



Senate Priority Bills

June Session

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SB1753/HB1722 **Self-distribution permits to beer manufacturers producing less than 50,000 gallons annually.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Faison, Jeremy
Summary: Allows beer manufacturers with an annual beer production of 50,000 gallons or less to obtain self-distribution permits. Prohibits manufacturers with a self-distribution permit from distributing more than 7,000 gallons of beer to any individual retail permittee within 100 miles of manufacturer. Revokes permit if manufacturer's production exceeds 50,000 gallons, or if a distribution contract is entered with a beer wholesaler distributing within 100 miles of where the beer is manufactured, produced, or bottled.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 23, 2020) Increase State Revenue \$100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Department of Revenue \$100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Tennessee Highway Patrol Increase Local Revenue \$900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/11/20 - House Cities & Counties Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 5, relative to distribution of beer.

SB2485/HB1642 **Tennessee State Fairgrounds designated as urban park center.**

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Designates the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Nashville as an urban park center for purposes of selling liquor-by-the-drink on the premises.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 21, 2020) Increase State Revenue - \$450/FY20-21/ABC Fund \$150/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/ABC Fund \$27,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Increase Local Revenue - \$19,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/12/20 - Set for House Floor on 03/19/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to urban park centers.

CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING

SB193/HB145 **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.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/19/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 03/20/19 - Taken off notice in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to absentee voting.

SB247/HB225 **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.
Fiscal Note: (Dated April 3, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

CRIMINAL LAW

SB2734/HB2517 **Revises sentencing requirements for drug offenses between an adult and a minor.**

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Curcio, Michael
Summary: Changes sentencing classifications for adults distributing controlled substances to minors. Removes requirement that persons convicted of distributing controlled substances to minors in school safety zones receive additional incarceration or fines as well as requirement for completion of a minimum sentence before being eligible for parole. Reduces a school safety zone from 1000 to 500 feet from school property or within the area bounded by a divided state or federal highway.
Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (015538) authorizes the state to seek enhancement of a defendant's sentence for selling a controlled substance to a minor, selling on or within 500 feet of a school, or both. Deletes language allowing a court to waive sentencing enhancements if the violation occurred within 500 feet of a school when the defendant was in a private dwelling, in a motor vehicle stopped by law enforcement, or caught during a time when children were not present at the public or private school.
Subcommittee: budget_sub_amendment_03.11.2020.pdf
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2020) Decrease State Expenditures \$18,449,100 Incarceration*
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/12/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/17/20.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 2; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Section 49-2-116, relative to the administration of justice.

SJR885 Constitutional Amendment - rights of crime victims.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John ,
Summary: Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee for the purpose of rewriting the rights to which crime victims are entitled.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 20, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$10,000/FY19-20
Senate Status: 03/10/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/24/20.

EDUCATION

SB1247/HB1008 Publication of list of art supplies that are certified nontoxic.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Requires the department of education to publish the list of art supplies that are certified nontoxic by the Arts and Creative Materials Institute on the department's website. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/16/20 - Senate Education Committee deferred to next available calendar.
House Status: 05/21/20 - Set for House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee 05/26/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

SB1974/HB2470 Authority of state government commission to supervise all projects relating to Tennessee universities.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Gives the state government commission power and authority to approve and supervise all projects involving the University of Tennessee, any institution governed by the board of regents, or any state university governed by a local board of trustees. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/16/20 - Senate Education Committee deferred to next available calendar.
House Status: 05/21/20 - Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 05/26/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to education.

SB2097/HB2157 Financial Aid Simplification for Tennesseans (FAST) Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Enacts the "Financial Aid Simplification for Tennesseans (FAST) Act. Revises requirements for Tennessee student assistance awards from TSAC, including specifying that a student in default on a Tennessee education loan or owes a refund on a Tennessee student financial aid program is ineligible for such award. Terminates the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship program effective July 1, 2020 and specifies that all funds remaining in the program's investment principal and investment earnings account are to be added to the reserve balances held by TSAC for the student assistance award. Revises requirements for the minority teaching fellows program. Changes various definitions under the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Act, including the definition of "home school student" and the definition of "resident." Changes eligibility requirements for the Tennessee HOPE access grant, Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship, and the Wilder-Naifeh skills grant. Authorizes the amount of \$1,750 for a STEP UP scholarship awarded to a student attending an eligible four-year institution for full-time attendance each semester. Revises requirements for the general assembly merit scholarship and for dual enrollment grants. Removes the director of THEC and a representative for commercial lenders from the TSAC board of directors. Makes other revisions to financial aid availability for higher education (21 pp.).
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$16,800/FY20-21/General Fund Net Impact - \$101,000/FY20-21/Lottery for Education Account Decrease State Expenditures Net Impact - \$1,019,800/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/ General Fund \$122,700/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/ Lottery for Education Account Other Fiscal Impact Funding in the amount of \$101,000 in FY20-21 and \$122,700 in FY21-22 and subsequent years will not be included in the annual statutory transfer of excess lottery funding from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.
Senate Status: 02/19/20 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
House Status: 03/12/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/17/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to higher education.

SB2160/HB2229 Literacy instruction requirements in LEAs.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Requires an LEA with students in kindergarten through second grade (K-2) to provide students in each grade with necessary instruction for students to develop reading skills that meet Tennessee's academic standards and the students' developmental expectations; phonics based instruction must be approved for use by the department of education. Requires LEAs to administer a reading diagnostic to K-2 students and to students in third grade if they are below reading level. Establishes other requirements in regards to the assessment. Creates criteria for educator preparation programs including instruction on how to implement reading instruction, on behavior management and trauma-informed practices in the classroom and how to utilize student data. Requires a candidate for an elementary school educator to pass an examine that tests the candidate's knowledge of evidence-based and scientifically-based reading instruction in order to receive a teacher license. Creates other requirements regarding literacy education in LEAs. Part of Administration Package.
Amendment Summary: House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee amendment 1 (016456) deletes all language after the enacting clause. States that each LEA is responsible for implementing instructional programs based on English language arts standards adopted by the board of education that include foundational literacy skills for teaching students in grades kindergarten through second to read. Requires the LEA to provide students with textbooks from a board approved list unless they are granted a waiver or the LEA is using research based or evidence based curriculum, has demonstrated growth at a level of above expectations or greater, and continues to demonstrate that growth for three or more years. Requires LEAs to administer a reading diagnostic to K-2 students and for it to be administered three times each school year. Requires any student with a significant reading deficiency, as measured by the diagnostic, receive additional instruction. Establishes waiver requirements for LEAs. Requires educator preparation providers to provide teaching candidates with specific instruction on how to teach students how to read. Requires a candidate for a teaching license to teach in grades kindergarten through second to provide a certificate documenting passage of a Tennessee reading instruction test developed by the department. Requires the department of education and the Tennessee higher education commission to report to the chairs of the education committees of the general assembly on the implementation of these requirements. Creates other requirements regarding literacy education in LEAs.
Subcommittee Amendments: CTI_Sub_03.10.20.pdf
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 23, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$48,633,900/FY20-21 \$11,133,900/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years The Governors proposed budget for FY20-21, on page B-88, recognizes a one- time increase in state expenditures to the General Fund of \$37,500,000, and a recurring increase in state expenditures to the General Fund in the amount of \$11,250,000, for a total of \$48,750,000 in FY20-21.
Senate Status: 03/16/20 - Senate Education Committee deferred to next available calendar.
House Status: 05/21/20 - Set for House Education Committee 05/28/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to literacy instruction.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

SB243/HB1071 Requires mail or email notification regarding legality of removal of vegetation for outdoor advertisements.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Specifies that the notice the commissioner of transportation must give to the affected outdoor advertiser regarding the determination of illegality of the removal, cutting, or trimming of vegetation, is to be made by United States postal service or electronic mail.

<i>Amendment</i>	House Infrastructure Subcommittee amendment 1 (015009) rewrites the bill and creates the "Outdoor Advertising Control Act of 2020" which restricts where an outdoor advertising device can be erected and requires a person obtain a permit and tag from the commissioner of transportation before erecting an outdoor advertising device.
<i>Summary:</i>	Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to enforce regulations and penalties regarding outdoor advertising.
<i>Subcommittee</i>	InfrastructureSub_03.04.20.pdf
<i>Amendments:</i>	
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/11/20 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee deferred to next available calendar.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/11/20 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 21, relative to billboard regulations.

SB1633/HB1675 Plan to implement the Affordable Clean Energy Rule.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the department of environment and conservation to develop a plan to implement the federal Affordable Clean Energy Rule (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ba) and submit the plan to the administrator of the EPA by June 15, 2020. Specifies that the plan must not impose standards of performance or a compliance schedule that results in the retirement of any existing coal-fired electricity generating unit or an increase in price rates for electricity that exceeds 0.5 percent.
<i>Amendment</i>	Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1 (015426) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change require the TDEC to submit such plan by November 1, 2020, rather than by June 15, 2020, and to pay any costs associated with the implementation of this legislation from funds in the Department's budgets for FY19-20 and FY20-21.
<i>Summary:</i>	
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 31, 2020) Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$300,000/FY19-20
<i>Senate Status:</i>	02/26/20 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (015426). Sent to Senate Finance.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/04/20 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 65; Title 68 and Chapter 478 of the Public Acts of 2015, relative to emissions from electric utilities.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**SB1685/HB1763 Sunset - regional transportation authority of Middle Tennessee.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin
<i>Summary:</i>	Extends the regional transportation authority of Middle Tennessee to June 30, 2024.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 20, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/17/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Government Operations Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/16/20 - House passed.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 64, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the regional transportation authority of Middle Tennessee.

SB1700/HB1778 Sunset - state textbook and instructional materials quality commission.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin
<i>Summary:</i>	Extends the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission to June 30, 2024.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated January 20, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/17/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Government Operations Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/19/20 - House passed.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission.

SB2187/HB2254 Tennessee sports hall of fame.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
<i>Summary:</i>	Transfers responsibility for administration of the Tennessee sports hall of fame from the commissioner of tourist development to the hall's board of directors and makes other changes concerning the sports hall of fame. Part of Administration Package.
<i>Amendment</i>	House State Committee amendment 1 (015381) deletes and replaces language of the original bill such that the only substantive change is to remove the Comptroller of the Treasury from the list of entities to which the Board is required to submit a plan of operation.
<i>Summary:</i>	
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated February 23, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/12/20 - Set for House Floor on 03/19/20.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 54, relative to the Tennessee sports hall of fame.

HEALTH CARE**SB284/HB612 Notification of change of address to receive a duplicate registration certification.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Terry, Bryan
<i>Summary:</i>	Increases the time in which person who issued a certification of registration by the division of health related boards to notify the division of a change of address in order to receive a duplicate registration certificate from 30 to 45 days.
<i>Fiscal Note:</i>	(Dated February 2, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
<i>Senate Status:</i>	03/11/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
<i>House Status:</i>	03/10/20 - Taken off notice in House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee.
<i>Caption:</i>	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to healthcare providers.

SB2312/HB2350 Makes various changes to the CON process for healthcare facilities and services.

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Smith, Robin
<i>Summary:</i>	Removes mental health hospitals from the definition of "healthcare institutions" for purposes of the Tennessee Health Services and Planning Act of 2002. Specifies that the health services and development agency has the duty to develop criteria and standards to guide the agency when issuing certificates of need. Requires the agency to seek input on the criteria and standards from the division of TennCare, the departments of health, mental health and substance abuse services and intellectual disabilities, and the health committees of the senate and the house. Requires the agency to conduct studies related to health care, including a needs assessment that must be updated annually. Specifies duties of executive director of the agency, including issuing exemptions from the requirement that a certificate of need be obtained for the relocation of existing or certified facilities providing healthcare services and healthcare institutions. Requires executive director to submit a proposal to the general assembly no later than October 1, 2020, detailing objectives, governance, costs, and implementation timeline of a state all payer claims database. Requires the review of actions taken by the executive director must be heard at the next regularly scheduled agency meeting of the request for review of the action. Current law specifies that review must be heard within 45 days of the request for review of the action. Specifies that a certificate of need is not required for the establishment of an outpatient diagnostic center in any county with a population in excess of 175,000 according to the 2010 federal census. Specifies fees from healthcare providers that the department of health is required to collect annually and that are deposited in the state general fund and credited to the agency's separate account. Make other revisions to the certificate of need process for healthcare facilities and services (33 pp.).

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee amendment 1 (015195) adds that as of January 1, 2020, a certificate of need is not needed for any actions in a county that has no actively licensed hospital located within it, in addition to the county being designated as an economically distressed eligible county. House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee amendment 2 (015243) adds definitions of "nursing home" and "nursing home bed" and raises the pediatric patient age from 14 to 17 years old. Makes changes to the development of criteria used by agencies when issuing certificates of need, such that the standards are to be adopted by public meeting after the agency has provided time for written and in person comments. Exempts the standards from the rule promulgation process in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. Adds to the executive director's duties the issuing of exemptions from the voiding of certificates of need if the actions of the certificate are not performed for a continuous period of one year after implementation. Requires the executive director to notify the agency of any exemptions granted. Decreases the population size of a county from 250,000 to 175,000 for the purposes of who is required to notify an agency for initiating magnetic resonance imaging services. Establishes requirements of accreditation for certain organizations and centers established or offering services without a certificate of need. Adds that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate an ambulatory surgical treatment center or free-standing emergency department in certain counties. Clarifies that the activity authorized by a certificate of need must be completed within the required time frame, rather than maintaining a certificate of need's validity for a required time period. Deletes relocation of beds requirements, conditions for relocating beds by existing licensed and operating nursing homes, qualified partial relocation of nursing home facilities, qualified divided relocation of nursing home facilities and development of measures for assessing quality of entities receiving certificate of need and penalties for failure to meet measures.

*Subcommittee**Amendments:**Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 24, 2020) Increase State Revenue Net Impact \$848,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Health Services Development Agency \$37,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Decrease State Revenue \$177,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Department of Health Increase State Expenditures \$296,500/FY20-21/Health Services Development Agency \$369,700/FY20-21/General Fund \$281,200/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/ Health Services Development Agency \$364,300/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/General Fund HB 2350 - SB 2312 1 Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 68-11-1623(b), the Health Services Development Agency (HSDA) is required to be self-sufficient. As of June 30, 2019, the HSDAs reserve fund balance was \$1,900,000. The Governors FY20-21 proposed budget recommends \$1,300,000. The HSDA may increase fees for other certificate of need applicants in the future, if necessary, to remain self-sufficiency.

*Senate Status:**House Status:**Caption:*

03/11/20 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1. Sent to Senate Finance.

03/12/20 - Set for House Health Committee 03/17/20.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, relative to certificates of need.

INSURANCE AUTOMOBILES

SB2207/HB1593 Tennessee automobile insurance plan - annual reporting requirements.

*Sponsors:**Summary:**Amendment**Summary:*

Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam

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

House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (016544) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. Exempts entities, or shared vehicle owners engaged in peer-to-peer car sharing, from the surcharge or tax on rental cars. Requires that if a car sharing program conducts business at an airport or otherwise uses airport facilities, then the program must enter into a written agreement with the airport or entity responsible for regulating commerce at the airport. Includes peer-to-peer car sharing programs in the definition of marketplace facilitator. Clarifies that the rental of a motor vehicle by an entity engaged in peer-to-peer car sharing is subject to sales tax. Clarifies that rental car company does not mean a peer-to-peer car sharing program. Requires that a peer-to-peer car sharing program assume liability, unless under certain circumstances, of a shared vehicle owner for bodily injury or property damage to third parties or uninsured or underinsured motorist losses during the care sharing period. Requires the peer-to-peer car sharing program ensure that during each car sharing period, that the shared vehicle owner and driver are insured under certain motor vehicle policies. Establishes other requirements of peer-to-peer car sharing programs regarding notification of implications of lien, record keeping, indemnification, driver license verification, automobile safety recalls, and conflicts.

*Subcommittee**Amendments:**Fiscal Note:**Senate Status:**House Status:**Caption:*

Business_Subcommittee_03.10.2020.pdf

(Dated January 26, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

03/12/20 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/17/20.

03/12/20 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/17/20.

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

INSURANCE HEALTH

SB1942/HB1890 Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from discriminating against certain pharmacies.

*Sponsors:**Summary:**Amendment**Summary:**Subcommittee**Amendments:**Fiscal Note:*

Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Helton, Esther

Prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager, or any third party that makes payment for the drugs, from discriminating against the following with respect to a patient eligible to receive drugs subject to a federal drug discount agreement between the secretary of health and human services and a drug manufacturer: (1) A 340B entity (described below) in a manner that prevents or interferes with the patient's choice to receive those drugs from the 340B entity; (2) A pharmacy participating in a health plan as an entity authorized to participate under a federal drug discount program in a manner that prevents or interferes with the patient's choice to receive those drugs from the pharmacy; or (3) A 340B entity regarding reimbursement for pharmacy-dispensed drugs by reimbursing at a rate lower than that paid for the same drug to pharmacies that are not 340B entities. This bill also prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from assessing any fee or other adjustment upon the 340B entity or excluding a 340B pharmacy from the pharmacy benefit manager's or third party's pharmacy network, on the basis that the 340B entity participates in the drug discount program. A "340B entity" is an entity participating in the federal 340B drug discount program, including the entity's pharmacy or pharmacies, or any pharmacy or pharmacies contracted with the entity to dispense drugs purchased through the program. This bill states that it creates a private cause of action for a pharmacy or 340B entity against a pharmacy benefit manager or third party who violates this bill.

Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1, House Insurance Committee amendment 1 (015717) adds language to the original bill that exempts the TennCare program, CoverKids and Cover RX programs.

LifeandHealthSubcommittee_03.04.20.pdf

(Dated February 27, 2020) Increase State Expenditures - \$10,620,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures - \$20,504,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Other Commerce Impact The proposed legislation will likely impact the contracts the Division of TennCare and the Division of Benefits Administration have with providers; however, due to multiple unknown factors, an exact fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.

*Senate Status:**House Status:**Executive Status:**Caption:*

03/12/20 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/17/20.

03/12/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/17/20.

03/02/20 - Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance released to standing committees with favorable comment.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

JUDICIARY

SB2381/HB2623 Deadline change for responses under the Tennessee Public Participation Act.

*Sponsors:**Summary:**Fiscal Note:**Senate Status:**House Status:*

Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Curcio, Michael

Changes the deadline from not less than five days to not less than seven days before a hearing for an opposing party to file a response to a petition under the Tennessee Public Participation Act. Broadly captioned.

(Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

02/10/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 20; Title 27; Title 28; Title 29; Title 47 and Title 49, relative to civil actions.

SB2741/HB2768 Allows for a temporary hold of court proceedings in certain circumstances.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Carter, Mike
Summary: Allows a court to temporarily hold court proceedings in a courthouse or other room located outside the county seat in certain instances such as a natural disaster, conflicts of trials or other judicial proceedings, etc. Requires proceeding to return to the courthouse when it is ready for use.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 05/21/20 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 05/27/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-105, relative to courts.

LOTTERY

SB2667/HB2842 Legal instruments entitling a winner of charitable gaming event to non-cash prize or award.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
Summary: Adds tickets and coupons to the types of legal instruments entitling a winner of a charitable gaming event to a non-cash prize or award. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/10/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, relative to nonprofit gaming.

PROPERTY & HOUSING

SB1778/HB1830 Broadens definition of a bed and breakfast homestay.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary: Qualifies a single condominium as a "bed and breakfast homestay." Broadly captioned.
Amendment Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (013520) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines the term "transferred" as it relates to regulations governing Short Term Rental Property (STRP) by local governments.
Summary: (Dated January 29, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Fiscal Note: 03/09/20 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.
Senate Status: 03/10/20 - House Property & Planning Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.
House Status: 03/10/20 - House Property & Planning Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 56; Title 62; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to the rental of real property.

PUBLIC FINANCE

SB2111/HB2156 Changes deadline to submit reports on bond issues to March 1.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary: Changes date the commissioner of economic and community development is required to submit a report to the general assembly on the administration of the bond allocation program about the amount, purpose, and location of bond issues from prior to January 31 to prior to March 1. Broadly captioned.
Amendment House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee amendment 1 (015039) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Requires the department of economic and community development brief the fiscal review committee on any new clawback rights being executed by the department during the current year, and from previous years that are still being collected.
Summary: budget_sub_amendment_03.04.2020.pdf
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/16/20 - House deferred to 03/19/20.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 12, relative to public funds.

SJR849 Confirmation of appointment - James Haltom, Claims Commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack ,
Summary: Confirms the appointment of James Haltom to the Claims Commission for the Middle Division of Tennessee.
Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

TAXES BUSINESS

SB2821/HB2106 Exempts accounting and legal services from a service sale fees.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Exempts accounting and legal services from the fee on sales of services and tangible personal property within central business improvement districts within tourism development zones. Broadly captioned.
Amendment House Property & Planning Subcommittee amendment 1 (015728) rewrites the bill. Clarifies that apportionment and distribution of tax increment finances (TIF) with respect to qualified public use facilities in counties having a population no less than 900,000 (Memphis) shall continue until 1) thirty (30) years from the date it is anticipated that the facility will continue as a public use facility and 2) the date the amount apportioned and distributed to the municipality equals the indebtedness of the municipality or public authority.
Summary: PropertyandPlanning_03.10.20.pdf
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/10/20 - House Property & Planning Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (015728). Sent to full committee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 88 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 30, relative to tourism development zones.

SB2826/HB2111 Increases percent of voters needed to petition against a levied tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Increases percent of voters from ten percent (10%) to 15 percent (15%) of qualified voters needed for a petition filed with the county election commission within 30 days of final approval of the ordinance by the municipal legislative body. Requires county election commission to call an election on the question of levying the tax.
Amendment House Property & Planning Subcommittee amendment 1 (015726) rewrites the bill. Expands the definition of qualified public use facility and establishes that such facilities receive apportionment of municipal privilege taxes assessed within a Tourism Development Zone.
Summary: PropertyandPlanning_03.10.20.pdf
Subcommittee
Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.
House Status: 03/10/20 - House Property & Planning Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (015726). Sent to full committee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 88, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 30, relative to the Local Tourism Development Zone Business Tax Act.

TAXES SALES

SB2677/HB2760 **Changes required date for department of revenue report on collected sales taxes.**

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Ogles, Brandon
Summary: Changes from February 1 to February 15 the required date for the department of revenue to report findings and recommendations regarding sales taxes collected on electronic nicotine delivery devices to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the respective finance, ways and means committees. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/11/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.
House Status: 02/10/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to sales and use taxes.

TENNCARE

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

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbrow, 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.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

SB2707/HB2794 **Authorizes the governor to expand medicaid eligibility.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary: Authorizes the governor to expand medical assistance pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and to negotiate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to expand medicaid. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2020) Increase State Expenditures - \$167,948,400/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Increase Federal Expenditures \$1,511,535,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years
Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 03/11/20 - Taken off notice in House TennCare Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medical assistance.

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

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

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Requires the department of safety to report to the transportation committees of both houses by February 1, 2020, the number of commercial driver license holders who previously held military commercial driver licenses, and whether they experienced any barriers in applying for such state license. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Transportation.
House Status: 01/15/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

WELFARE

SB1350/HB915 **Decreases time frame an ambulance provider pays assessment.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary: Decreases the time by which an ambulance provider must pay the assessment to the bureau of TennCare from 30 business days to 20 business days after issuance of the notice of assessment.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to ambulance services.