



2025 Bill Tracking List

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PRIORITY

Passed

SB899/HB964

Standard for entry-resistant window treatment for school buildings.

Sponsors	Sen. Massey, Becky; Rep. Hawk, David
Summary	Requires entry-resistant window treatment for school building if they are constructed or remodeled on or after July 1, 2025. Requires the state-level school safety team to transit the guidelines to the state fire marshal for inclusion in rules.
Senate Status	04/29/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/21/25 - House passed.
Executive Status	05/01/25 - Sent to governor.

SB1271/HB1306

Affordable and workforce housing facilities and development.

Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary	Clarifies definitions concerning housing facilities and developments with regard to industrial development corporations including affordable and workforce housing. Allows a municipality or county to make amendments to an economic impact plan while approving the plan. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.
Senate Status	04/22/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/22/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/22/25 - Sent to governor.

SB1194/HB801

Standards for roofs.

Sponsors	Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Grills, Rusty
Summary	Specifies that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-shaped roofs do not apply in Tennessee.
Amendment Summary	House amendment 1 (004191) rewrites the bill to, instead, clarify that, as of July 1, 2025, the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-sloped roofs do not apply to the 2021 International Code Council adoption. The state fire marshal is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate this amendment.
Senate Status	03/26/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	03/26/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/14/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0149, effective April 3, 2025, and July 1, 2025.
Effective Date	04/03/25, 07/01/25

SB670/HB541

Classification of property as a wetland.

Sponsors	Sen. Taylor, Brent; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary	Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law.
Senate Status	04/29/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/21/25 - House passed.
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1139/HB542

Utility to review plans of development for compliance with infrastructure codes.

Sponsors	Sen. Taylor, Brent; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary	Requires a utility to review plans of development for compliance with water, electric, and natural gas infrastructure codes within 30 days of the plan's submission. Authorizes the person who submitted the plan to hire a third-party examiner to examine the plan if the utility does not complete the examination within 30 days. Defines relevant terms.
Senate Status	04/21/25 - Senate passed.
House Status	04/21/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (006399).
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1316/HB1330	Less is More Act of 2025.
Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary	Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.
Senate Status	04/17/25 - Senate passed with amendment 3 (007827).
House Status	04/21/25 - House concurred in Senate amendment 3 (007827).
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Did Not Pass

SB307/HB1054	Construction project delivery methods.
Sponsors	Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary	Authorizes a local government having a population of 100,000 or more and having centralized purchasing with a full-time purchasing agent to use any project delivery method that the local government determines most effectively meets the needs of the local government for the construction of local projects or additions to existing buildings.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	02/11/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

SB360/HB293	Construction of certain structures in areas designated as 100-year floodplains.
Sponsors	Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. Clemmons, John
Summary	Prohibits the construction of correctional facilities, hospitals, and nursing homes in areas designated as one hundred-year flood plains and applies to all applications for construction permits submitted on or after July 1, 2025. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	02/12/25 - Failed in House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

SB721/HB718	Decision by fire marshal on an appeal regarding building or fire codes.
Sponsors	Sen. Hatcher, Tom; Rep. Moon, Jerome
Summary	Extends the period in which the fire marshal is required to provide a decision on an appeal regarding building or fire codes involving a county building located in a city when there is a conflict between city and county from 10 working days to 15 calendar days. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government.
House Status	02/06/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB795/HB1173	Purchasing of goods and services by local governments without bid or quotations.
Sponsors	Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary	Authorizes local governments to purchase goods and services directly, without bid or quotations, from vendors awarded general services administration schedule contracts at prices equal to the vendor's current general services administration schedule price.
Senate Status	04/01/25 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	03/27/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

SB866/HB734	Dispute resolution process for matters involving real property.
Sponsors	Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary	Requires any third-party complaint related to the design, planning, supervision, or construction of an improvement of real property not be subject to the four-year statute of repose.
Senate Status	02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

SB951/HB1014 Report on SAVE Act - deadline change.

Sponsors Sen. Powers, Bill; Rep. Slater, William

Summary Changes the date the commissioner of education must report to the governor and the general assembly on the implementation of and compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education Act from February 1 to January 15. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary House Education Administration Subcommittee amendment 1 (003926) requires, if a fire inspector finds that a public or private elementary or secondary school is noncompliant with a fire safety code or regulation, and such noncompliance is due to a conflict between the fire safety code or regulation and the Local Education Agency's (LEA) district-wide school safety plan, or the public or private school's safety plan, the fire inspector, the school, and a representative from the Department of Safety (DOS) to convene a working group to remedy the conflict so that the school comprehensively addresses all risks to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and other personnel at the school. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to determine the appropriate remedy if the working group is unable to do so within 30 days of the date of issuance of noncompliance. Requires the relevant school to abide by the remedy determined.

Senate Status 03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

House Status 03/25/25 - House Education Committee deferred to the second calendar of 2026.

SB1096/HB414 Allows an existing place of worship to be used for educational purposes.

Sponsors Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary Permits an existing place of worship to be used for educational purposes without reclassification of the building's occupancy type if certain conditions are met, including the building complying with safety upgrade requirements.

Senate Status 03/18/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

Monitored (legislation that passed noted in green)

SB1317/HB1331 Personal eligibility conditions.

Sponsors Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary Suspends personal eligibility conditions to the extent necessary to allow the commissioner of labor and workforce development the discretion to amend such reporting requirements upon receiving appropriate federal guidance. Limits suspension to residents of this state who reside or work in counties for which the state has requested a major disaster declaration. Requires TEMA to be vested with the authority to assist political subdivisions and local emergency management agencies with recovery from disasters and emergencies on public property. Part of Administration Package.

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status 02/12/25 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

SB646/HB1278 Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund.

Sponsors Sen. Crowe, Rusty; Rep. Hill, Timothy

Summary Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund, from which the Tennessee emergency management agency shall provide county recovery grants and direct assistance recovery grants for certain counties and households impacted by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene.

Senate Status 04/22/25 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/21/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (005314) and amendment 2 (007424).

Executive Status 04/22/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB773/HB735 Vesting period for property development standards.

Sponsors Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. Wright, Dave

Summary Specifies that the vesting period established for a construction project or development plan does not expire because of pending litigation challenging a permit. Specifies that the vesting period is tolled while such litigation is pending.

Senate Status 04/29/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.

House Status 04/16/25 - House passed with amendment 2 (007441).

Executive Status 04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1138/HB543 Operation of a sewerage system outside the boundaries of a city or town.

Sponsors Sen. Taylor, Brent; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary Prohibits a municipal sewer system or utility district that has operated a sewerage system outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or town for 25 years or more from ceasing

	operation of the sewerage system outside the corporate boundaries so long as the sewerage system maintains sufficient capacity, as determined by a study conducted by TACIR. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	04/29/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/21/25 - House passed.
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.
SB970/HB660	Providing services for water or wastewater.
Sponsors	Sen. Southerland, Steve; Rep. Jones, Renea
Summary	Permits authorities formed and certified by municipalities under the Municipal Energy Authority Act to have certain water and wastewater treatment powers to the extent that the authority's exercise of such powers does not conflict with any ordinances or rules adopted by another local government having jurisdiction over such matters. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	04/14/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/10/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/30/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0283, effective April 24, 2025.
Effective Date	04/24/25
SB369/HB742	Quotes required by local governments for purchases.
Sponsors	Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. McKenzie, Sam
Summary	Allows changes to the \$10,000 threshold that determines when public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required through a resolution passed by the governing body. Allows purchases, leases, or lease-purchase agreements that cost less than the competitive sealed bid threshold to be made in the open market without publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation. Requires the government to obtain at least three written price quotes to ensure competitive pricing if a purchase falls between 40% of the bid threshold or some lower amount as may be established by the governing body by resolution or ordinance.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	03/19/25 - Taken off notice in House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.
SB840/HB966	Creates K-12 lottery capital outlay special account and the early learning program account.
Sponsors	Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Hawk, David
Summary	Creates two special accounts in the state treasury, the K-12 lottery capital outlay special account and the early learning program account, for excess lottery funds. Requires the comptroller of the treasury to develop and administer a program to provide grants from such accounts to local education agencies to be used for capital outlay projects for K-12 educational facilities and for new or existing pre-K programs. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status	02/11/25 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.
SB327/HB319	Revises definition of residential property for purposes of classification and assessment.
Sponsors	Sen. Massey, Becky; Rep. Rudd, Tim
Summary	Revises the definition of "residential property" to include property that can be sold and purchased as a single unit fee simple title, whether it is vacant, owner-occupied, rented, detached, or attached.
Senate Status	03/25/25 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	03/19/25 - House Cities & Counties Subcommittee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1 (005782).
SB731/HB795	Changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections.
Sponsors	Sen. Pody, Mark; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary	Requires a local government to send back any requested changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections in a single deliverable document or set of documents, or to remit related fees back to the developer for subsequent change requests. Prohibits a local government from requiring a developer or contractor to fund, develop, or contribute to the development of nonessential infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.
Senate Status	04/01/25 - Failed in Senate State & Local Government Committee after adopting amendment 1 (006881).
House Status	04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House State & Local Government Committee.
SB825/HB1072	Classification of property as a wetland.

Sponsors	Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Warner, Todd
Summary	Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland if the property is prior converted cropland that is exempt from classification as a wetland under federal law.
Senate Status	03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
House Status	03/26/25 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.
SB754/HB79	Courthouse Square Revitalization Act.
Sponsors	Sen. Yager, Ken; Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary	Enacts the "Courthouse Square Revitalization Act," which allows a municipality to designate the boundaries of a courthouse square revitalization zone by adoption of an ordinance or resolution and requires sales and use tax revenue for purposes of the courthouse square revitalization zone to be distributed and used by the municipality exclusively for maintaining and improving the viability of the courthouse square through any means deemed appropriate by the governing body of the municipality, including, but not limited to, making loans or grants to the county governing body or any other public or private person, entity, or association for use on infrastructure, marketing, and other purposes related to revitalization. Specifies process for a municipality's application and approval of a proposed courthouse square revitalization zone.
Senate Status	04/08/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
House Status	04/08/25 - Taken off notice in House State & Local Government Committee.
SB961/HB955	Affordable Housing and Tenant Protection Act.
Sponsors	Sen. Lamar, London; Rep. Brooks, Shaundelle
Summary	Enacts the "Affordable Housing and Tenant Protection Act." Allows local governments to adopt ordinances and resolutions to control rent for private residential rental units. Creates the increased housing program and increased housing fund; authorizes the Tennessee housing development agency to make grants from the fund to eligible developers and first-time homebuyers to assist in gap financing and down payment assistance.
Senate Status	02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status	04/16/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/17/25.
SB1322/HB1335	TEMA report detailing recovery efforts from prior calendar year.
Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary	Requires TEMA to report to the governor, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives detailing recovery efforts that the agency was engaged in during the prior calendar year and recommendations on how to improve the efficiency of future recovery efforts by February 1 of each year. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.
Senate Status	02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status	02/12/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
SB7/HB73	Tennessee Historical Commission - authority to approve or recommend renovations to property.
Sponsors	Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary	Specifies the authority of the Tennessee Historical Commission to approve or recommend certain renovations or alterations of improved public or private real property that is or may be of historical, architectural, or cultural significance in this state or that is listed on the Tennessee register of historic places. Prohibits the Tennessee Historical Commission and certain other state entities from taking adverse action against certain real property owners, including the assessment of a penalty or fine. Broadly captioned.
Amendment	House amendment 1 (005976) prohibits the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) and other state entities, except the State Building Commission, from regulating the renovation, alteration, or demolition of improved public or private real property that is not listed on the Tennessee Register of Historic Places (Register). Prohibits the THC from penalizing property owners if the real property has been eligible for placement on the Register, but denied so by the THC or has not been provided any protection, grant, or other benefits associated with eligibility for the Register.
Summary	
Senate Status	04/21/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/21/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/22/25 - Sent to governor.
SB365/HB317	Makes changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals.
Sponsors	Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. Rudd, Tim
Summary	Makes certain changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals, including adding training and continuing education requirements regarding property rights and constitutional law. Requires building commissioners and other administrative

Senate Status	officials who grant or deny building permits to inform, in writing, the person receiving the grant or denial of the person's right to appeal to the board of zoning appeals.
House Status	04/22/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
Executive Status	04/22/25 - Signed by House speaker.
	04/23/25 - Sent to governor.

SB758/HB672 Redefines remediation site.

Sponsors	Sen. Yager, Ken; Rep. Scarbrough, Rick
Summary	Redefines "remediation site" to include a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity whose main purpose is to promote industrial development and new nuclear development upon dissolution of the existing nonprofit entity.
Senate Status	04/22/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/22/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/23/25 - Sent to governor.

SB885/HB1133 Pollution control tax credits for nuclear energy production facilities.

Sponsors	Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary	Allows nuclear energy production facilities to seek pollution control tax credits for certain machinery and equipment.
Amendment	Senate amendment 1 (003647) expands the definition of "certified green energy production facility" to include nuclear energy production facilities for the purposes of sales and use tax credits. Removes the service of enriching uranium materials, compounds, or products as a sales taxable service. Exempts industrial machinery, apparatus, and equipment used in the process of enriching uranium, deconstructing uranium materials, compounds products, and converting uranium material and compounds from the sales and use tax.
Summary	
Senate Status	04/17/25 - Senate refused to recede from its actions in Senate amendment 1 (003647).
House Status	04/21/25 - House concurred in Senate amendment 1 (003647).
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB1381/HB783 Regulation of sober living homes for recovery from alcohol, drug, and substance abuse.

Sponsors	Sen. Watson, Bo; Rep. Martin, Greg
Summary	Authorizes a local government to adopt ordinances or resolutions to require a sober living home to be at least 1,000 feet from a K-12 school, preschool, or daycare facility; regulate the location or operation of sober living homes within its jurisdiction; require operators to obtain a clinical referral from a licensed healthcare provider before allowing an individual to reside in a sober living home, confirming that placement is a medical necessity based on the individual's recovery from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse. Defines "sober living home" as an alcohol-free and drug-free residence where unrelated adults who are recovering from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery where no formal alcohol and drug services are provided. Defines "operator" as the lawful owner of a sober living home or a person or entity designated by such lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home. Broadly captioned.
Amendment	House amendment 1 (006379) authorizes Hamilton County and any incorporated city or town in Hamilton County, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution, to: (1) require a sober living home to be located at a distance equal to or less than 1,000 feet from a kindergarten through grade twelve educational facility, preschool, or daycare be recognized and certified by any nationally recognized recovery residence standards organization, an affiliate of such an organization, or grantees of any state or federal department or agency, and which is included on a list of approved organizations maintained on the website of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS); (2) regulate the location or operation of a sober living home within the jurisdiction of the local government, including, but not limited to, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local zoning laws, and applicable health, safety, fire, and building codes; and (3) require that an operator, prior to authorizing an individual to reside in a sober living home, receive a recommendation or referral from a licensed healthcare provider or a court that the individual reside in a sober living home. Requires that an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this act comply with the federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Specifies that any ordinance or resolution with respect to the aforementioned distance requirement does not apply to a sober living home in operation prior to the effective date of this act until such home ceases operation.
Summary	
Senate Status	04/22/25 - Senate passed.
House Status	04/30/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/22/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB63/HB241 Sunset - department of economic and community development.

Sponsors	Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Lafferty, Justin
Summary	Extends the department of economic and community development to June 30, 2029.
Senate Status	04/17/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.

House Status	04/21/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/29/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0236, effective April 24, 2025.
Effective Date	04/24/25

SB95/HB273**Sunset - Tennessee historical commission.**

Sponsors	Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Lafferty, Justin
Summary	Extends the Tennessee historical commission to June 30, 2029.
Senate Status	03/18/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	03/17/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	03/28/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0054, effective March 26, 2025.
Effective Date	03/26/25

SB113/HB199**Variances for subsurface sewage disposal systems.**

Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Reeves, Lee
Summary	Requires an agreement or contract entered into between the commissioner of environment and conservation and a county health department for the department to implement subsurface sewage disposal requirements to include authority for the commissioner to issue a variance in certain circumstances.
Amendment	House amendment 1 (006350) adds that a variance issued pursuant to this bill must not apply to: (1) A sewerage system regulated under the Water Quality Control Act; (2) A subsurface sewage disposal system serving multiple lots; or (3) Any lot containing more than one single-family dwelling with accessory buildings. This amendment defines "accessory buildings" to mean subordinate structures on the same lot as a principal single-family dwelling, including accessory dwelling units, garages, barns, sheds, and similar buildings that are incidental to and support the primary residential use of the property.
Summary	
Senate Status	04/07/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/07/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/28/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0208, effective April 15, 2025.
Effective Date	04/15/25

SB480/HB444**Tennessee Property Rights Protection Act.**

Sponsors	Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary	Deletes the definition of "blighted area" and defines "blighted property" for purposes of condemnation by housing authorities. Clarifies that housing authorities may acquire real property through a negotiated sale without using eminent domain. Authorizes housing authorities to pay more than fair market value for properties that are not blighted but that are in a blighted area. Allows a housing authority to contract with a third-party agent, at the housing authority's expense, for the purpose of negotiating the purchase price of real property within an urban renewal or redevelopment area if the property is not subject to acquisition by eminent domain.
Senate Status	03/24/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	03/24/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/11/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0114, effective April 3, 2025.
Effective Date	04/03/25

SB509/HB546**Cooperative purchasing agreements with other local, state, and federal governmental entities.**

Sponsors	Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary	Allows a local government to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement the Tennessee Valley Authority or with other local, state, and federal entities for the purpose of purchasing materials, labor, and services used for maintenance, operations, component replacement, or repairs of existing facilities and grounds owned and operated by a local education or government agency.
Senate Status	03/19/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	03/19/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/10/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0098, effective March 28, 2025.
Effective Date	03/28/25

SB625/HB917**Advertising leasing space by a state entity.**

Sponsors	Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. Faison, Jeremy
Summary	Clarifies exception to when a state entity must advertise for leasing space when the entity has requirements that are special and unique.
Senate Status	04/03/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/02/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/28/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0202, effective April 11, 2025.
Effective Date	04/11/25

SB1235/HB1237**Membership on state regulatory and health related boards.**

Sponsors
Summary

Sen. Rose, Paul; Rep. Zachary, Jason
Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health-related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Removes requirement that appointing authorities strive to ensure certain boards and commissions are represented by members of racial minorities. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status
House Status
Executive Status
Effective Date

04/14/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
04/10/25 - Signed by House speaker.
04/30/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0294, effective April 24, 2025.
04/24/25

SB1277/HB126**Revises the descriptions of existing state natural areas and designates new natural areas.**

Sponsors
Summary

Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Revises the descriptions of existing state natural areas and designates new natural areas. Part of Administration Package.

Senate Status
House Status
Executive Status
Effective Date

04/03/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
04/02/25 - Signed by House speaker.
04/29/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0190, effective April 11, 2025.
04/11/25

SB1288/HB106**Licensing exemption categories for programs that fall within the definition of a child care agency.**

Sponsors
Summary

Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Makes various changes to the licensing exemption categories for programs and activities that fall within the definition of a child care agency, including adding gym care and Tennessee professional sport event care program requirements. Specifies that a program that does not provide child care for five or less children in certain circumstances is not subject to licensure. Removes the requirement for a drop in center that provides child care for certain hours to register as casual care. Part of Administration Package.

Senate Status
House Status
Executive Status
Effective Date

03/26/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
03/26/25 - Signed by House speaker.
04/14/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0135, effective July 1, 2025.
07/01/25

SB6003/HB6003**Creates Hurricane Helene interest payment fund.**

Sponsors
Summary

Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Creates Hurricane Helene interest payment fund within the state treasury and specifies the purpose of the fund is to pay local governments' interest costs for up to three years on money borrowed to pay eligible disaster recovery costs related to Hurricane Helene. Also creates the governor's response and recovery fund within the state treasury and specifies that the purpose of the fund is to respond to, or recover from, an emergency, including agricultural recovery efforts related to an emergency, unemployment assistance related to an emergency, and business recovery assistance related to an emergency.

Senate Status
House Status
Executive Status
Effective Date

02/10/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
02/11/25 - Signed by House speaker.
02/12/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0002.
02/12/25

SB6004/HB6002**TEMA assisting a political subdivision or local emergency management agency with recovery from disasters and emergencies on public property.**

Sponsors
Summary

Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Authorizes TEMA to assist a political subdivision or local emergency management agency with recovery from disasters and emergencies on public property at the request of the political subdivision or agency. Suspends certain eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits for eligible claimants who reside or work in counties for which this state has requested a major disaster declaration. Part of Administration Package.

Senate Status
House Status
Executive Status
Effective Date

02/10/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
02/11/25 - Signed by House speaker.
02/12/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0003.
02/12/25

SB566/HB1138**Blasting surveys provided to owner or occupant.**

Sponsors

Sen. Pody, Mark; Rep. Boyd, Clark

Summary	Requires a blasting firm that conducts a pre-blast survey for an owner or occupant of certain buildings within 300 feet of the blast hole to provide the survey upon request by the owner or occupant at no cost.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status	03/24/25 - House passed.
SB637/HB226	TISA - weighted allocation for students who reside in certain school districts.
Sponsors	Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Haston, Kirk
Summary	Creates a three percent weighted allocation for a student who resides in a school district with a membership between 1,001 and 1,250, both inclusive. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status	02/11/25 - Taken off notice in House K-12 Subcommittee.
SB1215/HB1288	Creates the school safety grant fund.
Sponsors	Sen. Oliver, Charlane; Rep. Powell, Jason
Summary	Creates a special account within the state general fund to be known as the school safety grant fund to support LEAs and public charter schools with prevention, reduction, and response efforts with regard to school shootings. Requires the department of education to administer the fund and establish and publish guidelines for applications, including eligibility, and the award of grants. Establishes that the fund is composed of money appropriated by the general assembly, gifts, grants, and other donations received by the department for the fund. Requires the department of education to allocate funds to LEAs and public charter schools that have had a shooting or other firearm-related death on school grounds on a school day while students were present. Requires the state treasurer to invest money in the fund. Requires the department of education to submit an annual report to the specified committees by March 1 of each subsequent year on the status of this program and the allocation of grant funds.
Senate Status	02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status	03/18/25 - House Education Administration Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.
SB42/HB557	Creates the State Disaster Relief Program.
Sponsors	Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Capley, Kip
Summary	Creates the State Disaster Relief Program to be administered by TEMA for the purpose of providing grants to local governments where a natural disaster has occurred that does not exceed the threshold for federal disaster relief. Specifies criteria that a natural disaster in a county must meet in order to qualify for a grant.
Senate Status	03/18/25 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status	04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House State & Local Government Committee.
SB226/HB470	Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act.
Sponsors	Sen. Taylor, Brent; Rep. Rudd, Tim
Summary	Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee.
Senate Status	03/25/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status	03/26/25 - Taken off notice in House Commerce Committee.
SB283/HB881	Renewal fees paid by installers of subsurface sewage disposal systems.
Sponsors	Sen. Watson, Bo; Rep. Travis, Ron
Summary	Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from requiring an installer of subsurface sewage disposal systems who is in good standing with the department to pay a renewal fee as a condition to renewing the installer's septic system installer license.
Senate Status	03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
House Status	02/10/25 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.
SB377/HB548	Tennessee Procurement Protection Act.
Sponsors	Sen. Rose, Paul; Rep. Cochran, Mark
Summary	Creates the Tennessee Procurement Protection Act. Prohibits the public procurement of final products or services from a foreign adversary company, whether those products or services

are sold directly by the foreign adversary company or through a third-party vendor. Authorizes the public procurement of products and services from a company that has operations, affiliates, and subsidiaries in a foreign adversary so long as the company is not a foreign adversary company. Prohibits a foreign adversary company from bidding on or submitting a proposal for a contract with a state agency or political subdivision of this state for goods or services. Requires a company that offers to provide final products or services to a state agency or a political subdivision that are manufactured or produced by a foreign adversary company to be considered a foreign adversary company. Mandates a state agency or political subdivision to require a company that submits a bid or proposal for a contract for goods or services to certify that the company is not a foreign adversary company. Allows a state agency to enter into a contract for goods or services produced by a foreign adversary company if there is no other reasonable option for procuring the good or service and the contract is pre-approved by the department of finance and administration. Defines a "foreign adversary company" is defined as any company that meets one or more of the following criteria: it is domiciled, incorporated, issued, or listed in a foreign adversary; its headquarters are located in a foreign adversary; its principal place of business is situated in a foreign adversary; it is controlled by the government or an instrumentality of a foreign adversary; or it is majority-owned or board-controlled by an entity that falls under the jurisdictional control of the government of a foreign adversary.

Senate Status
House Status

04/02/25 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
04/03/25 - Taken off notice in House Calendar & Rules Committee.

SB539/HB753
Sponsors
Summary

Process for property tax assessment and valuation of low-income housing.

Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Establishes the process for property tax assessment and valuation of multi-unit rental housing that receives a federal, state, or local incentive based on low-income renter restrictions.
Broadly captioned.

Senate Status
House Status

03/11/25 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
02/06/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

SB593/HB224
Sponsors
Summary

School District Capital Improvements Investment Trust Act.

Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Haston, Kirk

Enacts the "School District Capital Improvements Investment Trust Act," which permits a local board of education to establish an investment trust for the purpose of prospectively funding capital improvements for the benefit of the local board of education's LEA. Specifies that a trust created under this part is irrevocable, and the assets must be preserved, invested, and expended solely pursuant to, and for the purposes of, this section and must not be loaned or otherwise transferred or used for any other purpose. Specifies that the assets of the trust may only be expended to make payments for capital improvements in accordance with the terms of the LEA's capital improvements plan or to pay the costs of administering the trust. Also specifies auditing requirements for trust. Broadly captioned.

Amendment
Summary
Senate Status
House Status

House K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (003638) makes a technical correction.

03/26/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

04/02/25 - House Education Committee deferred to the first calendar of 2026.

SB653/HB655
Sponsors
Summary

Specialty license plates benefitting state historic sites.

Sen. Crowe, Rusty; Rep. Hicks, Tim

Exempts new specialty earmarked license plates for which the funds are allocated to, and used by, a nonprofit organization to support state historic sites from meeting the minimum initial issuance requirement of 1,000 plates and the minimum issuance requirement of 800 plates upon renewal.

Senate Status
House Status

03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
03/25/25 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.

SB877/HB893
Sponsors
Summary

List of registered withdrawals of 10,000 or more gallons of water a day.

Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Todd, Chris

Requires the department of environment and conservation to make available on its website a list of withdrawals of 10,000 or more gallons of water per day from a surface water or groundwater source.

Senate Status
House Status

03/19/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
02/06/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

SB990/HB1194
Sponsors

Report on number of employers enrolled in E-Verify.

Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Cepicky, Scott

Summary	Requires the office of employment verification assistance to, using existing resources, create and publish a report on the number of employers that the office has enrolled in E-Verify or conducted work authorization status checks on behalf of. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status	03/18/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status	02/12/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
SB1307/HB127	Authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program.
Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary	Extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects. Part of Administration Package.
Senate Status	03/26/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status	03/26/25 - House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.
SB145/HB388	Municipal governments receiving allocation of state sales tax revenue for courthouse square revitalization.
Sponsors	Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Butler, Ed
Summary	Extends indefinitely the time frame, by deleting the June 30, 2028, termination date, that a municipality that continues to receive an allocation of state sales tax revenue pursuant to the now-repealed Courthouse Square Revitalization Pilot Project Act of 2005, will continue to receive the allocation of the revenue.
Senate Status	04/17/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/21/25.
House Status	04/16/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/17/25.
SB470/HB399	Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act.
Sponsors	Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby; Rep. Bricken, Rush
Summary	Enacts the "Protecting Tennessee Schools and Events Act." Requires the department of education to establish a pilot program to award protecting Tennessee schools and events assistance grants to LEAs located in counties identified as distressed or at-risk by the economic and community development's performance metrics for the fiscal year 2025, using funds appropriated by the general appropriations act for such purpose. Specifies the primary purpose of the grants is to assist LEAs located in counties identified as distressed or at-risk in purchasing portable walk-through metal detectors. Specifies requirements for metal detectors, including being able to comfortably accommodate foot traffic, wheelchairs, and other mobility assistance devices, such as walkers or crutches. Broadly captioned (10 pp.).
Senate Status	04/17/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/21/25.
House Status	04/16/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/17/25.
SB814/HB933	Artificial intelligence weapons detection systems grant program for LEAs.
Sponsors	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio
Summary	Requires the department to establish and administer a three-year artificial intelligence weapons detection system grant pilot program to award grants to eligible LEAs for the purchase of artificial intelligence weapons detection systems for schools without an artificial intelligence weapons detection system. Broadly captioned.
Amendment	Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (003778) requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish and administer a three-year artificial intelligence (A.I.) weapons detection system grant pilot program to award grants to eligible local education agencies (LEAs) for the purchase of A.I. weapons detection systems for each public high school managed and controlled by the eligible LEA's local board of education that does not have an A.I. weapons detection system. Establishes that the pilot program begins with the 2025-26 school year. Requires the DOE to determine the amount of each grant awarded and to disburse 100 percent of the funds appropriated to eligible LEAs each year of the pilot program. Requires the DOE to disburse any remaining grant funds to eligible LEAs for other school security measures approved by the DOE if, in any year of the pilot program, all public high schools managed and controlled by the local board of education for each eligible LEA have an A.I. weapons detection system. Requires the DOE to submit a report pursuant to the pilot program to the General Assembly by July 31, 2026, and by each July 31 thereafter until the pilot program terminates.
Summary	Repeals this act on July 31, 2028.
Senate Status	02/24/25 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status	03/18/25 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration Subcommittee.
SB339/HB512	Extends the terms of members of historic zoning commissions.
Sponsors	Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Wright, Dave
Summary	Changes the length of terms for the members of the historic zoning commission from five years to six years. Clarifies that those already elected will serve their original terms and not be extended, and the chief executive shall appoint members to six-year terms as vacancies arise.
Senate Status	02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status	02/05/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.
SB1193/HB863	Posting of code of ordinances or adopted resolutions by local government.
Sponsors	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd; Rep. Faison, Jeremy
Summary	Authorizes municipalities and counties to post their code of ordinances or adopted resolutions, as applicable, on a website maintained by the municipality or county, or on the website maintained by the secretary of state if the municipality or county does not have or maintain a website. Broadly captioned.
Amendment	House amendment 1 (005335) rewrites the bill to, instead, revise the provision requiring all
Summary	multi-family facilities, buildings, and structures constructed under a voluntary attainable housing incentive program to be deed-restricted to ensure that the attainable housing continues for at least 30 years, instead of in perpetuity.
Senate Status	04/22/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/22/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/22/25 - Sent to governor.
SB883/HB1137	Inspection of subsurface sewage disposal system by TDEC.
Sponsors	Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Boyd, Clark
Summary	Increases, from four to five business days, the time after receipt of notice that a subsurface sewage disposal system requires repair that TDEC has to inspect the system before the person who notified the department may proceed with the repairs as though the department made its inspection and approved the repair.
Amendment	Senate amendment 1 (004267) requires TDEC or a contract county to review a permit
Summary	application for a subsurface sewage disposal system within 10 business days of receipt and either approve, reject with a deficiency report or request additional information from the applicant.
Senate Status	04/09/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/10/25 - Signed by House speaker.
Executive Status	04/29/25 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0229, effective April 21, 2025.
Effective Date	04/21/25
SB207/HB1325	Farmland and forestland preservation fund.
Sponsors	Sen. Johnson, Jack; Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary	Requires the department of agriculture to develop a grant program within the farmland preservation fund for farmland and forestland owners to enroll their land in a permanent conservation easement held by a qualified easement holder under certain conditions. Provides that governmental entities are not eligible to participate in a grant program. Part of Administration Package.
Amendment	House amendment 1 (005831) establishes a grant program for conservation easements.
Summary	Allows qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for grants to help landowners enroll their land in conservation easements, with specific conditions for maintaining the easements. Clarifies that government entities are not eligible for these grants.
Senate Status	04/29/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.
House Status	04/16/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (005831).
Executive Status	04/21/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.