workers' compensation, firefighter or emergency medical services personnel diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sustained the injury in the line of duty in the absence of evidence that the PTSD was caused by other risk factors or exposure.

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB210/HB172 UTILITIES: Rural electric and community services cooperatives - board of directors.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Increases the amount of time members of a cooperative have to return ballots to elect directors of the cooperative by mail from three to five business days.

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB229 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Allows the county to disapprove the pay increase of county officials.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon ,

*Summary:* Allows the legislative body of a county to disapprove the pay increase of county officials for the respective year by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body entitled to vote. Indicates the the legislative body must certify the disapproval to the commissioner of finance and administration and the comptroller of the treasury as soon as practicable.

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

**SB234/HB173 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Registration fee paid by statewide political party campaign committees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Requires statewide political party campaign committees to pay a registration fee to the registry of election finance. Specifies that payment of the fee by one affiliated political campaign committee includes any disclosed affiliated committees.

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

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Local Committee 02/20/19.

**SB235/HB1076 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Extends requirement of disclosure statements for local public office.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Extends requirement of disclosure statements of conflict of interest to local public office and specifies ineligibility for public office if statements are not filed. Requires civil penalties be paid in order to be eligible for election to state public office.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB240/HB312 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Authorizes registration and voting on election day.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Authorizes registration and voting on election day, authorizes updating person's voter information and vote on election day, and requires the state election commission to promulgate rules for such purposes.

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

*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB245/HB200 EDUCATION: Lowers age requirement for school bus endorsement for veterans and teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Lowers to 23 the age required to receive an initial school bus endorsement if the person is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces, national guard or reserves, or a teacher employed by an LEA.

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB247/HB225 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Requires election officials inspect filings for sufficiency and timeliness.**

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

*Summary:* Requires election officials inspect filings for sufficiency and timeliness, establishes conclusive presumption that accepted filings are sufficient and timely filed.

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

*House Status:* 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB253/HB246 TAXES BUSINESS: Phases out professional privilege tax.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Phases out the professional privilege tax over a four-year period for tax years that begin on and after June 1, 2019.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB255/HB216 LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pay Equality Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Declares that an employer shall not discriminate between employees wage rates strictly on the basis of sex. Specifies that an employer cannot prohibit an employee from disclosing or discussing the employee's wages or the wages of another employee of the employer. Also specifies that an employer cannot prohibit an employee from inquiring about the employee's wages or the wages of another employee. Prohibits an employer from discharging, disciplining, or retaliating against an employee who discloses or discusses the employee's wages or the wages of another employee. Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to endeavor to eliminate pay practices unlawful under this part. Also requires the commissioner to develop guidelines to enable employers to evaluate job categories based on objective criteria.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB271/HB208 LABOR LAW: Changes the time period considered the base period concerning unemployment compensation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom  
*Summary:* Redefines "base period" to mean the last two calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year. Excludes temporary total disability from the base period and determines the base period from the last two completed quarters of work before any such disability.  
*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB296/HB311 EDUCATION: Requires board of education approved salary schedules reflect DEP salary and wage increases.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires the salary schedules approved by the state board of education to reflect certain increases to the instructional salaries and wages component of the BEP in the general appropriations act.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB312/HB389 LABOR LAW: Drug testing by employers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Helton, Esther  
*Summary:* Prohibits medical review officers from considering prescriptions issued more than six months prior to a positive confirmed drug result for job applicants to determine immunity from actions authorized for employers to take.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB316/HB194 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Right of the general assembly to intervene in certain litigation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Dunn, Bill  
*Summary:* Allows for the speakers of each chamber, jointly, or a majority of both chambers to intervene on any proceeding of defending the constitutionality of a challenged statute, assert the general assembly's authority, or advocate for construction of statute different from that advocated by the attorney general.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

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

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Gant, Ron  
*Summary:* Prohibits a written contract to have a condition precedent for payment clause where the prime contractor is not required to pay the remote contractor due to contract or until they are paid by the construction owner. Declares that if payment is not received, work by contractor can be suspended until received. Makes other revisions relative to the payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

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

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

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

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

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

**SB336/HB19 EDUCATION: Persons eligible to serve on a local board of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Specifies that a person who is a relative of an LEA's director of schools, a member of the LEA's central office staff, or a member of the LEA's board of education is cannot serve as a member of the LEA's board of education. Exempts members of a local board of education who are currently serving a term on the board for which they were elected before July 1, 2019.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB337/HB20 EDUCATION: Payment of costs associated with background investigations for certain LEA employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to pay for certain background investigations conducted by the TBI and the FBI for persons employed by an LEA who hold a position as a teacher or any other position requiring proximity to school children or to children in a child care program under certain circumstances.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB338/HB18 EDUCATION: Participation in the individualized education account program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Adds students who were previously enrolled in and attended a nonpublic school or home school for the preceding school year to the category of students eligible for their parent to participate in the individualized education account program.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/12/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

**SB342/HB250 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Permits wildlife resource officers to authorize payroll deductions for membership dues to certain organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Freeman, Bob

*Summary:* Enables wildlife resource officers to authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues for organizations that meet certain criteria.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB344/HB1225 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Increases campaign contribution limits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Increases contribution limits to \$4,200 offices elected in statewide elections and to \$2,500 any other state or local public office. Increases limits from multicandidate political campaign committee to \$20,000 for offices elected in statewide elections and to \$10,000 for any other state or local public office. Limits candidates for statewide offices to not more than fifty percent of total contributions and candidates for any other state or to \$200,000 from multicandidate political campaign committees.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB354/HB323 CORRECTIONS: Conducts a study of programs to reduce recidivism for persons formerly incarcerated.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Conducts a study of programs to reduce recidivism for persons formerly incarcerated. Requires the study to include programs addressing job training, fundamental life skills, and job placement to facilitate the transition of former inmates into the workforce. Orders the commissioner of the department of corrections to report the finding of the study to the general assembly by January 10, 2020.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB356/HB1082 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: School bus endorsement - skills examination.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Waives waiting period to reschedule skills examination for applicants for school bus endorsement who are tardy or absent after successfully completing the knowledge examination. Specifies that the department shall not require an applicant for a school bus endorsement to leave a voice mail message during business hours to schedule or reschedule the skills examination for the applicant.

*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

**SB364/HB563 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Discriminatory actions against a business entity by local government.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Prohibits state and local governmental entities from taking discriminatory action against a business based on that business's internal policies, regarding health insurance policies, family leave policies, minimum wage policies, or anti-discrimination policies.

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB375/HB34 EDUCATION: Funds for noneducational purposes.**

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary: Allows a local board of education to authorize a teacher, school employee, or other person employed by the LEA to raise funds for noneducational purposes. Requires the local board of education to develop, adopt, and provide the LEA with policies and procedures for use of the funds, including policies and procedures for the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of all funds. Clarifies that persons raising funds for noneducational purposes are not to be considered as a school support organization.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB378/HB378 TENNCARE: Authorizes governor to make decisions regarding medical assistance programs.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Miller, Larry

Summary: Removes requirement for the governor to receive authorization from the general assembly to make decisions pertaining to expanding optional enrollment in medical assistance programs.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB379/HB108 LABOR LAW: Harassment of government employee.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: Permits an attorney for a county, municipal, or metropolitan government to seek an injunction against a person who commits harassment against an employee of the county, municipal, or metropolitan government. Specifies that the injunction may be sought in any court of competent jurisdiction having the power to grant injunctions.

Senate Status: 02/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/19/19.

House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Local Committee 02/20/19.

**SB380/HB387 LABOR LAW: Discriminatory practice for a person who is paying a non-employee for labor to engage in harassment based on sex.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: Declares that it is a discriminatory practice for a person who is paying a non-employee for labor to engage in harassment based on sex. Defines the act as harassment if the person knew or should have known of the conduct and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB384/HB304 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Exempts armed forces members and their spouses from licensure requirements.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Johnson, Curtis

Summary: Exempts armed forces members stationed within this state and their spouses from licensure requirements to practice professions and occupations regulated by the department of commerce and insurance and the department of health, subject to meeting certain requirements to practice.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

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

**SB389/HB365 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Increases the minimum number of days for election officials to be appointed.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Dunn, Bill

Summary: Increases the minimum number of days before an election in which the county election commission must appoint election officials from 10 days to 20 days.

Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB391/HB381 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Utility districts contracting for construction management services.**



*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Marsh, Pat  
*Summary:* Permits utility districts and utility authorities to contract for construction management services during local construction projects.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB392/HB282 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Legislation concerning licensure, certification, or registration requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Requires any legislation that creates or modifies licensure, certification, or registration requirements for occupational and professional groups to be referred for review to the government operations committee or an appropriate standing committee by the speaker of each house.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB413/HB348 INSURANCE GENERAL: Insurance company determining its obligations under an insurance policy.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Cepicky, Scott  
*Summary:* Declares that an insurance company may determine its obligations under a policy of insurance as to any and all parties or claimants through a declaratory judgment action, an interpleader claim or action, or both, under a good faith clause.  
*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/19/19.  
*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Property & Casualty Subcommittee.

**SB420/HB363 LABOR LAW: Time off to be involved in a child's school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires employers to grant four hours of leave per year to an employee who is a parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis of a school-aged child so that they may be involved at the child's school.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB433/HB12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Licensing authority of local governments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Prohibits a municipality from requiring a license or permit for businesses that are only operated occasionally and by a person who is under the age of eighteen.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Business Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB461/HB273 LABOR LAW: Save Tennessee Call Center Jobs Act of 2019.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hulsey, Bud  
*Summary:* Requires employers intending to relocate call centers to foreign countries give 120 days' notice before relocation, compiles lists of relocating call centers, restricts relocating employers from grants, indirect state grants, state-guaranteed loans, or tax credits or refunds for five years and requires these employers remit the unamortized value of any governmental support it has previously received to the commissioner.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Employee Affairs Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB464/HB1050 TENNCARE: Expands governor's authority with medicaid.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB466/HB539 LABOR LAW: Defining an employee and an employee-employer relationship.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Howell, Dan  
*Summary:* Requires the consideration of the 20-factor test IRS Revenue Ruling 87-41 to determine whether a worker is an independent contractor and whether an employer-employee relationship exists in the arrangement.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB481/HB901 CRIMINAL LAW: Aggravated assault of utility employees as Class A misdemeanor.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Hodges, Jason  
*Summary:* Designates offense of knowingly committing aggravated assault of a utility employee as a Class A misdemeanor and sets an enhanced maximum fine of \$15,000.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB482/HB564 EDUCATION: Addresses payroll deduction of dues to professional employees' organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Allows a local board of education to make payroll deduction for dues of professional employees' organizations. Before any payroll deductions, there must be authorization from a professional employee and this professional employee is allowed to revoke authorization within 60 days by providing notice to the local board of education and the professional employees' organization. If a local board of education makes payroll deduction for the dues of one professional employees' organization available, then there must be a payroll deduction of all the organizations provided that there is a request in writing to the board of education.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB494/HB819 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Requires additional authorization to provide internet outside a service area.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Rudder, Iris

*Summary:* Requires the municipal electric system to obtain the written consent of each electric cooperative, municipal electric system, or telephone cooperative in whose territory the system will provide broadband, internet, and related services.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB496/HB38 EDUCATION: Notice regarding acceptance of bids for contracts for the construction of a school building.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. VanHuss, James

*Summary:* Changes time period for which public notice must be given in advance of an LEA's acceptance of bids for contracts for the construction of a school building, or an addition to an existing school building, the cost of which exceeds \$10,000 from ten to ten business days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

**SB503/HB768 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Requires conducting of supplemental voter registration at high schools in the fall and spring.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Requires county election commissions conduct a supplemental registration at public and private high schools once each fall and spring semester. Authorizes high schools to provide opportunities for students to register to vote online at times other than the supplemental registrations.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB513/HB1265 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Fair Accountability and Clarity in Tax Subsidies Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Enacts the "Fair Accountability and Clarity in Tax Subsidies Act" or "FACT Act." Adds failure to add 100 percent of committed jobs or submit the annual and baseline reports, as applicable to conditions where persons or entities fail to fulfill their commitments. Permits department of economic and community development authority to access any relevant information and records, confidential or otherwise, of any agency unless the department is denied such access by federal law or explicitly named and denied such access by state law to ensure veracity of certain reports. Provides for accommodations between the state and the agency for denials of record access. Requires qualified business enterprises claiming certain tax credits to file a report with the commissioner for the tax year containing information on the number of full time employees and the incremental amount of qualified investment made in the report year. Requires the commissioner report to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives aggregate data on the location by city or county, employment levels, and qualified investment amounts of qualified business enterprises for each year and any revenue loss during the report year as a result of each qualified business enterprise claiming the listed credits.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB523/HB306 EDUCATION: Time local administrative agencies have to provide personnel files of previous employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Decreases the amount of time, from ten to five business days, within which a local administrative agency has to provide the personnel file of a previous employee seeking employment in another local administrative agency, if so requested, for the purpose of determining if sexual misconduct was committed by the person seeking employment.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

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

**SB525/HB1170 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Adds economists and other analysts as employable by commissioner of transportation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Adds economists and other analysts as employable by commissioner of transportation to duties associated with the regulation of railroads. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB532/HB604 UTILITIES: Determines procedure for purchase of selling utilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Allows acquiring and selling public utilities establish the rate making base by determining fair market value. This determination will be made by two appraisers, one of which will be hired by the seller and the other by the acquiring public utility, the lesser of the fair market values constitutes the rate base associated with the selling utility by incorporating it into the rate base of the current tariff district designated by the acquiring public utility. The utilities commission shall accept the acquiring public utility's district or tariff group recommendation, unless the recommendation is determined to be contrary to the public interest. Any post-acquisition improvements made by the acquiring public utility to the selling utility must accrue cost for financing set at the acquiring public utility determined rate for allowance for funds used during construction, inclusive of debt, equity, and income tax gross up components, after the date on which the expenditure was made by the acquiring public utility until the investment has been placed in service and new rates or surcharges are implemented by the acquiring public utility.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB550/HB110 WELFARE: Employment Opportunities for Parents Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Increases employment and self-sufficiency among families by assigning able-bodied parents who have school-aged children and receive food stamps to workforce programs, as authorized by federal law.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Public Health Subcommittee.

**SB552/HB343 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Removal of rules concerning gifts to and from the commissioners of the Tennessee public utility commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Removes the violations and fines of commissioners of the Tennessee public utility commission when receiving or distributing gifts to any person or corporation owning or operation and business or entity regulated by the Tennessee public utility commission.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB557/HB1089 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Property owners of proposed annexed territories can vote in the annexation referendum.**

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

*Summary:* Specifies that all property owners, rather than just residents, of a territory proposed for annexation may vote in the annexation referendum.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

**SB560/HB1229 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Authorizes Williamson County participation in convenient voting center project, contingent on election commission approval.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Authorizes Williamson County participate in a pilot project to use convenient voting centers upon approval by a supermajority of the county election commission for elections held in 2020 and thereafter.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB569/HB1087 LABOR LAW: Revises Public Employee Political Freedom Act of 1980.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Bricken, Rush

*Summary:* Specifies that employers cannot terminate employees for communication with public officials, revises court compensation for employees terminated under these terms from treble damages plus attorney fees to compensatory damages plus attorney fees. Requires court sanction of filers of frivolous lawsuits intended to harass or economically harm employers be fined up to \$5,000, and may award attorney fees and costs to the employer.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB571/HB353 EDUCATION: School credits relative to occupational training.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Establishes a person who receives certified comprehensive career and technical training in high school and post high school are eligible to receive equivalent credit towards the occupational license related to training.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB589/HB547 CRIMINAL LAW: Restores voting rights to persons convicted of infamous crimes upon pardon or completion of sentence.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Curcio , Michael  
*Summary:* Restores the voting rights of persons convicted of certain infamous crimes upon receipt of a pardon or completion of any sentence of incarceration, parole, or probation.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

**SB596/HB837 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Distribution of false campaign literature.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Rudd, Tim  
*Summary:* Increases penalty for knowingly publishing or distributing false campaign literature from Class C misdemeanor to Class B misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB605/HB663 EDUCATION: Addresses establishment of charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio  
*Summary:* Authorizes the local board of education to consider whether the establishment of the charter school will result in oversaturation of a school zone. They should contemplate the best interests of the students, LEA, or community.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

**SB619/HB800 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of handgun by firefighter or emergency medical technician.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay  
*Summary:* Permits any person employed in emergency management or as a firefighter or emergency medical technician to carry a handgun while engaged in the performance of the person's official duties. Requires such person to successfully complete a firearm training program of at least eight hours duration on an annual basis.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

**SB621/HB644 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Requires a preponderance of state evidence in suspension proceedings of employees violating state laws or rules prior to taking such action.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hill, Timothy  
*Summary:* Requires a state agency in any proceeding to suspend, terminate, or discipline an employee in state service to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the employee violated state law or a rule or policy of the agency prior to taking such action.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB622/HB1251 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Entitles state employees \$100 per month salary increases in odd numbered years.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Byrd, David  
*Summary:* Entitles each state employee a salary increase of \$100 per month in odd-numbered years contingent upon the general assembly including funding for the salary increases in its annual appropriations budget.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB633/HB1022 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: TCRS - revisions to optional retirement program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Lynn, Susan  
*Summary:* Specifies that an individual participating in the optional retirement program whose position is reclassified from exempt to non-exempt after at least one year of service in the exempt position shall maintain participation in the optional retirement program. Deletes language that specifies that employer contributions are to be credited to the optional retirement fund to provide retirement and death benefits for members and are not refundable in a lump sum for any reason, except death. Prohibits a current early service retiree from changing to disability retirement. Makes other changes to provisions governing TCRS.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB640/HB1166 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Removes prohibition on campaign treasurers signing finance disclosure statements as witnesses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Ogles, Brandon  
*Summary:* Removes prohibition against a campaign treasurer signing campaign finance disclosure statements as a witness.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB647/HB514 LABOR LAW: Tennessee State Family Leave Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Establishes that family and medical leave insurance benefits are payable to a covered individual who meets one of the requirements of birth, adoption, or placement through foster care, or a serious health concern. Establishes maximum number of weeks family and medical leave insurance benefits are payable. Defines benefit time frame and costs associated. Establishes that the state treasury shall create a fund to benefit the family and medical leave program. Establishes the application for receiving benefit and legality in cases of fraud or tampering from an employer. Declares that the act will go into effect on January 1, 2020. (pp 13)  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB654/HB1117 UTILITIES: Small and minority owned telecommunications businesses participation plans.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John  
*Summary:* Requires small and minority owned telecommunications businesses file their business participation plan with the utilities commission every three years.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB663/HB756 UTILITIES: Use of a motor carrier safety improvement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Marsh, Pat  
*Summary:* Removes the use of a motor carrier safety improvement required by a motor carrier from being considered when evaluating a person's status as an employee or independent contractor.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB689/HB900 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Longevity pay for employees of the executive branch.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Restores longevity pay for employees of the executive branch in the service of the state hired after June 30, 2015.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB690/HB680 CORRECTIONS: Allows the commissioner to contract with a county for correctional services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom  
*Summary:* Allows the commissioner to contract with a county that has a contractual agreement with an entity to provide correctional services to inmates under the custody of the department of corrections. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB693/HB1145 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Report on employers that failed to provide workers' compensation coverage.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Ragan, John  
*Summary:* Adjusts the time period that the bureau of workers' compensation has to report regarding the number of employers that failed, during the preceding fiscal year, to provide workers' compensation coverage or qualify as a self-insured employer from December 30 to December 1. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB717/HB863 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Good Neighbor Compact.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Rudd, Tim  
*Summary:* Enacts reciprocal bans on states that have issued bans on states state-sponsored travel to member states of this Compact, excepting travel for the purpose of economic development and job recruitment. Becomes effective and binding on the earlier date of legislative enactment of this Compact into law by at least 26 states or December 31, 2019.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB726/HB1078 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Rutherford County - convenience voting centers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Authorizes establishment of a program to operate convenient voting centers for federal, state, and local elections in Rutherford County under certain conditions.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB727/HB1077 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Study on convenience voting in other states.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Requires the coordinator of elections to continue to study convenience voting in other states and periodically update the general assembly by January 31 every odd-numbered year.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB731/HB891 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Elected official charged with infamous crime.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Prohibits elected public official who is charged with an infamous crime committed in the person's official capacity or involving the duties of the person's office from qualifying for, seeking, or holding public office at some point in the future.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB735/HB878 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Requirements for an application for an absentee ballot.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Requires an application for an absentee ballot to contain only the last four digits of the voter's social security number rather than the entire social security number of the voter.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB741/HB1207 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Provision of childcare for state employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Authorizes state agencies to provide child care services for state employees, with the department of human services tasked to approve, administer, and coordinate such services. Requires cost of childcare services be offset by fees, requires providers be selected by competitive contract.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB758/HB986 LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Defines reasonable accommodations in respect to employees who are pregnant. Declares that an employer is not required to construct a permanent, dedicated space for pressing milk. Establishes what an employer is not required to do unless the same accommodations are made for other employees including creating a light duty position and compensate an employee for more frequent or longer break periods. Declares it to be discriminatory based on sex for an employer to fail to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees, require an employee to take leave if a reasonable accommodation can be made, and take adverse action against an employee for requesting reasonable accommodations.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB761/HB46 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Sunday hours for county election commission during early voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Requires each county election commission to remain open at least one Sunday during the early voting period from eight o'clock a.m. to four o'clock p.m.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB762/HB214 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Absentee voting requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Permits any registered Tennessee voter to vote absentee after providing certification of identity in the application for a ballot. Requires an absentee ballot to be counted for the election in which the ballot is cast. Removes requirement that a voter who registers by mail must vote the first time in person.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB770/HB888 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Removal of county election commission members if family members elected to public office.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Declares that if a member of a county election commission, or an immediate family member as a member of the county election commission, qualifies as a candidate for public office, then they are disqualified from serving as a member.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB772/HB1034 LABOR LAW: Study on shared data system monitoring individuals from release to employment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to collaborate with the commissioner of correction to study the use of a shared data system to track individuals released from corrections into employment with the reporting presented no later than January 31, 2020.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB773/HB1310 EDUCATION: Tennessee Higher Education Commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Changes the date by which the department of labor and workforce development must provide data on the state's anticipated workforce needs and other information to the commission from October 1 to October 31 of each year.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB775/HB707 EDUCATION: Compensation of adjunct professors.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Requires the board of regents, the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, and the state university boards to create and approve a policy requiring public institutions of higher education to compensate adjunct professors at least \$1,000 per credit hour taught.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

**SB777/HB334 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration and photo ID requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hodges, Jason

*Summary:* Requires the department of safety and each county election commission to obtain the information required to register a voter in Tennessee and to automatically register that voter based on information supplied on a driver license or photo id, unless the person opts out. Designates certain other state departments and agencies as voter registration agencies. Requires such agencies to automatically register a qualified person to vote from information on an application for services unless the person opts out.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB781/HB925 ENERGY & MINING: Mine rescue operations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Relieves the labor and workforce development commissioner of responsibilities concerning mine rescue operations. Deletes statutes establishing the mine rescue corps within the labor and workforce development department.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB793/HB937 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Increases first responder pay supplements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Increases the pay supplement from \$600 to \$800 for police officers and firefighters who complete 40 hours of in-service training.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB812/HB920 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Disclosing public employees' state-funded travel.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Moon, Jerome

*Summary:* Declares that if the state funds travel expenses for one or more public employees where a vendor is present in an official capacity, the commissioner of finance and administration shall disclose on the department's website the reason for travel, the total amount, who was expensed, and the name of the vendors at event. Requires the commissioner to present the information on its website no less than 30 days before travel occurs, or if approved within 30 days of the event, to provide the information as soon as approved.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB814/HB142 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Addresses salary increases or decreases for employees of the general assembly.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Requires the salaries of all employees of the general assembly to be reflective of percentage pay increases or decreases for members of the general assembly. Any adjustments occurring do not go into effect until the election of the next general assembly.

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

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

### **SB815/HB856 LABOR LAW: Employers subject to the requirements of the Healthy Workplace Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Adds private employers to the types of employers subject to the requirements of the Healthy Workplace Act.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

### **SB822/HB553 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises voter registration provisions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Revises requirements and provisions governing voter registration applications through the department of safety. Requires the department of safety to transmit an application or change of residential address form to the appropriate county election commission no later than ten days after the date of acceptance unless such application or form is accepted within five days of the last day for registration to vote in an election. Requires the department of safety to obtain, as part of any application for the issuance or renewal of a driver license, the issuance of a driver permit, or the issuance of a photo ID to a person at least 15 but not more than 18 years of age, the info required to register to voter in this state. Requires the administrator of elections for the county election commission to register the applicant to vote when the applicant turns 18 years of age. Specifies that the department of safety is not required to comply with this act until the department updates or creates new applications, forms, or other necessary documents.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

### **SB825/HB554 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Requires designation of public institutions of higher education as polling places for elections.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Requires county election commissions to designate public institutions of higher education with 8,000 or more enrolled students as polling places during the early voting period for federal, state, and local elections. Requires voting to take place on the main campus of a public institution of higher education.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

### **SB829/HB1057 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Notice regarding right to vote early or by absentee voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Increases, to 50 days prior to elections, when county election commissions must publish in a newspaper a notice advising elderly and disabled voters that if such voters' polling places are inaccessible, they have right to vote early by absentee ballot or at the election commission office on election day. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

### **SB837/HB1002 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration - application for driver license or renewal of photo ID card.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Establishes that every applicant for a driver license or renewal of photo ID card by the department of safety will automatically be registered to vote upon their 18th birthday. Declares that anyone older than the age of 18 previously licensed, but an unregistered voter, will be automatically registered upon renewal of license. Establishes the ability to opt out of registration at the division of motor vehicles.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

### **SB841/HB356 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Survey for those leaving employment with the state.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of the department of human resources to produce a survey submitted by each state agency to each person leaving state service. Requires the survey to attempt to ascertain why the person is leaving state service and suggestions on how to improve state service. Requires the commissioner to produce an annual report specifying the number of persons who voluntarily left state service each year. Requires the report to be produced on or before Jan 15 of each year.

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

*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

### **SB851/HB298 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Volunteer fire departments - hiring of two additional firefighters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Authorizes county governments to hire up to two firefighters to staff each volunteer fire department station in the county, and requires the state to pay for the health and retirement benefits for firefighters employed under this bill.



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

*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB872/HB1484 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Use of campaign funds to pay fines.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Permits the use of campaign funds for the payment of fines, fees, and penalties assessed for the violation of campaign finance laws.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB873/HB1485 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Specifies civil penalty for violation of campaign finance laws.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Specifies a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for any violation of the campaign finance disclosure laws by the registry of election finance.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB875/HB1258 CRIMINAL LAW: Restoration of voting rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Makes various changes to the process for restoration of voting rights, consolidates the process for the issuance of a certificate of voting rights restoration through the secretary of state's office. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

**SB877/HB424 LABOR LAW: Employers reviewing applicants based on prior convictions relative to the position.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf

*Summary:* Prohibits employers from accessing sealed or expunged criminal records when conducting a criminal background check or asking applications about any previous convictions unless pertaining to the position. Declares that employers can use a conviction relative to the position as a means of not hiring and the employer must send a letter of denial informing the applicant of reason if relative to a conviction.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB880/HB590 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Additional fine for prohibited election practices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Requires court to impose an additional fine of \$1,000 for certain prohibited election practices. Specifies that the additional fine must be paid to the clerk of the court and then transferred to the state treasurer who must deposit the fine in the reward pool fund.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB882/HB1111 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Appointing members of state executive committee by minority party.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Authorizes the minority party to appoint members of the state executive committee by rules of the party rather than at the regular August primary election.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB890/HB183 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Minimum age for delegate to convention of states.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Increases the minimum age requirement for serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to a convention of states called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution from 18 to 25 years of age.

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

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB891/HB1174 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: State agencies to produce an economic impact statement prior to entering a contract with a private party.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Requires state agencies to produce an economic impact statement prior to entering a contract with a private party if either the contract is in excess of \$2.5 million or the contract will result in the furlough or layoff of any state employees, instead of both; authorizes the chair of the appropriate standing committee to schedule a hearing to review the economic impact statement. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB896 LABOR LAW: Drug testing by employers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank ,  
*Summary:* Increases the time within which an employer must document the basis of reasonable-suspicion drug or alcohol testing by an employer who runs a drug-free workplace from 24 hours to 30 hours. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

**SB914/HB505 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Permits general assembly reelection fundraising during recesses in certain circumstances.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Eldridge, Rick  
*Summary:* Authorizes fundraising by general assembly members and political campaign committees during recesses in even-numbered years if the general assembly adjourns before May 15 for 10 calendar days or more, Sundays excepted. Resets campaign contribution limits for candidates for the state senate every two years.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB915/HB504 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Addresses campaign fundraising after the general assembly recesses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Eldridge, Rick  
*Summary:* Allows members of the general assembly and political campaign committees to conduct fundraising events and accept campaign contributions during a recess period before May 15. Specifies this will only occur if general assembly by joint resolution recesses before May 15 in an even numbered year for a period of not less than ten calendar days.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB917/HB294 EDUCATION: Allows grade 11 students option of taking ACT career readiness exams instead of postsecondary readiness exams.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Allows students to take the ACT WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate examinations in lieu of retaking the postsecondary readiness examination required at grade 11.  
*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Education Committee 02/20/19.  
*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

**SB930/HB1433 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Posting of schedule of public appearances for gubernatorial candidates.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike  
*Summary:* Extends the time given to state executive committees for each political party to post schedule of public appearances for gubernatorial candidates from 15 to 20 days. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB931/HB1110 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Adoption of sanctuary policies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Powell, Jason  
*Summary:* Allows certain state government organizations, including the department of education, children's services, and health, to adopt or enact sanctuary policies.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

**SB934/HB889 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Public notice and public input requirements for redistricting committee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf  
*Summary:* Imposes public notice and input requirements on a redistricting committee and upon consideration of a final redistricting plan. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB935/HB1409 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Tennessee Congressional Redistricting Commission Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Grants the Tennessee congressional redistricting commission, instead of the general assembly, ability to establish districts. Establishes a five-member congressional redistricting commission beginning in January 2021.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB938/HB1408 CORRECTIONS: Private Prison Alignment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Requires any contract providing correctional service to inmates to be a performance-based contract adhering to the accountability standards and measures established by the department of corrections. Orders for contracts to include incentives for reducing recidivism, improving re-entry and outcomes for incarcerated individuals. Establishes that the department of corrections must have contract requirements for effective outcome and performance based education, vocational, rehabilitation, and addiction programming and services. State funds will not be received by correctional services unless these standards are met. A private entity providing correctional services must provide any official or employee of the department access to the physical plant and records for the purpose of monitoring for compliance. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB940/HB735 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration by person 16 years of age.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hodges, Jason

*Summary:* Permits a person between over 16 and under 18 years of age to be registered to vote upon turning 18 years of age through submittal of an application for a driver's permit, driver license, or photo identification license with the safety department.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB941/HB859 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Establishes the office of apprenticeship and work-study programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Establishes the office of apprenticeship and work-study programs within the department of economic and community development. Requires the commissioner to appoint a director of the office, in consultation with THEC, the Tennessee board of regents, the department of education, and the department of labor. Requires the office to promote federally certified apprenticeship and work-study programs to assist industries that have needs for such programs and to establish industry consortiums in which the apprenticeship and workstudy programs are organized by industry and where companies can participate to best meet their individual needs. Provides a tax credit to entities that participate in the programs. Reinstates certain apprenticeship programs for certain professional boards and commissions.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB945/HB960 WELFARE: Medicaid Buy-in for Working People with Disabilities Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Windle, John

*Summary:* Establishes that the department will submit an amendment to the medical assistance plan to permit the expansion of medical assistance eligibility for the purpose of implementing a Medicaid buy-in program for people with disabilities who are in the basic coverage group or medical improvement group. Defines the eligibility requirements and that there is no income or asset limitation for a participant in the Medicaid buy-in program. Authorizes the department to promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer the Medicaid buy-in program.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB948 LABOR LAW: Minimum wage for employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara ,

*Summary:* Establishes the minimum wage to be that of \$10.00 an employee on January 1, 2020, \$11.00 an employee on January 1, 2021, and \$12.00 an employee on January 1, 2022. Declares that if the federal minimum wage ever increases beyond this, then the federal wage will become the state minimum.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

**SB950/HB1188 LABOR LAW: No Credit Check in Employment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Chism, Jesse

*Summary:* Prohibits the employer use of or procurement of cause credit checks for job applicants or current employees, aside from jobs that require national security or FDIC clearance, executive and managerial positions at financial institutions, or employment positions with state or local agencies that require use of consumer reports.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB957/HB968 EDUCATION: Truth in Teacher Pay Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Requires the salary schedules approved by the education state board reflect certain increases to the instructional salaries and wages component of the BEP in the general appropriations act. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB962 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voting at polling places - evidence of citizenship.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,  
*Summary:* Prohibits a polling place workers from making any inquiries or requiring documentation or other evidence regarding a person's citizenship at a polling station if the person presents a valid voter registration card and appropriate identification evidence.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

**SB970/HB599 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Appointing of election officials prior to an election.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Curcio , Michael  
*Summary:* Reduces, from not more than 90 days nor less than 10 days to not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days, the time within which the county election commission must appoint election officials before an election. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB971/HB1079 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Inspection of filings for sufficiency and timeliness.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Rudd, Tim  
*Summary:* Declares that any document, petition, or paper filed must be examined by the appropriate official prior to acceptance to ensure all information is properly completed. Assumes proper completion and requirements have been met if filed.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB979/HB1321 LABOR LAW: Employee Vehicle Privacy Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Eldridge, Rick  
*Summary:* Declares that an employer cannot require an employee or applicant for employment to sign a document requiring them to consent to a search of their personal vehicle by the employer as a condition of employment.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB983/HB1092 TENNCARE: Medicaid expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Hodges, Jason  
*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Also authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services with respect to the terms of the expansion.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB986/HB81 LABOR LAW: Prohibits sexual harassment against contract employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Establishes that harassment of an employee, applicant, or person providing a service pursuant to a contract based on sex to be a discriminatory practice. Defines employer as a person regularly employing one or more individuals or receiving services of pursuant to a contract, an agent of an employer, an employee in a supervising or managing position, and includes state, county, metropolitan governments, municipal governments, or agencies.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB990/HB1183 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Nonpartisan elections for judicial offices in Shelby and Davidson counties.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom  
*Summary:* Requires that elections in Shelby and Davidson counties for judicial offices, offices elected in countywide elections, and for the legislative bodies be nonpartisan.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB998/HB1210 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration through the department of safety.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Permits registration of voters by department of safety and county election commission as part of applications to renew or apply for driver licenses or photo identification. Requires the county election commission provide notice to such applicants and provide the opportunity to decline voter registration.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB999/HB1218 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Reinstatement of professional and occupational licenses under certain circumstances.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Allows the reinstatement of a professional or occupational licenses if there is submission of an application acceptable to the licensing entity, payment of the full renewal fee for an active license, and payment of any reinstatement penalty that may be required by the licensing entity.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB1000/HB1124 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - board for licensing contractors.**

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

*Summary:* Clarifies that the board for licensing contractors must promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1005/HB1221 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration form provided by landlord and residential home sellers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Requires a residential landlord or a residential home seller to provide a lessee or buyer with the location and contact information for the office of the county election commission and a voter registration form at the time of the execution of the lease or sale.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1006/HB56 LABOR LAW: Compensation history of applicants for employment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Prohibits employers from screening applicants based on their compensation history by requiring the applicant's compensation history to satisfy minimum or maximum criteria or seeking the compensation history of the applicant orally, in writing, or through an employee or agent. Allows employer to consider the compensation of a current employee during a move of job with the same employer. Specifies that a violation is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of a minimum of \$100 up to a maximum of \$500.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 01/22/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB1009/HB1278 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Addresses dual service agreements with members of general assembly.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Clarifies that members of the general assembly are not subject to the requirement that a dual service agreement be entered into when being paid a salary for serving as a member of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/19/19.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1012/HB1432 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Precinct-based optical scanners.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Stewart, Mike

*Summary:* Each county election commission must utilize precinct-based optical scanners by January 20, 2020.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1014/HB1413 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Escorting of disabled or pregnant voters to front of line.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Allows an officer of elections at a polling place to help any voter who is disabled, visibly pregnant, or frail to the front of the line upon request.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Study of sanctuary policies.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

*Summary:* Requires the comptroller of treasury to study the economic impact to the state and local governments regarding the rule prohibiting state and local government entities and officials from adopting sanctuary policies and to report the findings to the appropriate committees by January 30, 2020.

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

**SB1017/HB1095 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Brief summary of any question submitted to the people for a vote.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob

*Summary:* Requires that any question submitted to the people for a vote will be preceded by a brief summary of the proposal written in a clear and coherent manner.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1026/HB1216 CORRECTIONS: Study of programs to integrate formerly incarcerated persons in the workforce.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of the department of correction to conduct a study of programs to integrate persons formerly incarcerated into the workforce and community. Requires the commissioner to report the findings of the study and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the general assembly no later than January 31, 2020.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1027/HB1102 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Report on employers that failed to obtain coverage or self-insure during the previous fiscal year.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny  
*Summary:* Changes the date from December 31 to December 15 of each year by which the bureau of workers' compensation must report to the advisory council on workers' compensation, the chair of the commerce and labor committee of the senate, and the chair of the consumer and human resources committee of the house regarding all of the covered employers that failed to obtain coverage or self-insure during the previous fiscal year. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1029/HB1430 TENNCARE: Medicaid expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike  
*Summary:* Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. Authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

**SB1030/HB1222 CORRECTIONS: Requires report on efficiency modifications of correctional facilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike  
*Summary:* Requires the the department of corrections to submit a report to the judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the state and local government committee of the senate, and the state government committee of the house of representatives by February 1, 2020 detailing the institutional efficiency modifications made at each correctional facility and private contract prison in the state the prior calendar year. Orders the same report on February 1 for the years to follow.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1031/HB1282 CORRECTIONS: Report to members of general assembly regarding constituent who died in custody of department.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Reduces from 10 to five business days within which the commissioner of the department of correction must provide a report to the senator and representative of a constituent in their district who died in the custody of the department at a department facility. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1063/HB1494 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Nonpartisan elections for state trial court judges and county judicial offices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Miller, Larry  
*Summary:* Requires nonpartisan elections for state trial court judges and county judicial offices, effective January 1, 2021. Requires qualifying incumbent officers be listed first on the election ballot. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1075/HB1211 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Employment of commissioners with private entity after department from state.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Prohibits a commissioner or deputy commissioner who administers contracts of a department from accepting employment with a private business that contracts with the department for 12 months after the commissioner's or deputy commissioner's departure from public office. Authorizes the Tennessee ethics commission to administratively assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$10,000, if a former commissioner or former deputy commissioner knowingly violates this section.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB1085/HB1027 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Pay supplement for firefighters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Lynn, Susan  
*Summary:* Increases to \$700 the pay supplement for firefighters who complete a rank appropriate, in-service training course of at least 40 hours duration at a school established by the firefighter commission.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1092/HB1260 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises provisional voting process.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Dixie, Vincent  
*Summary:* Allows the election official to utilize the information provided by the voter on the voter registration application to satisfy the requirements for an application for ballot. Incorporates a privacy envelope with the provisional ballot and requires marking the ballot in secret before the voter seals the ballot. Only necessitates voter signature instead of voter's printed name, social security number, and date of birth on the provisional ballot affidavit to satisfy the requirements and prevent fraudulent voting. Orders all information provided by a provisional voter to satisfy the requirements for a voter registration, application for ballot, and voter affidavit must be deposited in the provisional ballot box along with the marked ballot. Requires a person requesting an absentee ballot who provides satisfactory proof of identity to provide a color photograph of the voter holding the voter's acceptable photo identification.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1093/HB965 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: First time voters and absentee voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Love Jr., Harold  
*Summary:* Adds that a person who is requesting an absentee ballot who provides satisfactory proof of identity including a color photograph of the voter holding the voter's acceptable photo identification does not have to appear in person to vote for a first election.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1113/HB1487 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Political activity restrictions - election finance registry members.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Garrett, Johnny  
*Summary:* Restricts political activity of members of the registry of election finance only during the duration of their term.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1115/HB1223 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Job skills program - annual report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Potts, Jason  
*Summary:* Requires annually report to office of legislative budget analysis in addition to senate and house finance, ways and means committees regarding the job skills program. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1144/HB1443 CORRECTIONS: Reporting of prisoner escapes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Decreases the time period in which a sheriff must report to the county legislative body and to the department of correction the name of any prisoner who escapes while serving on a work detail and indicate whether the work detail on which the prisoner was serving was supervised or unsupervised, from 30 to 15 days.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB1154/HB1311 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Vacancies on county primary board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Chism, Jesse  
*Summary:* Requires a state primary board fill a vacancy on a county primary board at least 45 days after receiving notice of the vacancy. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1165/HB1239 LABOR LAW: Hiring workers who lack work authorization status.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce  
*Summary:* Prohibits governmental entities from contracting with people who will not provide proof of work authorization status for those to receive public money. Requires private employers with at least six employees and governmental entities to verify the work authorization status of employees hired after December 31, 2019. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB1190/HB295 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Certification for electrical inspectors contracted by local or state government.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Carr, Dale

*Summary:* Requires electrical inspectors employed by a local or state government to be certified by the state fire marshal and for this certification to be completed every three years. Declares that certain electrical inspectors contracted under the commissioner of commerce and insurance to be certified on and after January 1, 2020.

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

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Business Subcommittee 02/19/19.

**SB1192/HB1307 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Inspection of filings for sufficiency and timeliness.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Requires election officials to inspect filings for sufficiency and timeliness. Establishes presumption that accepted filings are sufficient and timely filed. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1204 LABOR LAW: Continuing education requirements of healthcare prescribers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty ,

*Summary:* Creates an exception to the two-hour biennial continuing education requirement for controlled substance prescriptions for licensed prescribers in medical education program teaching roles who do not examine patients or prescribe controlled substances.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

**SB1224/HB1212 CORRECTIONS: Local governments and private prison contracts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Prohibits a local government from entering into or renewing a contract with a prison contractor for correctional services. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB1225/HB1209 CRIMINAL LAW: Grants law enforcement powers to certain employees of the department of correction.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Vests employees of the department of correction appointed as special agents or as a director of internal affairs and who meet certain standards and have completed law enforcement training with law enforcement powers under the department. Establishes that a correctional emergency response team member or strike force member must not be vested with such powers or authority unless otherwise qualified to be vested under the provisions of this bill.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB1228/HB1254 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Discrimination on the basis of second amendment-related activity.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Cochran, Mark

*Summary:* Prohibits the state or any executive branch state agency from entering into a contract for goods or services or awarding grants or tax subsidies to a business entity that engages in discrimination on the basis of second amendment-related activity.

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

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

**SB1231/HB1232 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Ethics commission notification of in-state events.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. McNally, Randy , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Decreases the amount of time from 30 to 21 days a lobbyist or an employer of a lobbyist has to notify the Tennessee ethics commission following an in-state event to which invitations were extended to the entire membership of the general assembly and thus not subject to the prohibition on gifts. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1232/HB1234 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Appointing requirements - Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Modifies the appointing authority of the governor and the speakers of both legislative houses to the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation by requiring the governor's employee appointment be from organized labor instead of at least one of the three employee appointments of the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives be from organized labor. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.



House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1237/HB623 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Permits retirement of police officers after 25 years.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Hulseley, Bud

Summary: Permits retirement of police officers who are state retirement system members after 25 years of creditable service, regardless of membership participation in legacy pension, hybrid, or any alternative plan. Officers voluntarily retiring under this provision could be required to pay any insurance coverage otherwise provided to members 100 percent vested in the service retirement plan.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB1255/HB763 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Persons prohibited from entering polling place due to felony conviction.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Prohibits a person who was convicted of a felony under the election laws of this state and who is prohibited from voting from entering the premises of any election commission or polling place during the time that ballots are being cast in any election.

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

House Status: 02/07/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB1258/HB762 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Candidate who loses primary election cannot qualify as write-in candidate.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Requires a candidate defeated in a primary election not be able to complete a notice requesting write-in ballots to be counted in the general election and any write-in votes cast for the candidate in the general election not be able to be counted.

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

House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB1264/HB860 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Person convicted of voter fraud cannot assist a voter.**

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Peter

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

House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB1268/HB1440 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Compensation for law enforcement officers - death in line of duty.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Requires that a law enforcement officer receive compensation for death in the line of duty when the officer dies while commuting to and from the officer's place of residence.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB1269/HB778 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Report on number of preferred service employees affected by a reduction in force.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

Summary: Requires the head of each state department to report annually the number of preferred service employees affected by a reduction in force during the preceding fiscal year to the chairs of the state government committee of the house of representatives and the state and local government committee of the senate. Broadly captioned.

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

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

**SB1279/HB1238 WELFARE: Verification of citizenship required for certain public benefits.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Griffey, Bruce

Summary: Requires verification of citizenship or lawful presence for each applicant 18 years of age or older, who applies for prenatal care and the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children when administered by the department of health. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1292/HB370 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Requires government payments to private entities not be kept confidential.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Daniel, Martin

Summary: Prohibits government payments, fees, and other forms of financial benefits paid or bestowed, or agreed to be paid or bestowed, to a private entity from being deemed confidential trade secret, proprietary information, or confidential business information unless the transaction or proposed transaction falls under a specific exception as prescribed by state or federal law.

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

House Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB1303/HB1398 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Declaring of statewide political party affiliation prior to voting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Rudd, Tim  
*Summary:* Requires a person to declare a political party affiliation before voting in a primary election. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1310/HB1472 LABOR LAW: Provisions for business undergoing reduction in operations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.  
*Summary:* Requires tax information and tax administration information be open for public inspection if the information is relative to a financial incentive offered to a business or industry. Orders refunding of all financial incentives paid, credited, or offered as an exemption by the employer to the state or local government if an employer received any form of financial incentive from the government to locate to the state within five years prior to the employer undergoing a reduction in operations. Adds that local government and the commissioner of economic and community development must be notified of the affected employees in a reduction in operations.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.

**SB1314 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Reducing the post-employment benefits of retired employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara ,  
*Summary:* Prohibits local governments from reducing post-employment benefits of retired employees without written consent. Prohibits local governments from raising premiums for such benefit plans at a rate exceeding the average annual rate of inflation. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

**SB1318/HB1477 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Photo ID that can be used for voting purposes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.  
*Summary:* Permits the use of a photo identification card issued by this state, the United States, or an accredited postsecondary institution of education in this state for purposes of verifying the identity of an eligible voter. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1319 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Photograph or video of voter's marked ballot.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara ,  
*Summary:* Permits a voter to take photographs or videos of only the voter's marked ballot on a mobile electronic or communication device in a polling place. Allows poll watchers and election officials to prohibit any disruptive activity that threatens the voting process or the privacy of a voter.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

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

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Requires an agency to submit an estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives prior to filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state. Orders the estimate to include implementation costs incurred by all small businesses over three years, number of small businesses affected by the regulation, reasoning upon which the estimate is based and all information used in determining the estimate. Prohibits the agency from promulgating a regulation that will cost equal to or greater than \$3,000,000, unless there is authorizing legislation or a germane modification to reduce costs below the \$3,000,000 threshold. Does not apply to institutions of higher education, emergency rules, or regulations required by federal mandate.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Government Operations Committee Regular Calendar 02/18/19.

**SB1331/HB1347 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Insurance coverage for employees and officials of county.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Helton, Esther  
*Summary:* Requires a county that provides employee insurance coverage make its policies of group insurance for group life, hospitalization, disability, or medical expenses readily available on the county's website. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1332/HB1448 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Electronic submission of report on integrity of voter registration.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Lynn, Susan  
*Summary:* Authorizes the elections state coordinator to submit electronically the report regarding the integrity of the statewide voter registration database to the state and local government committee of both legislative houses. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1333/HB1105 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Fair Raise Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

Summary: Increases monetary compensation of at least \$1,000 for each full-time and part-time state employee.

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

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1343/HB1038 LABOR LAW: Copy of employer's policy on a drug-free workplace provided to employee.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Requires a covered employer under the drug-free workplace program to provide a written copy of the employer's policy on a drug-free workplace to an employee at the employee's request. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1348/HB1473 LABOR LAW: Annual occupational safety and health reports.**

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires that the annual summary of reports of state department and agency programs relating to occupational safety and health be submitted by the commissioner of labor and workforce development to the governor and the general assembly no later than March 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1354/HB911 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Removal of unqualified candidate's name from ballot.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Keisling, Kelly

Summary: Provides notice and a reasonable time period in which a candidate who has been determined by the executive committee of a political party to be unqualified may respond before removal of the candidate's name from the ballot.

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

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1356/HB1355 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Compensation of administrators of elections.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Calfee, Kent

Summary: Adds administrators of elections to the list of county general officers for purposes of determining compensation. Requires counties to compensate administrators as general officers. Requires the commission office to be open at least five days per week with the minimum hours of operation as 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1371/HB1177 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: TCRS - death benefits.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Weaver, Terri

Summary: Grants a retirement allowance to surviving spouses who are designated beneficiaries if the deceased TCRS member is vested.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Public Service & Employee Subcommittee.

**SB1374/HB109 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by correctional officers.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Windle, John

Summary: Permits correctional officers and certain other people employed by the department of correction to carry a handgun if they have completed their probationary period and training rather than when they are vested.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/20/19.

**SB1397/HB1143 EDUCATION: Payroll deductions by an LEA.**

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Ragan, John

Summary: Limits payroll deductions to deductions for employee benefits available through employment by the LEA or charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations that are 501(c)(3) organizations exempt from federal income taxation. Any payroll deduction for dues of a professional employees' organization resulting from a memorandum of understanding prior to the effective date of this act must remain in effect until the expiration of the memorandum of understanding. If payroll deduction for dues of a professional education association is occurring at a state special school on the effective date of this act, then the state special school must not deduct any professional education association dues after the next date on which the association is to offer proof of continued membership.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB1407/HB658 CRIMINAL LAW: Limits authority of community oversight board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Curcio , Michael

*Summary:* Limits the authority of a community oversight board to the review and consideration of matters reported to the board and the issuance of advisory reports and recommendations to the duly elected or appointed officials of the agencies involved in public safety and the administration of justice within the jurisdiction for which the community oversight board is established. Specifies that a community oversight board does not have the power to issue subpoenas for documents or to compel witness testimony. Requires any employee or member of a community oversight board to be a registered voter of the jurisdiction for which the community oversight board is established. Specifies other requirements for a community oversight board.

*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/19/19.

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB1426/HB1499 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Annual report - advisory council on workers' compensation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Changes from January 15 to February 1 the date by which the advisory council on workers' compensation must issue an annual report regarding significant supreme court decisions relating to workers' compensation to the governor and the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

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

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1438/HB372 LABOR LAW: Allows commissioner of labor and workforce development to notify reduction in operations electronically.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Allows commissioner of labor and workforce development to notify the commissioners of economic and community development, education, health, human services, and mental health and substance abuse services, the executive director of the state board of education, and the chancellor of the board of regents of the state university and community college system electronically of a reduction in operation and number of affected employees.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

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

**SB1439/HB374 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Report on employers that failed to obtain coverage.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Changes the date by which the bureau of workers' compensation must produce its report of all the employers that failed to obtain coverage or self-insure during the previous fiscal year from December 31 to December 15. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

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

**SB1440/HB375 LABOR LAW: Deadline of the commissioner to respond to a written request for special exemption to the Child Labor Act of 1976.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Increases the deadline by which a failure of the commissioner of labor and workforce development to respond to a written request for special exemption to the Child Labor Act of 1976 is a refusal from 10 to 15 days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

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

**SB1442/HB316 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Compensation to firefighters for loss of life or personal injury while on duty.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hicks, Gary

*Summary:* Presumes certain medical conditions gained by a firefighter who is exposed to smoke and chemical substances occurs in the line of duty. Requires for condition to occur after pre-employment physical evaluation and for eligible firefighters to have served five or more consecutive years in service with the fire department. Permits eligible firefighters to file a medical claim pertaining to any condition or impairment of health caused by all forms of the cancers listed under this bill for up to five years after the most recent date of exposure.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1475/HB1401 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Compensation of certain public employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hicks, Gary

*Summary:* Alters the salary schedule for employees hired prior to July 1, 1994, with 25 or more years of credited service as an assistant district attorney general. Prohibits any diminished or increased salary based on the reclassification. Requires assistant district attorneys general be compensated by the same salary scale, as adjusted by cost of living or annual percentage increases. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1476 CRIMINAL LAW: Correctional counselors authorized to carry firearms.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul ,

*Summary:* Adds correctional counselors employed by the department of correction to those authorized to carry firearms as law enforcement with a minimum of 40 hours of initial firearms training and eight hours of annual in-service firearms training.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SB1499/HB1274 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Attorney general duties regarding biological sex bathroom policy tribunals.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Expands the attorney general and reporter's duties to include court representation of an LEA or certain LEA employees regarding policies requiring students, faculty, and staff use of facilities that corresponds to that individual's biological sex.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**SB1500/HB1273 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Political Party Registration Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John

*Summary:* Declares that you cannot vote in a primary election unless you have declared you are affiliated with a statewide political party at time of voter registration. Establishes it to be a Class D Felony for voting in an election you are not entitled to. Requires a voter to complete a statewide political party affiliation change upon seeking to change permanent political party affiliation, with the specified requirements.

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

*House Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee 02/20/19.

**SB1504/HB562 TAXES BUSINESS: Fees for transmitting money.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce

*Summary:* Restablishes a fee to be imposed on customers for transmitting money from within the United States or abroad through certain entities. Requires the department of revenue to administer the collection of said fee and requires all fees, penalties, and any interest collected pursuant to this section to be deposited into the money laundering prevention fund. Allocates moneys in the fund to subaccounts to be used by law enforcement and the TBI for the detection and prevention of money laundering.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Banking & Investments Subcommittee.

**SJR1 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - selection of attorney general.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken ,

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the state constitution to provide for the selection of the attorney general and reporter for the state with nomination by the supreme court and confirmation by the general assembly.

*Senate Status:* 02/13/19 - Senate deferred to 02/21/19.

**SJR98 WELFARE: Revisions and updates to the Medicare Wage Index factor.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank ,

*Summary:* Urges Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to revise and update the Medicare Wage Index factor.

*Senate Status:* 02/14/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 02/19/19.

**SJR169 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Establishing an independent redistricting commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

*Summary:* Proposes amendment of Article II, Section 4 to establish an independent redistricting commission for senatorial and representative districts.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SJR172 TENNCARE: Medicaid eligibility expansion.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

*Summary:* Authorizes governor to expand Medicaid eligibility.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

**SJR173 JUDICIARY: Constitutional Amendments - allows people to propose laws by initiative.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee, to provide for the people to propose laws by initiative.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SJR174 JUDICIARY: Constitutional Amendments - popular election of the attorney general and reporter.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

*Summary:* Proposes amendment of Article VI, Section 5 to provide for popular election of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of four years.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SJR179 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - popular election of the attorney general.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark ,

*Summary:* Proposes amendment of Article VI, Section 5 to provide for popular election of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of six years.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**HB23 LABOR LAW: Harassment of government employees.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Jernigan, Darren

*Summary:* Permits an attorney for a county, municipal, or metropolitan government to seek an injunction against a person who commits harassment against an employee. Specifies that the injunction may be sought in any court of competent jurisdiction having the power to grant injunctions.

*House Status:* 01/18/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**HB52 TAXES BUSINESS: Phases out professional privilege tax.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Potts, Jason

*Summary:* Reduces the professional privilege tax incrementally each year starting with tax years beginning on and after June 1, 2019 and eliminates the tax completely by tax year ending on or after May 31, 2023.

*House Status:* 01/23/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**HB198 CONSTRUCTION: Requires home improvement contractors complete 8 hours education.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

*Summary:* Requires home improvement contractors initially licensed after January 1, 2009 to complete eight hours of continuing education beginning January 1, 2020, with membership in a professional trade association qualifying as four hours biennially.

*House Status:* 01/31/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**HB206 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Voter registration.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Leatherwood, Tom

*Summary:* Revises the period during which a person may register to vote from at least 30 days before an election to at least 30 days before the first day of early voting for the election.

*House Status:* 01/31/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**HB588 LABOR LAW: No Credit Check in Employment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Prohibits a prospective employer or current employer from using a credit check or causing a credit check to be procured that is about a job applicant or current employee. Specifies that such prohibition applies even if the consumer consents or otherwise authorizes the procurement or use of a credit check for employment purposes. Specifies situations in which a credit check is authorized.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Introduced in the House

**HB706 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Increase in compensation for state employees.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Provides an increase in monetary compensation of at least \$1,000 for each full-time and part-time state employee. Specifies that employees who are not in active service on July 1, 2019, are entitled to the salary increase when the employee returns to active service.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Introduced in the House

**HB1263 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Absentee ballots application requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Dixie, Vincent

*Summary:* Requires an application for an absentee ballot to contain only the last four digits of the voter's social security number rather than the entire social security number.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.

**HJR51 LABOR LAW: Supports establishment of a Full Employment National Trust Fund.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Supports establishment of a Full Employment National Trust Fund.

*House Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

**HJR54 EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

*House Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

**HJR132 EDUCATION: Expresses support for a teacher's bill of rights.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Deberry Jr., John

*Summary:* Expresses support for a teacher's bill of rights.

*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.