



2026 TACP LEGISLATIVE BILLS TO MONITOR - 3-20-2026

Report Date: Mar 20, 2026

Schedules

House Government Operations Committee March 23, 2026, 11:00 AM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1694: "Tennessee K-9 Emergency Medical Care and Transport Act."

Senate Judiciary Committee March 23, 2026, 12:00 PM | Senate Hearing Room I

- SB 1588: Establishes a Capitol Hill protection zone with law enforcement staffing to ensure safety around state government buildings.
- SB 1633: Sentencing for offenses involving multiple minor victims.
- SB 1656: Matthew Davenport's Law.
- SB 1779: Creates misdemeanors for failing to depart after removal orders and for unlawful entry or presence in Tennessee.
- SB 1851: Firearm possession and carrying exemptions.
- SB 1747: Recklessly discharging a firearm at public gatherings with 25 or more people.
- SB 1847: Lowers the legal standard for using deadly force to protect property.
- SB 2533: The Isbill Act.
- SB 1977: Revoking of defendant's probation - violating conditions of probation by engaging in conduct that constitutes a drug offense.
- SB 1971: Tennessee Private Workplace Due Process and Warrant Protection Act.
- SB 1955: Criminally negligent homicide - failing to aid an unconscious person needing medical care after controlled substance use.
- SB 1976: Requires law enforcement agencies using body cameras to adopt written policies governing their use.
- SB 2095: Increases allowable marijuana possession to five ounces.
- SB 2467: Repeals certain criminal offenses related to firearm possession, and restores firearm possession capabilities after five years to individuals convicted of stalking or misdemeanor domestic violence
- SB 2335: Expands aggravated criminal trespass.
- SB 2137: Requires sentencing of life imprisonment for certain repeat violent offenders.
- SB 2161: Changes requirements and timelines for entering bench warrants and capias into databases and adjusts surety liability for failure to appear.
- SB 2177: TACIR study on salaries and benefits of Tennessee state and local law enforcement officers.
- SB 2289: The Federal Enforcement Accountability and Community Protection Act.
- SB 2210: Notice required before hearings take place for persons registered with the criminal proceedings notification system.
- SB 2215: Protecting Everyone from Excessive Police Surveillance (PEEPS) Act.
- SB 2380: Allows certain misdemeanor offenders to petition for sealing of criminal records after five years without new convictions, excluding domestic assault and DUI.
- SB 2352: Free secure storage lockers for handguns at courthouses where handgun possession is restricted or prohibited.
- SB 2388: Increases defendant supervision fees, adjusts penalties for telecommunication device possession in penal institutions, and assigns autopsy costs to municipalities when requested.
- SB 2440: "Pot for Potholes Act"
- SB 2478: Changes laws on carrying firearms and weapons in schools, universities, and during judicial proceedings.

House Civil Justice Subcommittee March 23, 2026, 2:00 PM | House Hearing Room III

- HB 1816: The Isbill Act.

House Judiciary Committee March 23, 2026, 2:15 PM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1471: Revises definition of a violent offender for purposes of drug treatment courts.
- HB 1521: Increases penalties for leaving the scene of an accident causing injury or death.
- HB 1538: Increases penalties for unauthorized drone use over correctional facilities.
- HB 1644: "Nitrous Oxide Abuse Prevention and Retail Sale Prohibition Act."
- HB 1678: Increases penalties for introducing or possessing contraband in penal institutions, especially when resulting in death.
- HB 1707: Local governments must comply with court orders to end unlawful sanctuary policies within 120 days.

- HB 1734: Requires audio or video recording of all child interviews during abuse or neglect investigations by the Department of Children's Services.
- HB 1922: Requires sexual offenders to notify campgrounds before overnight stays and penalizes failure to do so.
- HB 1980: Revocation of a defendant's bond if defendant violates a condition of release.
- HB 2153: Katherine's Law.
- HB 2064: Repeals certain criminal offenses related to firearm possession, and restores firearm possession capabilities after five years to individuals convicted of stalking or misdemeanor domestic violence
- HB 2065: Expands aggravated criminal trespass.
- HB 2263: Aggravated cruelty to livestock,
- HB 2140: Enhanced Penalties and Registry for Organized Retail Theft.
- HB 2147: Knowingly flying a drone over school grounds.
- HB 2374: Changes requirements and timelines for entering bench warrants and capias into databases and adjusts surety liability for failure to appear.
- HB 2452: Expungements following a pardon.
- HB 2241: Allows retailers to deliver hemp-derived cannabinoid products to consumers.
- HB 2359: Expands vapor product taxation to include liquid nicotine and enforces fines for sales to underage buyers.
- HB 2309: Increased fines for vandalism offenses committed against houses of worship.
- HB 2376: Free secure storage lockers for handguns at courthouses where handgun possession is restricted or prohibited.

House Floor March 23, 2026, 5:00 PM | House Chamber

- HB 1891: Allows online driver education to remove points from speeding convictions when paying fines without court appearance.
- HB 2302: Establishes procedures for handling traffic violations committed by autonomous vehicles.

Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee March 24, 2026, 8:30 AM | Senate Hearing Room I

- SB 1587: Makes it a misdemeanor for unlawfully present individuals to operate commercial motor vehicles and requires notifying federal immigration authorities.
- SB 1871: Law enforcement training academies.

House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee March 24, 2026, 9:00 AM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1786: Mooring a recreational boat for over 14 consecutive days.

Senate State and Local Government Committee March 24, 2026, 10:30 AM | Senate Hearing Room I

- SB 960: Legalization of marijuana on November 2026 ballot.
- SB 1699: Prohibits certain immigration enforcement activities on public properties.
- SB 1785: Sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients.
- SB 1668: Allows cities to impose escalating fines for repeated municipal ordinance violations within a year.
- SB 1952: Local governments must comply with court orders to end unlawful sanctuary policies within 120 days.
- SB 2108: Requires reporting on undocumented individuals and the state's annual costs for public services provided to them.
- SB 1757: Allows county election commissions to notify petitioners of defects in recall, referendum, or initiative petitions.
- SB 1804: Requires notification to local police chief when an inmate is granted furlough.
- SB 2037: One America Act.
- SB 1972: "Tennessee Veteran Protection and Due Process Act."
- SB 2181: Health insurance for families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- SB 2266: Allows retailers to deliver hemp-derived cannabinoid products to consumers.
- SB 2497: Prohibits federal immigration enforcement activities in hospitals, doctors' offices, and shelters.
- SB 2373: Allows jailers to assess medical needs of individuals confined in county jails.

House Transportation Committee March 24, 2026, 10:30 AM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1754: Study on the impact of requiring registration of personal boat trailers on Tennessee transportation infrastructure.

House State & Local Government Committee March 24, 2026, 12:00 PM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 2018: Law enforcement agencies to honor federal immigration detainers.
- HB 1667: Allows cities to impose escalating fines for repeated municipal ordinance violations within a year.
- HB 1671: Prohibits local governments from relocating homeless individuals without coordination.
- HB 1710: Requires local governments to verify citizenship or lawful presence for public benefits and authorizes investigations of violations.
- HB 1711: Requires reporting on undocumented individuals and the state's annual costs for public services provided to them.

- HB 1743: Allows county election commissions to notify petitioners of defects in recall, referendum, or initiative petitions.
- HB 1986: Requires notification to local police chief when an inmate is granted furlough.
- HB 1906: Allows no-cost retirement credit for disability periods for certain law enforcement officers and authorizes local governments to do the same.
- HB 1961: "Tennessee Veteran Protection and Due Process Act."
- HB 2436: Requires law enforcement agencies using body cameras to adopt written policies governing their use.
- HB 2069: Requires attorney general approval of contingent fee contracts for legal services by local governments.
- HB 2204: TACIR study on salaries and benefits of Tennessee state and local law enforcement officers.
- HB 2372: Allows jailers to assess medical needs of individuals confined in county jails.

House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee March 24, 2026, 3:00 PM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1820: POST training for constables.

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee March 25, 2026, 8:30 AM | House Hearing Room II

- HB 1525: Sentencing for offenses involving multiple minor victims.
- HB 1624: Offense of knowingly violating a no contact order issued as part of sentence or conditions of probation or parole.
- HB 1737: Firearm possession and carrying exemptions.
- HB 1757: Recklessly discharging a firearm at public gatherings with 25 or more people.
- HB 1802: Lowers the legal standard for using deadly force to protect property.
- HB 1861: Revoking of defendant's probation - violating conditions of probation by engaging in conduct that constitutes a drug offense.
- HB 2428: Penalty for assaulting a first responder.
- HB 2472: Criminally negligent homicide - failing to aid an unconscious person needing medical care after controlled substance use.
- HB 1962: Establishes a presumption against probation for aggravated assault convictions involving a firearm.
- HB 2013: Testing for psychotropic drugs for person that is believed to have committed a mass shooting.
- HB 2062: Increases allowable marijuana possession to five ounces.
- HB 2504: Requires sentencing of life imprisonment for certain repeat violent offenders.
- HB 2209: The Federal Enforcement Accountability and Community Protection Act.
- HB 2221: Notice required before hearings take place for persons registered with the criminal proceedings notification system.
- HB 2608: Protecting Everyone from Excessive Police Surveillance (PEEPS) Act.
- HB 2232: Allows certain misdemeanor offenders to petition for sealing of criminal records after five years without new convictions, excluding domestic assault and DUI.
- HB 2301: Expands food and beverage adulteration to include involuntary intoxication and requires licensed sellers to provide drink drug testing devices.
- HB 2369: Increases defendant supervision fees, adjusts penalties for telecommunication device possession in penal institutions, and assigns autopsy costs to municipalities when requested.
- HB 2525: "Pot for Potholes Act"
- HB 2514: Changes laws on carrying firearms and weapons in schools, universities, and during judicial proceedings.

House Commerce Committee March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1926: Expands fireworks sales periods.
- HB 1985: Professional sale, installation, and monitoring of still cameras and televisions.
- HB 2074: Public safety employers must give employees and job applicants access to their full employment records, including mental health evaluations.

Senate Transportation and Safety Committee March 25, 2026, 9:30 AM | Senate Hearing Room I

- SB 2114: Allows online driver education to remove points from speeding convictions when paying fines without court appearance.

House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee March 25, 2026, 10:30 AM | House Hearing Room I

- HB 1486: Sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients.
- HB 1649: Matthew Davenport's Law.

House Public Service Subcommittee March 25, 2026, 10:30 AM | House Hearing Room II

- HB 2405: Health insurance for families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

House Health Subcommittee March 25, 2026, 12:00 PM | House Hearing Room III

- HB 1972: TACIR study on state and local readiness to support a medical marijuana program.

HB 703 (SB 921) - Pot for Potholes Act.

[State Website](#)

A. Behn (D), H. Campbell (D)

HB 703: Mar. 26, 2025 - Failed in s/c Criminal Justice Subcommittee of Judiciary Committee

SB 921: Mar. 31, 2025 - Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Judiciary Committee

Enacts the "Pot for Potholes Act," which establishes a regulatory structure for the cultivation, processing, and retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products in this state to be administered by the department of agriculture. Authorizes an adult to use, possess, and transport not more than 60 grams of marijuana, except that not more than 15 grams of that amount may be in the form of marijuana concentrate. Also authorizes an adult to cultivate for personal use not more than 12 marijuana plants in an area on the premises of the adult's private residence provided certain restrictions on the residence are met. Allows a parent, legal guardian, or conservator to administer for medical purposes a marijuana product, excluding a smokeable product, to a minor with a medical condition, or symptoms resulting from a medical condition, for whom the parent, guardian, or conservator has legal authority to provide for the care, supervision, and control. Specifies that smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana in a motor vehicle, an aircraft, a watercraft on the public waters of this state, and certain public places is not authorized. Specifies that marijuana and marijuana products are taxable as tangible personal property and subject to sales and use taxes. Imposes a sales tax on each sale of marijuana or a marijuana product by a marijuana dispensary at a rate of 15% of the sales price of the marijuana or marijuana product. Requires the department of revenue to allocate the revenue derived from the marijuana tax imposed and specifies that 75% of the funds must be deposited into the state highway fund (38 pp.).

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 29; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the "Pot for Potholes Act."

HB 1449 (SB 1474) - Offense of street drag racing.

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J. Gillespie (R), B. Taylor (R)

HB 1449: Mar. 11, 2026 - House Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (013676), which expands the offense of drag racing to include any person who uses one or more motor vehicles for the purpose of performing motor vehicle drifting stunts or reckless driving for spectators. Expands the definition of participant to include any person who organizes or promotes drag racing, or a person who may be a spectator of any motor vehicle participating in drag racing. Includes commercial property as a location where the offense of drag racing can occur. Authorizes a vehicle used to commit the offense of drag racing to be impounded for evidence collection at the expense of the violator. Requires a law enforcement officer to take a person, arrested for the commission of the offense of drag racing, before a magistrate, and prohibits the issuance of a citation. Establishes that reckless endangerment by drag racing is a Class E felony offense. Sent to House Finance, Ways & Means.

SB 1474: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

Restates the criminal offense of drag racing as street drag racing; expands the offense to include acts committed on commercial property; authorizes a vehicle used in the commission of the offense or to flee after commission of the offense to be impounded for the purpose of collecting evidence; makes various other changes regarding the offense of street drag racing.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 39; Title 40; Title 55 and Title 68, relative to street drag racing.

HB 1462 (SB 1763) - Prohibits homeowners' associations from restricting first responders from parking emergency vehicles at or near their residences.

[State Website](#)

S. Brooks (D), M. Pody (R)

HB 1462: Jan. 14, 2026 - P2C, ref. to State & Local Government Committee

SB 1763: Jan. 21, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

Prohibits a homeowners' association from prohibiting a first responder from parking an emergency vehicle at the first responder's residence or on a roadway adjacent to the first responder's real property or from penalizing or threatening to penalize a first responder for parking an emergency vehicle at the first responder's residence or on a roadway adjacent to the first responder's real property.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47 and Title 66, relative to homeowners' associations.

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Position: Support

HB 1471 (SB 1909) - Revises definition of a violent offender for purposes of drug treatment courts.

[State Website](#)

T. Hicks (R), J. Stevens (R)

HB 1471: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 1909: Mar. 19, 2026 - Senate passed.

Courts - As introduced, removes a conviction for domestic assault from the definition of a violent offender for purposes of drug treatment courts; changes the definition of a violent offender for purposes of drug treatment courts from an offender with a conviction for an offense involving certain acts to an offender with a conviction for a felony offense involving certain acts within the previous 10 years.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22, relative to drug courts.

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Position: Watching

[HB 1475 \(SB 1677\) - Exclusion of evidence in criminal cases.](#)

[State Website](#)

G. Bulso (R), K. Roberts (R)

HB 1475: Mar. 11, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB 1677: Mar. 16, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, prohibits a court from excluding evidence against a criminal defendant unless the evidence was obtained by deliberate, reckless, or grossly negligent conduct or recurring or systemic negligence that violated the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and refusal to suppress the evidence would contradict a clearly established holding of the United States Supreme Court. Establishes an immediate interlocutory appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court when a court grants a motion to suppress evidence.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to evidence.

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Position: Watching

[HB 1482 \(SB 1699\) - Prohibits certain immigration enforcement activities on public properties.](#)

[State Website](#)

G. Salinas (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1482: Mar. 17, 2026 - Failed in House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

SB 1699: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

Prohibits the use of certain public properties, schools, and religious institutions for certain civil immigration enforcement activities. Requires the department of safety, in consultation with the attorney general and reporter, to produce materials that provide general information concerning the rights of employees, students, security staff, and partitioners regarding entry to real property by federal agents. Requires state government departments and agencies to make the materials available to the public.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7, Chapter 68; Title 12; Title 38; Title 49 and Title 50, Chapter 1, relative to immigration enforcement activities.

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Position: Oppose

[HB 1485 \(SB 1744\) - Retired or separated qualified law enforcement officers to maintain annual POST certification under certain conditions.](#)

[State Website](#)

M. Hale (R), J. Bowling (R)

HB 1485: Mar. 11, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB 1744: Mar. 03, 2026 - Senate Judiciary deferred to the final calendar.

As introduced, entitles qualified law enforcement officers upon retirement or separation from service from their employing law enforcement agency to continue to maintain annual POST-certification upon meeting certain requirements, including being up to date on the former officer's annual in-service training commensurate with the former officer's rank and responsibilities.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to the peace officer standards and training commission.

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Position: Oppose

[HB 1486 \(SB 1785\) - Sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients.](#)

[State Website](#)

M. Hale (R), S. Reeves (R)

HB 1486: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1785: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, establishes a sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients and on prepared food from July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, if purchased by a person at least 65 years of age.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-228 and Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to taxation.

HB 1489 (SB 1616) - Disability benefits for arson investigators - presumption that cancer was caused by employment.

[State Website](#)

J. Moon (R), E. Jackson (R)

HB 1489: Feb. 19, 2026 - House passed.

SB 1616: Mar. 02, 2026 - Senate passed.

As introduced, expands the applicability of the presumption that a firefighter's cancer was caused by the firefighter's employment to include arson investigators.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 50 and Title 56, relative to disability benefits for arson investigators.

HB 1501 (SB 1601) - Authorizes municipalities to create and require use of landlord registries for certain real estate investment trusts.

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W. Lamberth (R), F. Haile (R)

HB 1501: Feb. 19, 2026 - House passed with amendment 1 (012176).

SB 1601: Mar. 10, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

As introduced, authorizes a municipality to create and require the use of a landlord registry for a real estate investment trust that owns, operates, or finances 10 or more dwelling units located within the municipality. - Amends TCA Title 66.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to residential landlord registries.

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Position: Support

HB 1504 (SB 1588) - Establishes a Capitol Hill protection zone with law enforcement staffing to ensure safety around state government buildings.

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W. Lamberth (R), J. Johnson (R)

HB 1504: Feb. 26, 2026 - House passed with amendment 1 (013566), which designates a Capitol Hill protection zone (protection zone) around the State Capitol grounds including certain state buildings and the grounds, roads, and sidewalks along either side of the roads immediately surrounding such buildings. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Safety (DOS) to assign state facility protection officers to the protection zone. Grants officers assigned to the protection zone by the Commissioner of DOS concurrent law enforcement authority with local law enforcement agencies including the power to arrest, carry a firearm, and investigate crime. Requires any officer assigned to the protection zone to be certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and complete training on the laws regulating protesting on state property and best practices for dealing with large public gatherings and the protection of government officials. Effective January 1, 2027.

SB 1588: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, creates the capitol hill protection zone around the state capitol grounds and surrounding state government buildings, including the grounds and roads immediately surrounding such buildings; requires the commissioner of safety to ensure that the capitol hill protection zone is adequately staffed by law enforcement officers to ensure the safety of state government officials, state government employees, and members of the public.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to the capitol hill protection zone.

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Position: Neutral

HB 1521 (SB 1736) - Increases penalties for leaving the scene of an accident causing injury or death.

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R. Stevens (R), D. White (R)

HB 1521: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 1736: Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, increases the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident resulting in injury from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony; increases the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident that the person knew or should reasonably have known resulted in death from a Class E felony to a Class D felony.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 55, Chapter 10, relative to leaving the scene of an accident.

HB 1525 (SB 1633) - Sentencing for offenses involving multiple minor victims.

[State Website](#)

T. Stinnett (R), T. Hatcher (R)

HB 1525: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1633: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, requires a sentencing court to order the sentences for two or more offenses involving more than one minor victim to run consecutively unless the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the facts of the case do not warrant the imposition of consecutive sentences and the imposition of consecutive sentences would not be in the best interest of justice.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to victims of crime.

HB 1538 (SB 1631) - Increases penalties for unauthorized drone use over correctional facilities.

[State Website](#)

T. Stinnett (R), T. Hatcher (R)

HB 1538: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 1631: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (014528), which increases the criminal offense of knowingly using an unmanned aircraft over the grounds of a correctional facility, from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class C felony. Provides exemptions. Authorizes an employee of a correctional facility to disable an unmanned aircraft operating over the correctional facility to the extent consistent with federal law and regulations. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, increases the penalty for knowingly using an unmanned aircraft over any portion of a property that includes a correctional facility from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class C felony; authorizes a correctional facility employee to disable an unmanned aircraft that is operating over property that includes a correctional facility and states that the correctional facility and the correctional facility employee are not liable for damage to the unmanned aircraft as a result of being disabled.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to unmanned aircraft.

HB 1539 (SB 2113) - Offense of knowingly inhaling, ingesting or using any compound, liquid or gas that contains nitrous oxide.

[State Website](#)

V. Dixie (D), H. Campbell (D)

HB 1539: Jan. 15, 2026 - Referred to House Judiciary Criminal Practice Subcommittee.

SB 2113: Feb. 02, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

As introduced, creates an offense to knowingly inhale, ingest, use, or possess any compound, liquid, gas, or chemical that contains nitrous oxide. Specifies that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 57, Chapter 7; Title 63 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10, relative to nitrous oxide.

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Position: Support

HB 1542 (SB 1920) - Prohibits using telecommunication devices to fraudulently control another's property, punishable as theft.

[State Website](#)

F. Atchley (R), J. Seal (R)

HB 1542: Mar. 11, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB 1920: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, prohibits the use of a telecommunication device, with intent to deprive the owner of property, to fraudulently obtain or exercise control over the property of another without the owner's effective consent, which is punishable as theft, but in no event less than a Class E felony.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to theft.

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Position: Support

HB 1547 (SB 1614) - Requires state and local criminal justice agencies to share data and records with bona fide researchers for criminal justice research.

[State Website](#)

K. Keisling (R), E. Jackson (R)

HB 1547: Mar. 18, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB 1614: Jan. 14, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

As introduced, requires state and local criminal justice agencies to share all criminal justice data and records, including relevant personally identifying information and demographic information, held by that agency with a bona fide researcher for the purpose of facilitating and promoting criminal justice research. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 38, relative to criminal justice.

HB 1624 (SB 1717) - Offense of knowingly violating a no contact order issued as part of sentence or conditions of probation or parole.

[State Website](#)

J. Barrett (R), J. Hensley (R)

HB 1624: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1717: Jan. 21, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

As introduced, creates a criminal offense of knowingly violating a no contact order issued as part of a defendant's sentence or conditions of probation or parole following conviction for certain criminal offenses in which the alleged victim of the offense is a domestic abuse victim. Specifies that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to domestic abuse.

HB 1634 (SB 1871) - Law enforcement training academies.

[State Website](#)

W. Lamberth (R), J. Johnson (R)

HB 1634: Mar. 18, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB 1871: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, authorizes the commissioner of general services to commission the director or a staff member of a law enforcement training academy. Authorizes the department of general services to operate a sale facility at a law enforcement training academy for purposes of funding its operations.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 11 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to law enforcement training academies.

HB 1636 (SB 1867) - Evidence - video recording of a child victim being interviewed by a forensic interviewer.

[State Website](#)

W. Lamberth (R), J. Johnson (R)

HB 1636: Jan. 14, 2026 - Filed for introduction

SB 1867: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, permits the introduction into evidence of a video recording of a child victim being interviewed by a forensic interviewer regarding sexual or physically violent contact with the child if the forensic interviewer is an employee of the department of children's services and meets certain requirements.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 2 and Title 24, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to forensic interviews.

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Position: Neutral

HB 1639 (SB 1880) - Creates the office of homeland security within the department of safety.

[State Website](#)

W. Lamberth (R), J. Johnson (R)

HB 1639: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House floor on 03/26/26.

SB 1880: Mar. 19, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013930), which creates within the Department of Safety (DOS) the Office of Homeland Security. Requires the Commissioner of the SOS to appoint the head of the office. Requires the office to employ agents commissioned as peace officers and noncommissioned personnel, as necessary, to execute office operations. Authorizes the office to: (1) direct the state's homeland security; (2) develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to secure the state against terrorist threats and attacks; (3) work with government agencies and related private sector entities relative to homeland security matters; (4) provide technical and investigative support at the request of the chief law enforcement officer of a state or local law enforcement agency; (5) conduct investigations and provide technical investigative support into certain activities; (6) administer any funds authorized by the Tennessee General Assembly; (7) coordinate policy related to school security and review school security plans; (8) assist with securing the state's election infrastructure; and (9) cooperate and exchange information with other state agencies, law enforcement agencies, and federal, state, and local law enforcement stakeholders within and outside of the state. Clarifies that homeland security agents may investigate crimes not specifically referred to in the act.

As introduced, creates the office of homeland security within the department of safety. Specifies authority of office, including conducting overt and covert investigations and provide technical and investigative support into threats or acts of terrorism or suspected terrorism.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 20 and Section 38 -3-114, relative to the office of homeland security.

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Position: Neutral

[HB 1644 \(SB 1843\)](#) - "Nitrous Oxide Abuse Prevention and Retail Sale Prohibition Act." [State Website](#)

F. Atchley (R), R. Briggs (R)

HB 1644: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 1843: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014113), which creates an offense for a retail seller to sell or offer for sale nitrous oxide. Establishes civil penalties for violations. Creates a Class E felony offense to sell, offer to sell, deliver, or give away to another nitrous oxide if the person has reasonable cause to suspect that the nitrous oxide sold, offered for sale, delivered, or given away will be used for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, elation, dizziness, excitement, stupefaction, paralysis, or the dulling of the brain or nervous system, or disturbing or distorting of the audio or visual processes.

As introduced, enacts the "Nitrous Oxide Abuse Prevention and Retail Sale Prohibition Act," which prohibits retail sale and abuse of nitrous oxide.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 57, Chapter 7; Title 63 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10, relative to the "Nitrous Oxide Abuse Prevention and Retail Sale Prohibition Act."

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Position: Support

[HB 1647 \(SB 1655\)](#) - Matthew Davenport's Law. [State Website](#)

E. Helton-Haynes (R), T. Gardenhire (R)

HB 1647: Jan. 14, 2026 - Filed for introduction

SB 1655: Jan. 21, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, enacts "Matthew Davenport's Law," which creates a Class D felony offense of knowingly possessing Kratom. Also creates a Class B felony offense of knowingly manufacturing, delivering, or selling Kratom, or of knowingly possessing Kratom with intent to manufacture, deliver, or sell Kratom. Specifies that a violation of the offense is a Class A felony if the offense involved the delivery or sale of Kratom to a minor. Requires toxicology tests in certain circumstances to include testing for Kratom. Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to promulgate a rule to add Kratom to the definition of a drug in regard to workers' compensation claims as defined in § 50-9-103.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2; Title 38; Title 39; Title 50; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to Kratom.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:14 PM TACP Bill

[HB 1649 \(SB 1656\)](#) - Matthew Davenport's Law. [State Website](#)

E. Helton-Haynes (R), T. Gardenhire (R)

HB 1649: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1656: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, enacts "Matthew Davenport's Law," which creates an offense to knowingly possess Kratom. Also creates an offense to knowingly manufacture, deliver, or sell Kratom or to knowingly possess Kratom with intent to manufacture, deliver, or sell Kratom.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2; Title 38; Title 39; Title 50; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to Kratom.

[HB 1656 \(SB 1941\)](#) - Increases penalties for assaulting firefighters and emergency responders. [State Website](#)

K. Capley (R), J. Hensley (R)

HB 1656: Jan. 14, 2026 - Filed for introduction

SB 1941: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, increases the penalty for assault against a firefighter, emergency services personnel, or other person who responds to calls for emergency assistance from a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory minimum 30-day

sentence and \$5,000 fine to a Class E felony with a mandatory minimum 60-day sentence and \$10,000 fine. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to assault against certain persons.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Position: Neutral

HB 1667 (SB 1668) - Allows cities to impose escalating fines for repeated municipal ordinance violations within a year.

[State Website](#)

A. Maberry (R), B. Powers (R)

HB 1667: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1668: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, authorizes municipalities and metropolitan governments to adopt a tiered system of monetary penalties for repeated violations of the same municipal ordinance by the same person or entity within a 12-month period.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6 and Title 7, relative to penalties for violations of ordinances.

HB 1668 (SB 1737) - Criminal offense for knowingly traveling with intent to steal cash while carrying multiple criminal instruments on the same route as another person.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), D. White (R)

HB 1668: Mar. 11, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB 1737: Feb. 24, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, creates the criminal offense of knowingly traveling, with intent to commit theft of another person's cash, from a commercial business or financial institution on the same path or route as another person without substantially deviating from that path or route while in possession of two or more criminal instruments.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

HB 1671 (SB 1788) - Prohibits local governments from relocating homeless individuals without coordination.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), S. Reeves (R)

HB 1671: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1788: Mar. 19, 2026 - Senate deferred to 03/26/26.

As introduced, prohibits local governmental entities from relocating homeless individuals unless the relocation is coordinated with the receiving jurisdiction. Authorizes the attorney general to seek civil penalties for violations.

Authorizes the receiving jurisdiction to seek damages and injunctive relief for violations. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to the relocation of homeless persons.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 12:53 PM** Work with sponsors

HB 1678 (SB 2144) - Increases penalties for introducing or possessing contraband in penal institutions, especially when resulting in death.

[State Website](#)

M. Sparks (R), D. White (R)

HB 1678: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2144: Feb. 24, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, increases the penalties for a violation of the offense of introduction or possession of contraband into a penal institution from a Class C felony to a Class B felony for certain acts and certain types of contraband, from a Class D felony to a Class C felony for certain acts and certain types of contraband, and from a Class E felony to a Class D felony for certain acts involving a telecommunication device if the violation resulted in the death of another person. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to contraband in penal institutions.

HB 1694 (SB 2069) - "Tennessee K-9 Emergency Medical Care and Transport Act."

[State Website](#)

M. Reneau (R), B. Watson (R)

HB 1694: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Government Operations Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2069: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (014137), which enacts the Tennessee K-9 Emergency Medical Care and Transport Act. Authorizes emergency medical services personnel to transport a canine first responder injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, veterinary hospital, or other similar facility if there is no individual who requires medical attention or transport at that time. Establishes that emergency medical services personnel are immune from discipline by the Board of Veterinary Examiners for emergency medical services and from criminal and civil liability. Exempts emergency medical services personnel who transport or provide emergency care to a canine first responder injured in the line of duty from licensure for veterinary medicine. Sent to Calendar Committee. As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee K-9 Emergency Medical Care and Transport Act," which authorizes, subject to certain training and oversight requirements, emergency medical personnel to provide emergency care to injured canine first responders and transport such canines to veterinary facilities. Provides immunity arising from providing such care when performed in good faith.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2; Title 44, Chapter 17; Title 63, Chapter 12 and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to emergency services for specially trained animals.

HB 1704 (SB 1779) - Creates misdemeanors for failing to depart after removal orders and for unlawful entry or presence in Tennessee.

[State Website](#)

W. Lamberth (R), J. Johnson (R)

HB 1704: Mar. 16, 2026 - House passed with amendment 1 (013082), which creates a Class A misdemeanor offense if a person, who is 18 years of age or older, with a valid final federal order of removal intentionally fails or refuses to depart from this state within 90 days. Authorizes a court to grant a stay of the criminal proceedings if the person has not exhausted all available paths to challenge the final removal under federal law. Effective July 1, 2026. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense if a person, who is 18 years of age or older, has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed from the United States, and they intentionally enter or attempt to enter this state. Provides exemptions. Effective 30 days after the United States Supreme Court overturns *Arizona v. United States* (2012) or the adoption of a federal statutory provision that removes the preemption of states' ability to determine that a person is unlawfully present in this state.

SB 1779: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, creates the Class A misdemeanor of intentionally failing or refusing to depart when a final order of removal is outstanding; creates the Class A misdemeanor of intentionally entering, attempting to enter, or being found in this state after being denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed from the United States. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to immigration.

HB 1705 (SB 1922) - Requires state and local government employers to use E-Verify for new hires.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), R. Briggs (R)

HB 1705: Mar. 16, 2026 - House passed.

SB 1922: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate State & Local Government recommended with amendment 1 (015864). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

As introduced, beginning July 1, 2026, requires all state and local governmental employers to verify the work authorization status of each prospective employee through the federal E-Verify program prior to employment. Authorizes the attorney general and reporter to enforce compliance with the requirement against local governments and subjects a noncompliant local government to the withholding of all funds of this state allocated to the local government via grant, contract, or statute, including, but not limited to, state-shared taxes. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12 and Title 50, relative to employment.

HB 1707 (SB 1952) - Local governments must comply with court orders to end unlawful sanctuary policies within 120 days.

[State Website](#)

R. Scarbrough (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 1707: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 1952: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires a local government entity to comply with a court order regarding an unlawful sanctuary policy within 120 days of the issuance of the court's order. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 8; Title 16; Title 17 and Title 38, relative to immigration.

HB 1710 (SB 1915) - Requires local governments to verify citizenship or lawful presence for public benefits and authorizes investigations of violations.

[State Website](#)

D. Powers (R), E. Jackson (R)

HB 1710: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1915: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate State & Local Government recommended with amendment 1 (015237). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

As introduced, adds local governments to the entities that must verify that each applicant for public benefits is a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States. Authorizes the attorney general and reporter to investigate violations of requirements for verification of citizenship or presence for public benefits; requires certain reporting related to such verification for benefits.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1 and Title 4, Chapter 58, relative to public benefits.

HB 1711 (SB 2108) - Requires reporting on undocumented individuals and the state's annual costs for public services provided to them.

[State Website](#)

E. Davis (R), D. White (R)

HB 1711: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 2108: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires reporting by law enforcement agencies and local governmental entities and officials regarding persons not lawfully present in the United States. Requires the department of finance and administration to report the annual cost incurred by this state for public schools, including public higher education institutions, prisons, hospitals, and social services agencies to provide benefits and services to persons not lawfully present in the United States.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 9, relative to reporting regarding persons not lawfully present in the United States.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 12:49 PM** Work with Sponsor

HB 1713 (SB 1834) - Allows tow trucks to display a blue light at the rear when assisting or recovering vehicles.

[State Website](#)

J. Shaw (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1713: Mar. 17, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB 1834: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to Senate Transportation and Safety Committee.

As introduced, authorizes a recovery vehicle to display a single, steady-burning or flashing blue light to the rear, but not the front, of the recovery vehicle when stationary and engaged in the recovery of, or otherwise providing assistance to, another vehicle.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to towing.

HB 1734 (SB 2402) - Requires audio or video recording of all child interviews during abuse or neglect investigations by the Department of Children's Services.

[State Website](#)

D. Moody (R), D. White (R)

HB 1734: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2402: Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (014715), which requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to create a pilot program by which it will record, via audio means, all interviews of children conducted by DCS employees as part of investigations of claims of abuse or neglect in one county. Establishes that the failure of DCS to record an interview does not affect the admissibility into evidence of any child statement or other evidence resulting from the interview. Requires all audio or video recordings to be confidential. Requires DCS to submit a report the results of the pilot program to certain legislative committees by December 1, 2027. Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, requires the department to record, by audio recording or video recording, all interviews of children conducted by department employees as part of the department's investigation of claims of abuse or dependency and neglect. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 24; Title 37 and Title 38, relative to children.

HB 1737 (SB 1851) - Firearm possession and carrying exemptions.

[State Website](#)

M. Fritts (R), J. Hensley (R)

HB 1737: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1851: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, removes certain criminal offenses relative to the possession and carrying of firearms, including the offense of carrying a firearm with the intent to go armed if the person has been convicted of stalking or DUI in certain circumstances and the offense of possession of a firearm by a person under 25 if the person was adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses as a juvenile. Removes the offense of possessing or carrying a weapon in a public park, playground, civic center, or other public recreational area. Makes various other changes relative to the possession and carrying of firearms. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49 and Title 65, relative to firearms.

HB 1743 (SB 1757) - Allows county election commissions to notify petitioners of defects in recall, referendum, or initiative petitions.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), R. Briggs (R)

HB 1743: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1757: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, authorizes county election commissions to notify an individual who files a petition for recall, referendum, or initiative of defects in the documentation for the petition.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

HB 1754 (SB 1808) - Study on the impact of requiring registration of personal boat trailers on Tennessee transportation infrastructure.

[State Website](#)

D. Howell (R), T. Hatcher (R)

HB 1754: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Transportation Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1808: Mar. 11, 2026 - Senate Transportation recommended with amendment 1. Sent to Senate Finance.

As introduced, urges the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of revenue, to study the potential impact on transportation infrastructure needs of requiring personal trailers used for the transportation of boats to be registered. Requires the department of transportation to report to the chairs of the transportation and safety committee of the senate and the committee in the house of representatives having jurisdiction over transportation on or before January 1, 2027, if such study is conducted. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 55 and Title 69, relative to vessels.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 12:55 PM Work with Sponsor

HB 1765 (SB 1938) - Increases penalty for violating lifetime orders of protection related to force from a misdemeanor to a felony.

[State Website](#)

M. Littleton (R), E. Jackson (R)

HB 1765: Mar. 04, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

SB 1938: Mar. 03, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (012700), which enhances, from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony, the penalty for knowingly violating a lifetime order of protection, when the conviction on which the lifetime order of protection was due to an offense involving the use of force against a victim. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, increases from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony the penalty for the criminal offense of violation of an order of protection if the order violated was a lifetime order of protection and the conviction that the lifetime order of protection was based on involved the use of force against a victim. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to lifetime orders of protection.

HB 1802 (SB 1847) - Lowers the legal standard for using deadly force to protect property.

[State Website](#)

K. Capley (R), J. Hensley (R)

HB 1802: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1847: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to the defense of property.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:20 PM** Work with sponsor

HB 1816 (SB 2533) - The Isbill Act.

[State Website](#)

R. Williams (R), F. Haile (R)

HB 1816: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2533: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, requires the POST commission and Tennessee Corrections Institute to design and adopt guidelines on the criteria for emergency and nonemergency involuntary admissions under Tennessee law to inpatient psychiatric treatment. Requires law enforcement officers and correctional personnel to undergo annual training on the guidelines. Effective July 1, 2027.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 38 and Title 41, relative to mental health.

HB 1820 (SB 2645) - POST training for constables.

[State Website](#)

L. Russell (R), K. Roberts (R)

HB 1820: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 2645: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, requires a person elected or appointed to the office of constable on or after August 1, 2030, to have graduated from a Tennessee POST-approved certified law enforcement training academy. Excludes a person who has held the office of constable for one complete term and is reelected to the office of constable on or after August 1, 2030, from the requirement of graduating from a Tennessee POST-approved certified law enforcement training academy. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 8 and Title 38, relative to constables.

HB 1821 (SB 1897) - Recognizes individuals who are legally permitted to own or possess a firearm as individually licensed by the state.

[State Website](#)

L. Russell (R), J. Bowling (R)

HB 1821: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to House Judiciary Civil Justice Subcommittee.

SB 1897: Mar. 10, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, declares that a person who has not been convicted of a violent felony and who is legally permitted to own or possess a firearm is considered to be individually licensed and verified by the state for the purposes of the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act. Broadly Captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to weapons.

HB 1856 (SB 1951) - Extends service life and mileage limits for school buses used for after-school programs.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 1856: Mar. 16, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB 1951: Mar. 02, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013986), which extends, from 18 years with no more than 200,000 miles to the later of 20 years or 300,000 miles, the period for which a school bus that is used exclusively to transport students from school to an after-school program may be in service.

As introduced, extends from 18 years with no more than 200,000 miles to the later of 20 years or 300,000 miles, the period for which a conventional or Class D school bus that is used exclusively to transport students from school to an after-school program may be in service. Requires such buses to be inspected at least twice annually by the commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to school transportation.

HB 1861 (SB 1977) - Revoking of defendant's probation - violating conditions of probation by engaging in conduct that constitutes a drug offense.

[State Website](#)

S. Brooks (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1861: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1977: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, specifies that if the trial judge finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has violated conditions of probation and suspension of sentence for a felony offense by engaging in conduct that constitutes a drug offense, then for the first instance of such a violation, the trial judge must order the defendant to attend a substance

abuse treatment program and must not revoke the defendant's probation and suspension of sentence. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to revocation of probation.

HB 1883 (SB 1927) - Super Speeder Accountability Act.

[State Website](#)

T. Rudd (R), B. Massey (R)

HB 1883: Mar. 17, 2026 - Failed in House Transportation Subcommittee.

SB 1927: Mar. 19, 2026 - Referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

As introduced, enacts the "Super Speeder Accountability Act," which requires intelligent speed assistance devices to be installed on motor vehicles operated by persons convicted of certain driving offenses where speed was a factor. Creates a licensing system for device providers. Requires compliance-based device removal. Authorizes indigent users to apply for assistance from the electronic monitoring indigency fund. Makes other revisions (16 PP.).

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to intelligent speed assistance devices.

HB 1891 (SB 2114) - Allows online driver education to remove points from speeding convictions when paying fines without court appearance.

[State Website](#)

C. Hemmer (D), H. Campbell (D)

HB 1891: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House Floor on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2114: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Transportation and Safety Committee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, allows a person who submits the fine and costs for a speeding ticket in lieu of appearing in court to also register for an approved driver education course online, of which successful completion can cause points for the speeding conviction to be removed from the person's record in accordance with current law.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9, relative to driver courses for traffic offenses.

HB 1906 (SB 2017) - Allows no-cost retirement credit for disability periods for certain law enforcement officers and authorizes local governments to do the same.

[State Website](#)

R. Scarbrough (R), S. Reeves (R)

HB 1906: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 2017: Feb. 23, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013438), which requires retirement credit established for a period of disability by a member of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) who is subject to mandatory retirement age requirements to be at no cost to the member, if established on or after July 1, 2026. Authorizes participating political subdivisions to adopt a resolution to allow the establishment of retirement credit for members who are subject to mandatory retirement age requirements for a period of disability at no cost to the police officer members.

As introduced, requires retirement credit established for a period of disability for a commissioned member of the department of safety or agent of the Tennessee bureau of investigation to be at no cost to that member. Authorizes political subdivisions that pass a resolution to establish retirement credit for its employees to allow a police officer's credit for a period of disability to be at no cost to the officer.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34, Part 6, relative to creditable service for a period of disability.

HB 1907 (SB 2018) - Revises document production and temporary reemployment rules for Tennessee consolidated retirement system members.

[State Website](#)

J. McCalmon (R), B. Harshbarger (R)

HB 1907: Mar. 19, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

SB 2018: Feb. 23, 2026 - Senate passed.

As introduced, revises provisions relating to the production of documents in certain proceedings relating to the retirement of a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS). Revises provisions relating to the temporary reemployment of such a member upon retirement.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 25; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35 and Title 8, Chapter 36, relative to retirement.

HB 1911 (SB 1970) - Non-residents allowed access to their own law enforcement records.

[State Website](#)

J. Shaw (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1911: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House floor on 03/26/26.

SB 1970: Mar. 12, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (013856), which entitles an individual who is not a citizen of Tennessee to inspect or receive a copy of any law enforcement record or report pertaining solely to that individual that is not otherwise confidential by law.

As introduced, entitles an individual who is not a citizen of this state to inspect or receive a copy of any law enforcement record or report pertaining solely to that individual.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to public records.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 12:58 PM** Work with sponsor

HB 1918 (SB 1971) - Tennessee Private Workplace Due Process and Warrant Protection Act.

[State Website](#)

L. Miller (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1918: Mar. 18, 2026 - Failed in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

SB 1971: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

Enacts the "Tennessee Private Workplace Due Process and Warrant Protection Act." Prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from assisting, participating in, or facilitating any immigration enforcement action within a private workplace unless the enforcing authority presents a valid judicial warrant authorizing entry. Specifies that an administrative warrant, civil detainer, or notice issued by a federal immigration authority does not satisfy the requirements of this section. Specifies that an employee of a private workplace without actual authority over the premises cannot consent to an enforcement action within a private workplace. Prohibits a business owner, manager, or employee from being penalized, cited, or sanctioned under state or local law for refusing entry to a federal immigration authority absent a judicial warrant.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 38; Title 50; Title 62 and Title 66, relative to the Tennessee Private Workplace Due Process and Warrant Protection Act.

HB 1922 (SB 2030) - Requires sexual offenders to notify campgrounds before overnight stays and penalizes failure to do so.

[State Website](#)

M. Carringer (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 1922: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2030: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate passed.

As introduced, requires sexual offenders and violent sexual offenders to notify the owner or operator of any campground on which the offender intends to stay overnight of the offender's status as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender prior to beginning the stay: creates the offense of knowingly staying overnight at a campground without providing the required notice, which is punished as a Class E felony.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to sexual offenders.

HB 1925 (SB 2037) - One America Act.

[State Website](#)

G. Bulso (R), T. Gardenhire (R)

HB 1925: Mar. 17, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

SB 2037: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires every person who has resided in this state for a period of more than 30 days and who is not lawfully present in the United States to register and submit to an interview with the department of safety at which time the department may issue the person a one-year visa for re-entry into the United States and to this state. If the person does not commit a criminal offense within such one-year period, the person is eligible to apply for permanent resident status upon completion of the one-year period.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 39, relative to the "One America Act."

HB 1926 (SB 1964) - Expands fireworks sales periods.

[State Website](#)

R. Bricken (R), K. Yager (R)

HB 1926: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Commerce Committee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1964: Mar. 10, 2026 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/17/2026.

As introduced, expands the length of the existing Independence Day and New Year sales periods and adds new Memorial Day and Labor Day sales periods for seasonal retailers of fireworks for the 2026 retail period; increases the seasonal retailer permit fee from \$100 to \$150 for calendar year 2026; and authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules to effectuate the act.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 104, relative to fireworks.

HB 1953 (SB 2049) - Offense of violation of a protective order or restraining order.

[State Website](#)

E. Helton-Haynes (R), T. Gardenhire (R)

HB 1953: Feb. 02, 2026 - Introduced in the House.

SB 2049: Feb. 02, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

As introduced, removes from the offense of violation of a protective order or restraining order the requirement that the person violating the order must have had an opportunity to appear and be heard in connection with the order of protection or restraining order and that the court must have made specific findings of fact in the order that the person committed a certain offense. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to protective orders.

HB 1961 (SB 1972) - "Tennessee Veteran Protection and Due Process Act."

[State Website](#)

R. Glynn (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 1961: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 1972: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Veteran Protection and Due Process Act," which requires that a state or local law enforcement agency shall not assist, participate in, or facilitate an immigration enforcement action against an individual unless the requesting federal authority certifies in writing that the individual is not a veteran of the United States armed forces or the individual's veteran status has been reviewed and confirmed by the United States department of veterans affairs. Requires that absent such certification, all state assistance in an immigration enforcement action must be withheld. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 38 and Title 58, relative to the "Tennessee Veteran Protection and Due Process Act."

HB 1962 (SB 1982) - Establishes a presumption against probation for aggravated assault convictions involving a firearm.

[State Website](#)

A. Farmer (R), B. Taylor (R)

HB 1962: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 1982: Mar. 03, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, states that there is a rebuttable presumption that a defendant convicted of aggravated assault is not a favorable candidate for probation if the offense involved the use or display of a firearm during the commission of the offense.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to probation eligibility.

HB 1985 (SB 2291) - Professional sale, installation, and monitoring of still cameras and televisions.

[State Website](#)

R. Grills (R), J. Stevens (R)

HB 1985: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Commerce Committee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2291: Mar. 10, 2026 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/17/2026.

As introduced, removes the professional sale, installation, and monitoring of still cameras and televisions from the licensing requirements of the Alarm Contractors Licensing Act.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 32, relative to alarm systems contractors.

HB 1996 (SB 2571) - Allows possession of cannabis with a physician's diagnosis and sets penalties for unauthorized possession amounts.

[State Website](#)

J. Shaw (D), P. Walley (R)

HB 1996: Feb. 04, 2026 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB 2571: Feb. 02, 2026 - Filed for introduction

As introduced, permits a person to possess cannabis that was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition by, a licensed physician; specifies the sentences permitted for possessing certain amounts of cannabis that was not obtained directly from, or pursuant to a diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition by, a licensed physician.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to cannabis.

HB 2013 (SB 2088) - Testing for psychotropic drugs for person that is believed to have committed a mass shooting.

[State Website](#)

M. Littleton (R), R. Crowe (R)

HB 2013: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2088: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (015388). Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, requires a law enforcement officer to cause to be administered by a qualified practitioner at a hospital a blood or urine test on a person for the presence of a psychotropic drug if such officer has probable cause to believe that the person committed a mass shooting; directs the health science center to study the drug interactions between any drugs found in the person's blood or urine.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 40; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to psychotropic drugs.

HB 2016 (SB 2033) - Employers must provide employees or job applicants access to mental health evaluation results when required for employment.

[State Website](#)

M. Cochran (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 2016: Mar. 11, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

SB 2033: Mar. 03, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. Sent to General Subcommittee.

As introduced, requires employers that condition employment or prospective employment upon an employee or prospective employee submitting to a mental health evaluation to grant the employee or prospective employee reasonable access to the results of the mental health evaluation, including any report from a mental health professional or other evaluator; provides a private right of action for an employee or prospective employee who is denied such access.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 50, relative to employment - related mental health evaluations.

HB 2017 (SB 2028) - Prohibits local governments from regulating hunting methods and firearms discharge, leaving regulation to the fish and wildlife commission.

[State Website](#)

M. Cochran (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 2017: Mar. 19, 2026 - House passed with amendment 3 (015947), which specifies that a county or municipality cannot prohibit from regulating the discharge of a firearm by a person lawfully hunting within five hundred feet (500') of school property.

SB 2028: Mar. 12, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014087), which clarifies language which prohibits local governmental entities from regulating the manners and means of taking wildlife, including the discharge of a firearm while lawfully hunting.

As introduced, prohibits local governments from regulating the manner and means of taking wildlife, including firearm discharge during lawful hunting, and authorizes hunters to use commission-approved methods pursuant to proclamations issued by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1314; Section 70 -1-206 and Section 70 -4- 107, relative to the authority of the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission to proscribe the manner and means of taking wildlife.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Position: Neutral

HB 2040 (SB 2127) - Criminal offense of intentionally communicating a threat of harm to a public official or a member of official's family.

[State Website](#)

A. Parkinson (D), B. Taylor (R)

HB 2040: Feb. 02, 2026 - Withdrawn in House.

SB 2127: Feb. 03, 2026 - Withdrawn in Senate.

As introduced, creates the criminal offense of intentionally communicating a threat of harm to a public official or a member of the public official's immediate family; punishes a violation as a Class E felony.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to threats against certain persons.

HB 2062 (SB 2095) - Increases allowable marijuana possession to five ounces.

[State Website](#)

J. Towns Jr (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 2062: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2095: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, increases the amount of marijuana that may be possessed, from one-half ounce to five ounces, for it to be considered a small amount of marijuana and punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. Revises penalty to make it punishable by a \$500 fine for a first offense and a \$1,000 fine for a second or subsequent offense.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to marijuana.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Position: Oppose

HB 2064 (SB 2467) - Repeals certain criminal offenses related to firearm possession, and restores firearm possession capabilities after five years to individuals convicted of stalking or misdemeanor domestic violence

[State Website](#)

C. Todd (R), P. Bailey (R)

HB 2064: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2467: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, repeals the criminal offense of unlawfully carrying a firearm or club with the intent to go armed. Repeals the criminal offense of carrying or possessing a weapon in certain public recreational spaces. Allows persons convicted of stalking or a misdemeanor domestic violence offense to possess a firearm after five years from the date of conviction. Broadly Captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49 and Title 65, relative to weapons.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:02 PM Work with Sponsor

HB 2065 (SB 2335) - Expands aggravated criminal trespass.

[State Website](#)

C. Todd (R), T. Gardenhire (R)

HB 2065: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2335: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, expands the offense of aggravated criminal trespass to include trespassing that results in the disruption of a religious assembly, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

HB 2069 (SB 2418) - Requires attorney general approval of contingent fee contracts for legal services by local governments.

[State Website](#)

C. Todd (R), J. Stevens (R)

HB 2069: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 2418: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (0145500). Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, requires proposed contingent fee contracts for legal services between a political subdivision of this state and a private-sector attorney to be approved by the attorney general and reporter prior to execution of the contract. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8 and Title 29, relative to lawsuits.

HB 2140 (SB 2265) - Enhanced Penalties and Registry for Organized Retail Theft.

[State Website](#)

J. Zachary (R), B. Taylor (R)

HB 2140: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2265: Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

As introduced, creates a registry within the Tennessee bureau of investigation for persons convicted of specified organized retail theft offenses and makes various related revisions to organized retail theft penalties and elements. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 18; Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1 and Title 39, relative to criminal offenses involving theft.

HB 2147 (SB 2434) - Knowingly flying a drone over school grounds.

[State Website](#)

R. Jones (R), R. Crowe (R)

HB 2147: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2434: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (013671), which creates a Class C misdemeanor offense to knowingly use an unmanned aircraft over the grounds of a public school that serves students in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve with the intent to conduct surveillance of the school grounds without permission. Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, creates the Class C misdemeanor offense of knowingly using an unmanned aircraft over the grounds of a school. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 49, relative to unmanned aircraft over schools.

HB 2181 (SB 2261) - Nonprofits receiving state or federal grants must publicly disclose employee salaries.

[State Website](#)

J. Lafferty (R), A. Lowe (R)

HB 2181: Feb. 02, 2026 - Filed for introduction

SB 2261: Mar. 03, 2026 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

As introduced, requires a nonprofit organization that receives state or federal grants to compile, maintain, and publish in a publicly available location the salaries of the nonprofit organization's employees. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 35; Title 48 and Title 50, relative to nonprofit organizations.

HB 2183 (SB 2376) - Extends the time to schedule a hearing to freeze funds in cases of financial exploitation of elderly or vulnerable adults.

[State Website](#)

D. Moody (R), P. Rose (R)

HB 2183: Feb. 05, 2026 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2376: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

As introduced, extends from 10 to 20 days, the time within which a court must schedule a hearing on a petition to freeze the funds of a criminal defendant charged with financial exploitation of an elderly or vulnerable adult involving the taking more than \$5,000 of property while the criminal proceeding is pending for purposes of restitution to the victim.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, relative to offenses against the family.

HB 2209 (SB 2289) - The Federal Enforcement Accountability and Community Protection Act.

[State Website](#)

J. Powell (D), L. Lamar (D)

HB 2209: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2289: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, enacts the "Federal Enforcement Accountability and Community Protection Act," which requires that if an employee or official of a state or local law enforcement agency becomes aware of a critical incident within this state involving a federal enforcement agency, then the employee or official shall, within 24 hours, notify the following the Tennessee bureau of investigation, the district attorney general for the judicial district, and the chief law enforcement official where the critical incident took place. Requires the TBI to facilitate an independent review of all critical incidents involving a federal enforcement agency. Prohibits state and local officials and agencies from providing non-emergency state resources to a federal enforcement agency involved in a critical incident. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 38 and Title 50, relative to the Federal Enforcement Accountability and Community Protection Act.

HB 2232 (SB 2380) - Allows certain misdemeanor offenders to petition for sealing of criminal records after five years without new convictions, excluding domestic assault and DUI.

[State Website](#)

V. Dixie (D), R. Akbari (D)

HB 2232: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2380: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, allows a misdemeanor offender to petition to have the offender's criminal history records sealed after completion of all requirements of sentencing and at least five years without being convicted of a new offense. Excludes domestic assault and driving under the influence from eligibility to be sealed. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal history records.

HB 2241 (SB 2266) - Allows retailers to deliver hemp-derived cannabinoid products to consumers.

[State Website](#)

C. Hurt (R), P. Walley (R)

HB 2241: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2266: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, authorizes a retailer to deliver hemp derived cannabinoid products to a consumer, including by means of a licensed delivery service; reduces the wholesale tax on hemp derived cannabinoid products from 2 cents per milligram to 1 cent per milligram.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, relative to hemp derived cannabinoid products.

HB 2249 (SB 2497) - Prohibits federal immigration enforcement activities in hospitals, doctors' offices, and shelters.

[State Website](#)

G. Johnson (D), S. Kyle (D)

HB 2249: Mar. 17, 2026 - Failed in House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

SB 2497: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, prohibits the bureau of immigration and customs enforcement of the United States department of homeland security from entering into and conducting law enforcement activities in a hospital, physician's office, or a shelter located in this state.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 33; Title 38; Title 52; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the bureau of immigration and customs enforcement.

HB 2301 (SB 2372) - Expands food and beverage adulteration to include involuntary intoxication and requires licensed sellers to provide drink drug testing devices.

[State Website](#)

B. Freeman (D), P. Rose (R)

HB 2301: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2372: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1. Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, expands the offense of adulteration of food, liquids, or pharmaceuticals to include adulteration for the purpose of making the user of the food, liquid, or pharmaceutical involuntarily intoxicated. Classifies the offense as a Class D felony. Requires a licensee that sells or offers samples of an intoxicating alcoholic beverage for consumption on the licensed premises to maintain drink drug testing devices for customers for the purpose of rapidly testing a beverage suspected of being spiked or laced with a controlled substance or drug. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 57, relative to adulterated products.

HB 2309 (SB 2468) - Increased fines for vandalism offenses committed against houses of worship.

[State Website](#)

M. Carringer (R), P. Bailey (R)

HB 2309: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

SB 2468: Mar. 10, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (015083). Sent to Calendar Committee.

As introduced, requires that if a vandalism offense occurred at a house of worship, the sentencing court to include as part of the sentence a fine of no less than two times the total amount of any property damage or loss or cleaning and restoration expenses incurred by the house of worship as a result of the offense. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29 and Title 39, relative to criminal conduct.

HB 2369 (SB 2388) - Increases defendant supervision fees, adjusts penalties for telecommunication device possession in penal institutions, and assigns autopsy costs to municipalities when requested.

[State Website](#)

C. Doggett (R), J. Hensley (R)

HB 2369: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

SB 2388: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, increases from \$10 to \$15 the minimum fee a defendant must pay per month as part payment of expenses incurred by the agency, department, program, group, or association supervising the defendant. Removes the limitation on the penalty for illegally possessing a telecommunication device in a penal institution that required the Class E felony to be punished by a fine only. Specifies that when an autopsy is requested by a municipality or municipal law enforcement agency, the cost of the autopsy must be paid by the municipality unless the cost is paid by the state. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal justice.

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Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:38 PM** Work with sponsor

HB 2372 (SB 2373) - Allows jailers to assess medical needs of individuals confined in county jails.

[State Website](#)

C. Doggett (R), P. Rose (R)

HB 2372: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

SB 2373: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, specifies that a jailer's authorization to evaluate a person confined in the county jail for purposes of the person's care includes evaluating the person's need for medical attention. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8, Chapter 8; Title 29; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to arrestees.

SB 809 (HB 836) - Tennessee Cannabis Act.

[State Website](#)

J. Yarbro (D), L. Miller (D)

SB 809: Feb. 12, 2025 - Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 836: Apr. 01, 2025 - Failed in s/c Criminal Justice Subcommittee of Judiciary Committee

Enacts the "Tennessee Cannabis Act," which allows adults to use, possess, and transport not more than 60 grams of marijuana, except that not more than 15 grams of that amount may be in the form of marijuana concentrate. Details specifics of what the adult is required to do in order to have personal use. Authorizes retail marijuana operations if certain aspects are met. Describes violations of actions not authorized by the passing of this act. Specifies that the department of agriculture promulgates all necessary rules for the administration and enforcement of this act. Requires an annual report to be submitted and details the process of obtaining a license to operate as a marijuana establishment. Allows marijuana and marijuana products to be taxable as tangible personal property and subject to sales and use taxes. Prohibits the use of gas chromatography mass spectrum tests to determine a person's bail, parole, probation, or suspended sentence. (36pp.). Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 29; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 50; Title 53; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to cannabis.

SB 923 (HB 981) - Decriminalizes offenses related to marijuana possession and exchange.

[State Website](#)

H. Campbell (D), L. Miller (D)

SB 923: Apr. 02, 2025 - Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 981: Apr. 01, 2025 - Taken off notice for cal in s/c Criminal Justice Subcommittee of Judiciary Committee

Establishes that it is not an offense for a person to possess in an amount less than one ounce or possess five or fewer marijuana plants. Establishes that it is not an offense for a person to casually exchange a small amount of marijuana not in excess of one-tenth of one ounce. Allows a county by resolution or legislative body to establish a violation subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 to be calculated at \$25.00 per one-tenth of one ounce and \$50.00 per plant for a person who, in a public place that is not within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, possessing or casually exchanging a small amount of marijuana or who possesses five or fewer marijuana plants that are not concealed from public view. Defines "casually exchange" as the spontaneous passing of a small amount of marijuana that does not involve, in exchange for the marijuana, the payment of money or a gift card, debit card, credit card, or any other card, coupon, or token that is capable of being exchanged for money, merchandise, or goods. Defines "marijuana" as marijuana in the form of a plant and does not mean marijuana in any other form, including, but not limited to, a resin, compound, derivative, concentrate, or oil. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 18, Part 3; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 40, relative to marijuana.

[SB 960 \(HB 1370\) - Legalization of marijuana on November 2026 ballot.](#)

[State Website](#)

L. Lamar (D), J. Chism (D)

SB 960: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

HB 1370: Feb. 12, 2025 - P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt.

Requires county election commissions to include three non-binding questions related to the legalization of marijuana on the November 2026 ballot. Requires the secretary of state to compile the results and publish them on the secretary of state's website and forward the results to the members of the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to non-binding, advisory referenda.

[SB 1464 \(HB 2506\) - Public disclosure of immigration enforcement actions and records.](#) [State Website](#)

J. Johnson (R), C. Sexton (R)

SB 1464: Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014282).

HB 2506: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House floor on 03/26/26.

Makes certain records regarding immigration enforcement actions confidential and not subject to public disclosure by state or local government entities or officials. Punishes as a Class E felony the criminally negligent public release of certain confidential records. Expands the grounds for ouster to include the criminally negligent release of certain confidential records. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 10; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41 and Chapter 253 of the Public Acts of 2021, relative to confidential records.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:09 PM** Work with sponsor - make intentional

[SB 1471 \(HB 1487\) - Requires retail food stores and food service establishments to disclose if fish is imported and whether it is farm-raised or wild.](#)

[State Website](#)

P. Walley (R), L. Reeves (R)

SB 1471: Mar. 17, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB 1487: Mar. 11, 2026 - Failed in House Health Subcommittee.

As introduced, requires retail food stores and food service establishments to provide notice to consumers of whether fish is imported and whether it is farm-raised or wild fish. Requires the commissioner of agriculture to investigate an alleged violation and to provide a copy of the complaint to the alleged violator. Requires the commissioner to assess a civil penalty for a violation and specifies penalties for those violations.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 53 and Title 68, relative to identifying the origins of food.

[SB 1480 \(HB 1813\) - State pays for autopsy expenses ordered by district attorney general.](#)

[State Website](#)

A. Lowe (R), L. Russell (R)

SB 1480: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate State & Local Government recommended with amendment 1 (014452). Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

HB 1813: Mar. 18, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Requires the expenses of an autopsy ordered by a district attorney general to be paid by this state. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 7, relative to autopsies.

[SB 1486 \(HB 2018\) - Law enforcement agencies to honor federal immigration detainers.](#) [State Website](#)

B. Taylor (R), M. Cochran (R)

SB 1486: Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

HB 2018: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

Requires a memorandum of understanding entered between a law enforcement agency and federal officials concerning enforcement of federal immigration laws to include a requirement that the law enforcement agency accept and honor any immigration detainer received from federal immigration authorities, including maintaining custody of the subject of an immigration detainer for 48 hours beyond the time when the subject would have otherwise been released

to allow federal immigration authorities to take custody of the subject and notifying federal immigration authorities as soon as possible prior to releasing the subject.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 38 and Title 41, relative to enforcement of immigration laws.

SB 1587 (HB 1706) - Makes it a misdemeanor for unlawfully present individuals to operate commercial motor vehicles and requires notifying federal immigration authorities.

[State Website](#)

J. Johnson (R), J. Zachary (R)

SB 1587: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

HB 1706: Mar. 18, 2026 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

As introduced, creates a Class A misdemeanor for a person who is unlawfully present in the United States to operate a commercial motor vehicle in this state. Requires the law enforcement agency of an officer who arrests a person who is unlawfully present in the United States to operate a commercial motor vehicle in this state to ensure that federal immigration authorities are notified. Creates related civil actions that may be pursued by the attorney general and reporter or by a qui tam plaintiff.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to unlawful presence in the United States.

SB 1603 (HB 1972) - TACIR study on state and local readiness to support a medical marijuana program.

[State Website](#)

F. Haile (R), A. Farmer (R)

SB 1603: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (015699). Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 1972: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Health Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, requires TACIR to conduct a study on the creation of a medical cannabis program in this state. Specifies that the study must include the process for implementing a medical cannabis program and the operational readiness of state and local governmental entities to support a medical marijuana program. Requires TACIR to report its findings to members of the general assembly by November 1, 2026. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 24; Title 29; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 50; Title 53; Title 57; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical cannabis.

SB 1608 (HB 1868) - Waives tuition and fees for children of law enforcement officers or firefighters who died in the line of duty.

[State Website](#)

P. Bailey (R), R. Travis (R)

SB 1608: Feb. 27, 2026 - Referred to General Subcommittee of Senate Education.

HB 1868: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

As introduced, waives, for the dependent child of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who was killed or who died as a direct result of injuries received while performing their official duties, the tuition and fees charged by the public institution of higher education at which the dependent child is enrolled as a student. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

SB 1625 (HB 1684) - Ch. 581, Allows personal delivery devices on certain road areas and limits local government restrictions.

[State Website](#)

B. Massey (R), D. Hawk (R)

SB 1625: Mar. 16, 2026 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0581, effective July 1, 2026.

HB 1684: Feb. 19, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

As enacted, clarifies the areas in which a personal delivery device may be operated and where such devices are prohibited; authorizes local resolutions or ordinances to both regulate and prohibit such devices but only in compliance with state law.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to personal delivery devices.

SB 1635 (HB 1942) - Qualifying medical conditions for purposes of the "2021 Precious Cargo Act."

[State Website](#)

R. Akbari (D), H. Jr. (D)

SB 1635: Feb. 19, 2026 - Senate passed.

HB 1942: Mar. 16, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

As introduced, clarifies that stuttering and other types of communication disorders are qualifying medical conditions for purposes of the "2021 Precious Cargo Act," which authorizes drivers who have certain medical conditions to apply for a designation in the Tennessee Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) database of a need for assistance in communicating with first responders during traffic stops.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 3, relative to the 2021 Precious Cargo Act.

SB 1678 (HB 1819) - Increases penalties for leaving the scene of a fatal accident to include mandatory jail time and a minimum fine.

[State Website](#)

K. Roberts (R), L. Russell (R)

SB 1678: Mar. 09, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.

HB 1819: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

As introduced, increases the penalty for failing to stop at the scene of an accident when the person knew or should reasonably have known that death resulted from the accident by requiring a mandatory period of confinement of not less than one year and a minimum fine of \$10,000. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55, relative to hit and run.

SB 1724 (HB 1815) - Allows jails to refuse misdemeanor arrestees needing medical attention unless cleared by a healthcare provider.

[State Website](#)

T. Hatcher (R), L. Russell (R)

SB 1724: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (014470), which authorizes the operator of a jail (jailer) to refuse an arrestee if they have not received obvious required medical attention. Requires the arresting agency, if a jailer refuses to accept an arrestee, to have them evaluated by a healthcare provider. Requires a jailer to accept the arrestee if a medical provider releases them. Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 1815: Mar. 19, 2026 - House passed with amendment 1 (014470), which authorizes the operator of a jail (jailer) to refuse an arrestee if they have not received obvious required medical attention. Requires the arresting agency, if a jailer refuses to accept an arrestee, to have them evaluated by a healthcare provider. Requires a jailer to accept the arrestee if a medical provider releases them.

As introduced, permits a jail to refuse an arrestee if the arrestee requires medical attention and has been arrested for a misdemeanor offense that does not constitute a crime against a person. Requires the arresting agency to have the arrestee evaluated by a healthcare provider and to obtain a release form from the healthcare provider prior to the jail accepting the arrestee. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 8; Title 29; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to arrestees.

SB 1725 (HB 1786) - Mooring a recreational boat for over 14 consecutive days.

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T. Hatcher (R), M. Littleton (R)

SB 1725: Mar. 16, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014562), which prohibits the operator of a recreational vessel from mooring the vessel for more than 14 consecutive days along the water's edge of a reservoir or at any place within one mile thereof. Prohibits the establishment of temporary moorage within the limits of the primary or secondary navigation channels of the Tennessee River System. Further prohibits the operator of a recreational vessel from placing the mooring lines of the vessel in such a way to block or hinder boating access to any part of the reservoir. Establishes a Class C misdemeanor offense for persons who violate such prohibitions.

HB 1786: Mar. 18, 2026 - House Agriculture Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (014562). Sent to House Agriculture Committee.

As introduced, creates the Class C misdemeanor offense of mooring a recreational vessel for more than 14 consecutive days at any one place along the water's edge of a reservoir or at any place within one mile of the water's edge. Makes other related revisions.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, relative to the moorage of vessels.

SB 1747 (HB 1757) - Recklessly discharging a firearm at public gatherings with 25 or more people.

[State Website](#)

J. Bowling (R), I. Rudder (R)

SB 1747: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 1757: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, creates an offense of recklessly discharging a firearm into the air, ground, a body of water, or an object in close proximity to the person if the firearm is discharged at a place of public gathering or at a public event where

there are at least 25 people in attendance at the time of the discharge. Punishes the offense as a Class A misdemeanor. Specifies certain exceptions to the offense.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to the discharge of a firearm.

SB 1765 (HB 2467) - Revokes probation for a single technical violation and sets graduated incarceration terms for repeated violations.

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M. Pody (R), S. Lynn (R)

SB 1765: Mar. 03, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.

HB 2467: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

As introduced, permits a trial judge to revoke a defendant's probation for a felony or misdemeanor based on one instance of technical violation. Extends the permitted terms of incarceration a court may impose for a technical violation to 90 days for a first revocation, 180 days for a second revocation, and the remainder of the sentence for a third or subsequent revocation.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to sentencing.

SB 1794 (HB 1902) - Dangerous dog registration, restraint, insurance, and establishment of a public registry.

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S. Reeves (R), B. Terry (R)

SB 1794: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended with amendment 1 (014847). Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 1902: Mar. 18, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture Subcommittee. Sent to summer study.

As introduced, requires the owner of a dangerous dog to register the dangerous dog with the animal control authority for the area in which the dog is kept for a period of three years, restrain the dangerous dog at all times on a leash or in a secure enclosure, and obtain liability insurance coverage. Establishes a public dangerous dog registry. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 44, relative to dangerous dogs.

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Comments:

- Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:19 PM Work with sponsor

SB 1804 (HB 1986) - Requires notification to local police chief when an inmate is granted furlough.

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E. Jackson (R), R. Grills (R)

SB 1804: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

HB 1986: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires the department of correction to provide notification of an inmate's furlough to the police chief of the city in which the inmate resides. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40 and Title 41, relative to inmates.

SB 1900 (HB 2428) - Penalty for assaulting a first responder.

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P. Bailey (R), K. Capley (R)

SB 1900: Feb. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

HB 2428: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, increases the penalty for assaulting a first responder from a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory fine of \$5,000 and a mandatory minimum of 30 days incarceration to a Class E felony with a mandatory fine of \$10,000 and a mandatory minimum of 60 days incarceration. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to first responders.

SB 1903 - Requires the notice that an LEA submits to TCRS when hiring a retired member as an SRO to be in writing.

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P. Bailey (R)

SB 1903: Feb. 02, 2026 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government.

As introduced, clarifies that the notification that an LEA sends to the TCRS when they employ a retiree benefitting from their own TCRS account as a school resource officer must be submitted in writing.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to law enforcement officers.

SB 1945 (HB 1980) - Revocation of a defendant's bond if defendant violates a condition of release.

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F. Haile (R), R. Grills (R)

SB 1945: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 1980: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, allows the court to temporarily revoke a defendant's bond and order the defendant held without bail for no more than 10 days pending a bail revocation hearing if the defendant violates a condition of release, is charged with an offense committed during the defendant's release, or engages in conduct that results in the obstruction of the orderly and expeditious progress of the trial.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, relative to release on bail.

SB 1955 (HB 2472) - Criminally negligent homicide - failing to aid an unconscious person needing medical care after controlled substance use.

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A. Lowe (R), R. Grills (R)

SB 1955: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2472: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, defines "criminally negligent conduct," as used in the offense of criminally negligent homicide, to include failing or refusing to render aid to another person who is unconscious or in need of medical care and the person failing to act knows or reasonably should know that the unconsciousness or need for medical care occurred after the consumption of any controlled substance. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

SB 1976 (HB 2436) - Requires law enforcement agencies using body cameras to adopt written policies governing their use.

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R. Akbari (D), S. McKenzie (D)

SB 1976: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2436: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires a law enforcement agency that uses body cameras to adopt a written policy for the use of the cameras by its law enforcement officers; establishes certain requirements for the policies.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 1, relative to body cameras for law enforcement officers.

SB 2032 (HB 2074) - Public safety employers must give employees and job applicants access to their full employment records, including mental health evaluations.

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A. Lowe (R), G. Vital (R)

SB 2032: Mar. 12, 2026 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014214), which requires a public safety employer to grant an employee or prospective employee reasonable access to the employee or prospective employee's full employment record, including the results of a mental health evaluation or screening and any report from a qualified mental health professional or other evaluator. Requires the public safety employer to permit prospective employees denied employment because of the results of the evaluation and screening to submit the results of an alternative, equivalent evaluation or screening conducted by a qualified mental health professional, and conducted at the prospective employee's expense. Authorizes the employers to reevaluate the prospective employee using the submitted alternative evaluation or screening. Requires public safety employers to maintain the confidentiality of employee records. Authorizes employees to bring a private cause for action for a violation by the employer related to the provision of employment records. Requires a court to award reasonable court costs and attorney fees to employees who prevail in such actions.

HB 2074: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Commerce Committee on Mar 25, 2026.

Employees, Employers - As introduced, requires a public safety employer to provide an employee or prospective employee with reasonable access to the employee's or prospective employee's full employment record, including the results of any mental health evaluation or screening; makes certain other changes relative to employment by a public safety employer. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 38; Title 50; Title 62 and Title 68.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 38; Title 50; Title 62 and Title 68, relative to employment.

SB 2050 (HB 2153) - Katherine's Law.

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J. Seal (R), E. Davis (R)

SB 2050: Mar. 16, 2026 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.

HB 2153: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, enacts "Katherine's Law." Creates the offense of aggravated domestic assault, which is a Class B felony. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

SB 2098 (HB 2228) - Prohibits vape shop retailers and distributors from selling nitrous oxide products in Tennessee.

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R. Akbari (D), Y. Hakeem (D)

SB 2098: Feb. 02, 2026 - Introduced in the Senate

HB 2228: Feb. 02, 2026 - Filed for introduction

As introduced, creates an offense for a vape shop retailer, or a distributor, wholesaler, or importer, who sells or offers for sale a vapor product for retail sale in this state to sell nitrous oxides.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 57, Chapter 7 and Title 67, relative to the sale of products.

SB 2133 (HB 2263) - Aggravated cruelty to livestock,

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F. Haile (R), G. Martin (R)

SB 2133: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 2263: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, adds starvation resulting in death of a livestock animal to the types of conduct that constitute the Class E felony of aggravated cruelty to a livestock animal, when done in a depraved and sadistic manner without justifiable or lawful purpose.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cruelty to animals.

SB 2137 (HB 2504) - Requires sentencing of life imprisonment for certain repeat violent offenders.

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D. White (R), C. Sexton (R)

SB 2137: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2504: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, requires sentencing courts to impose a sentence of life imprisonment upon a finding beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant qualifies as a repeat violent offender with three or more strikes. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to repeat offenders.

SB 2161 (HB 2374) - Changes requirements and timelines for entering bench warrants and capias into databases and adjusts surety liability for failure to appear.

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F. Haile (R), C. Doggett (R)

SB 2161: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2374: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, removes the requirement that a court enter into state or federal databases a bench warrant or a capias, a court order to take defendant into custody, issued due to a defendant's failure to appear for a misdemeanor that is violent or sexual in nature or a felony that is not violent or sexual in nature. Extends the time period in which the court must enter bench warrant or capias for failure to appear on a felony from three to 10 business days. Authorizes, rather than requires, the court to relieve the surety of liability for an undertaking if the defendant has not been placed on the available state or federal list or databases.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to bail.

SB 2177 (HB 2204) - TACIR study on salaries and benefits of Tennessee state and local law enforcement officers.

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K. Yager (R), R. Williams (R)

SB 2177: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2204: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

As introduced, requires TACIR to conduct a study of the salaries and other benefits paid to state and local law enforcement officers in this state. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 38, relative to compensation of law enforcement officers.

SB 2181 (HB 2405) - Health insurance for families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

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J. Stevens (R), R. Scarbrough (R)

SB 2181: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate State and Local Government Committee on Mar 24, 2026.

HB 2405: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Public Service Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

Public Employees - As introduced, requires, instead of authorizes, the state and local governments to provide fully paid health insurance coverage to the immediate family members of state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty on or after January 1, 2020; removes the two-year limitation on the state or local government's full payment of such coverage; adds that family members of officers who suffer catastrophic injuries on or after January 1, 2020, also qualify for such coverage; requires the state to reimburse local governments that provide such coverage. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 27.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to health insurance for public safety employees.

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Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:30 PM TACP Bill**

SB 2197 (HB 2452) - Expungements following a pardon.

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J. Johnson (R), J. Garrett (R)

SB 2197: Mar. 17, 2026 - Senate Judiciary recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 2452: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, permits a court to expunge certain violent offenses for which a person has been pardoned; requires the court to consider, in weighing the best interests of justice and public safety, whether the offense sought to be expunged was violent and any other relevant factors presented by the petitioner and the district attorney general.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to expungements following a pardon.

SB 2210 (HB 2221) - Notice required before hearings take place for persons registered with the criminal proceedings notification system.

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F. Haile (R), P. Sherrell (R)

SB 2210: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2221: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

Victims' Rights - As introduced, increases from 24 hours' notice to 36 hours' notice the amount of time someone registered with the criminal proceedings notification system must be given before any hearing takes place pertaining to the matter for which the person registered.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 16; Title 18; Title 40 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 6, relative to victim notification systems.

SB 2212 (HB 2477) - Extends the amount of time survivors of a first responder have to file and appeal annuity claims; Includes new review authorities

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B. Taylor (R), A. Parkinson (D)

SB 2212: Mar. 19, 2026 - Senate passed.

HB 2477: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House floor on 03/26/26.

As introduced, allows an annuity claim filed by the survivors of a first responder three years from the date that a court or other government authority issues a determination that the first responder was killed in the line of duty. Extends the deadline from 90 days to one year for POST to review a annuity claim denial. Authorizes the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board and the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to conduct reviews of annuity claim denials. Broadly Captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 24; Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to compensation for emergency responder deaths in the line of duty.

SB 2215 (HB 2608) - Protecting Everyone from Excessive Police Surveillance (PEEPS) Act.

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P. Walley (R), B. Hulse (R)

SB 2215: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2608: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, prohibits a government official from accessing databases that reveal historical location data except under limited circumstances, including pursuant to a search warrant, with express consent, at the request of a criminal defendant, or in exigent circumstances. Prohibits a government official or entity that collects historical location data from selling or conveys such data to private, non-governmental third parties for any reason. Requires governmental entities that collect such data to adopt security, retention, auditing, and training requirements, and mandates suspension of database access for officials who violate the chapter. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 24 and Title 38, relative to historical location data.

SB 2251 (HB 2505) - Prohibits operation or installation of virtual currency kiosks.

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J. Johnson (R), C. Sexton (R)

SB 2251: Mar. 16, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

HB 2505: Mar. 16, 2026 - House passed.

As introduced, makes it a class A misdemeanor for a virtual kiosk operator or other person to knowingly install or allow installation of, permit, place, or otherwise operate a virtual currency kiosk in this state.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12; Title 13; Title 29; Title 39; Title 45; Title 47 and Title 67, relative to virtual currency kiosks.

2026 TACP Tracked Bills

Comments:

- **Sharry Dedman-Beard, 2/20/2026, 1:32 PM** TACP Bill

SB 2253 (HB 2302) - Establishes procedures for handling traffic violations committed by autonomous vehicles.

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M. Pody (R), B. Freeman (D)

SB 2253: Mar. 11, 2026 - Senate Transportation recommended with amendment 1 (014762). Sent to Calendar Committee.

HB 2302: Mar. 19, 2026 - Set for House Floor on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, establishes process regarding traffic violations committed by autonomous vehicles, including mailing the notice of violation or citation to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 30 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to autonomous vehicles.

SB 2258 (HB 2356) - Allows school security personnel to review school bus camera footage for illegal passing violations.

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B. Taylor (R), D. Howell (R)

SB 2258: Mar. 16, 2026 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

HB 2356: Mar. 09, 2026 - House passed with amendment 1 (014424).

As introduced, permits a local education agency to authorize school security personnel, in addition to law enforcement, to review evidence from cameras installed on the exterior of school buses to determine whether the driver of another vehicle has illegally passed a stopped school bus that is receiving or discharging school children.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-151, relative to evidence.

SB 2293 (HB 2359) - Expands vapor product taxation to include liquid nicotine and enforces fines for sales to underage buyers.

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K. Yager (R), D. Hawk (R)

SB 2293: Mar. 10, 2026 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/17/2026.

HB 2359: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, expands the definition of "consumable material" to include natural and synthetic liquid nicotine solutions and liquid nicotine analogues for purposes of the taxation of vapor products containing such material. requires the alcoholic beverage commission to issue the fines for the offense of selling or offering for sale a vapor product for retail sale in this state to anyone under 21 years of age. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 43; Title 57 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10, relative to vapor products.

SB 2303 (HB 2470) - Knowingly using or possessing nitrous oxide.

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M. Pody (R), S. Lynn (R)

SB 2303: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

HB 2470: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to House Judiciary Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

As introduced, creates an offense to knowingly inhale, ingest, use, or possess any compound, liquid, gas, or chemical that contains nitrous oxide. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 57, Chapter 7; Title 63 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10, relative to nitrous oxide.

SB 2352 (HB 2376) - Free secure storage lockers for handguns at courthouses where handgun possession is restricted or prohibited.

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J. Hensley (R), C. Doggett (R)

SB 2352: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2376: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

As introduced, states that if the possession of a handgun is restricted or prohibited at a county courthouse, then the sheriff of the county may provide secure storage lockers for those individuals who are lawfully carrying a firearm to store the firearm in separate secured, lockable storage units at or near a designated public entrance to the building or structure at no cost to the individual.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 7; Title 8, Chapter 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

SB 2379 (HB 2575) - Recklessly discharging a firearm.

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J. Hensley (R), S. Kumar (R)

SB 2379: Feb. 05, 2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

HB 2575: Mar. 18, 2026 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

As introduced, creates an offense of recklessly discharging a firearm into the air, ground, a body of water, or an object in close proximity to the person if the firearm is discharged at a place where other people are or may be present. Punishes the offense as a Class A misdemeanor. Specifies certain exceptions to the offense. Requires handgun safety courses for enhanced handgun carry permits to instruct on the offense.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to the discharge of a firearm.

SB 2440 (HB 2525) - "Pot for Potholes Act"

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H. Campbell (D), A. Behn (D)

SB 2440: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2525: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, enacts the "Pot for Potholes Act," which establishes a regulatory structure for the cultivation, processing, and retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products in this state to be administered by the department of agriculture. (39pp.) Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 29; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the "Pot for Potholes Act."

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Position: Oppose

SB 2478 (HB 2514) - Changes laws on carrying firearms and weapons in schools, universities, and during judicial proceedings.

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J. Hensley (R), M. Fritts (R)

SB 2478: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee on Mar 23, 2026.

HB 2514: Mar. 18, 2026 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Mar 25, 2026.

As introduced, deletes the offense of carrying a firearm or a club with the intent to go armed, prohibits the carrying of a firearm or weapon inside of a K-12 public or private school and on a school bus if the person's intent is to go armed and the school and the bus are posted in a certain manner. Deletes the offense of carrying a firearm on the property of a university, college campus, and other public or private non-K-12 educational institutions or property. Rewrites the offense of possessing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue. Rewrites the offense of carrying weapons during judicial proceedings. Makes various other changes related to firearms. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 55 and Title 65, relative to weapons.