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Tennessee Weekly Legislative Update, 1/15/24 – 1/19/24

Unprecedented Weather Forces Cancellation of All Scheduled Legislative Meetings

In an unusual turn of events, the Tennessee General Assembly found itself at a standstill this week due to unprecedented weather conditions sweeping across the state. The historic level of inclement weather forced officials to close Cordell Hull Building and temporarily suspend legislative activities, ensuring the safety and well-being of all involved.

Tennessee, typically known for its temperate climate, has been grappling with an extraordinary bout of severe weather that has surpassed historical records. Unusually low temperatures, heavy snowfall, and icy conditions have made travel hazardous and prompted authorities to take precautionary measures.

The Show Must Go On

Despite the weeklong lull, it's crucial to note that the bill filing deadlines in both the Senate and the House remain unchanged. This means that legislators must adhere to the pre-established schedule for submitting bills. No bills were filed this week due to legislators' absence, but staff has been working remotely and large bill filing totals are expected starting early next week.

Here Comes the Sun (Maybe?)

Here's to hoping the weather across the state clears up over the weekend and legislative activities can resume Monday, January 22nd.