

Tennessee REALTORS Weekly Calendar

2025 Legislative Session

Mon 3/17/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Lafferty (R); VICE CHAIR J. Reedy (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); J. Crawford (R); J. Faison (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Glynn (D); W. Lamberth (R); A. Maberry (R); P. Marsh (R); S. McKenzie (D); A. Parkinson (D); M. Reneau (R); P. Sherrell (R); J. Towns Jr. (D)

- HB1330 STATE GOVERNMENT: Less is More Act of 2025. Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to 3. Lamberth W. terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. Amendment Summary: House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (004421) enacts the Less is More Act of 2025. Terminates the Board of Court Reporting and moves all rules and regulations of licensing provided to the board under the Tennessee Court Report Act of 2009 to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI). Deletes the provision in statute that grandfathered in the license of a court reporter who was licensed before January 1, 2010. Changes the name of the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting Fund to the Tennessee Court Reporting Fund. Exempts facilities that are operated for the provision of the Employment and Community First CHOICES program and services for comprehensive behavioral support for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or severe behavioral or psychiatric conditions, or any successor program or service, or a home and community-based services waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from licensing under the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and moves such licensing requirements under the Department of Disability and Aging. Effective January 1, 2026, authorizes an additional option as one of the requirements for a certificate as a public accountant to include 120 hours of college education with the total educational program including an accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the State Board of Accountancy. Requires applicants to obtain one to two years of experience depending on the type of completed education before being granted a certificate. Reduces regulations related to certificate issuance and renewals for accountants certified in other states. Removes annual inspection requirements of barber shops, barber schools, or colleges under the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners and requires the Board to establish rules regarding the frequency of inspections. Extends, from six months to two years, the period that an applicant has to apply for a real estate broker's license after passing the examination before being required to retake the examination in order to be eligible for a license. Authorizes a broker who has temporarily retired to submit proof of completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education to reactivate their license. Prohibits a licensed brokers penalty fee of \$100 per month from exceeding 12 months. Authorizes a licensee in good standing with the Commission, whose license has been expired for more than two years, but has not been temporarily retired, to reactivate the license upon payment of the penalty fee accessed for all 12 months and completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education. Deletes the Soil Scientist Licensure Act of 2009, removing all licensing regulation. Renames the Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund to the Geologist Regulatory Fund. Authorize any boardrun, commission-run, or commissioner-run program in the Division of Regulatory Boards of the DCI that issues a license, to enter into reciprocal agreements with appropriate officials in other jurisdictions to grant licenses to persons or entities licensed in the other jurisdictions who possess sufficient qualifications as established by the regulatory authority of this state to operate across state lines under mutually acceptable terms. Revises provisions governing participation in meetings by electronic means of communication. Deletes the provisions that authorizes a meeting of a governing body over electronic means only as necessary for purposes of a guorum, and authorizes a governing body to meet over electronic means at any point, sc long as certain conditions are met and the governing body meets with a guorum physically present no less than once per calendar year. Makes various changes to the composition, appointment rules, and term lengths relative to members of a commission or board. Specifically makes variations of these changes to the following boards or commissions: the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Board of the Tennessee Education Lottery, Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission, Board of Accountancy, Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Tennessee Real Estate Commission, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Optometry, Board of Dispensing Opticians, Board of Respiratory Care, Tennessee Athletic Commission, and the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. SB1316 - J. Johnson - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 8. HB219 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Reporting requirements for foreign persons who purchase land in this state. Requires foreign persons who purchase land in this state and who file a report of such purchase to the United States Department of Agriculture under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to also file the report with the state commissioner of agriculture. Requires the commissioner to notify the attorney general of a foreign person's failure to file a copy of the required report. Requires the attorney general to impose a civil penalty not to exceed 25% of the fair market value, on the date of the assessment of the penalty, of the interest in the agricultural land for such failure to file the report with the commissioner of agriculture. Amendment Summary: House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (003805) requires foreign persons, businesses, and governments who report agricultural land investment Disclosure Act (Act) to also file a copy with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (Act) to also file a copy with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Directs the Commissioner to notify the Attorney General (AG) of noncompliance. Authorizes the AG to seek and collect a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of land owned by a foreign entity for failure to file. The provisions of the proposed legislation expire upon the repeal of the Act. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB519 - K. Roberts - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.

Mon 3/17/25 12:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

The committee will hear judicial confirmation hearings for Steven W. Sword – Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division and Valerie L. Smith – Court of Appeals, Western Division MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); VICE CHAIR K. Roberts (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); B. Harshbarger (R); S. Kyle (D); L. Lamar (D); J. Stevens (R); D. White (R)

- SB1237 CRIMINAL LAW: Number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust securing a bail bond by real estate. Lowers from two to one, the number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust securing a bail bond by real estate. Lowers from two to one, the number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust securing a bail bond by real estate. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB785 D. Howell 02/06/25 Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
- 22. SB227 TORT LIABILITY: Charitable organizations providing housing to persons unlawfully present in the US. Allows a charitable organization that provides housing to a person who the charitable organization knows is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States while the person is receiving housing services from the charitable organization if the charitable organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB811 R. Grills 02/10/25 Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

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29. SB1235 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Membership on state regulatory and health related boards. Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health-related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Removes requirement that appointing authorities strive to ensure certain boards and commissions are represented by members of racial minorities. Broadly captioned. Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (004024) removes the requirement for the governor to strive to ensure that at least one person serving on the following boards is a member of a racial minority: (i) the state board of accountancy, (ii) the board of comments directors and embalmers, (iv) the state board for licensing contractors, (v) the Tennessee real estate commission, (vi) the state board. Removes the requirement that the state board of examiners for architects and engineers include, where possible, at least one member of a racial minority. Removes the requirement that the commissioner of commerce and insurance, or the commissioner's designee, strive to achieve a diverse membership that represents the citizenry of Tennessee on the detection services advisory committee. Removes the requirement for the governor to strive to ensure that at least two persons serving on the real estate appraiser commission are members of a racial minority. Restores the current requirement in present law that, in making appointments to the board of medical examiners, the governor must, to the extent feasible, strive to ensure the full 12-member board is composed of at least one person who is female.
HB1237 - J. Zachary - 03/10/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (004024).

Tue 3/18/25 8:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

The committee will hold budget hearings by Capital Budget, THEC, Department of General Services, and a TDOT Infrastructure Discussion. MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Watson (R); VICE CHAIR J. Stevens (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Hensley (R); F. Haile (R); J. Johnson (R); L. Lamar (D); B. Powers (R); P. Nose (R); P. Walley (R); K. Yager (R); J. Yarbro (D)

6. SB129 PROPERTY & HOUSING: THDA - bond issuance. Increases, from \$4 billion to \$6 billion, the maximum aggregate principal amount for which the agency may issue bonds and notes at any one time. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate State & Local Government amendment 1 (004355) changes the maximum aggregate principal amount increase from \$6 billion to \$5 billion. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB331 - C. Baum - 02/24/25 - House passed.

Tue 3/18/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Todd (R); VICE CHAIR G. Martin (R); A. Behn (D); T. Darby (R); C. Doggett (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Grills (R); G. Hardaway (D); B. Hulsey (R); C. Hurt (R); J. Jones (D); J. Reedy (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); R. Travis (R); G. Vital (R)

3. HB199 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Variances for subsurface sewage disposal systems. Requires an agreement or contract entered into between the commissioner of environment and conservation and a county health department for the department to implement subsurface sewage disposal requirements to include authority for the commissioner to issue a variance in certain circumstances. <u>Fiscal Note</u>: (Dated February 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB113 - J. Johnson - 02/24/25 - Senate passed.

Tue 3/18/25 9:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Hensley (R); VICE CHAIR F. Haile (R); B. Powers (R); P. Walley (R); J. Yarbro (D)

- 4. SB526 TAXES BUSINESS: Process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return. Adds to the process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return that Stevens J. the request may be signed by the person's authorized representative. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB889 C. Todd 03/12/25 Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 7. SB1367 TAXES SALES: Exemption retail sale of food and food ingredients. Exempts from the state sales and use tax the retail sale of food and food ingredients. Broadly captioned. Watson B. HB21 - E. Davis - 01/28/25 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.
- 13. SB177 TAXES SALES: Distribution of revenues from sales and use tax. Reallocates the increase in the rate of sales and use tax from 6 percent to 7 percent pursuant to Chapter 856 of the Briggs R.
 Public Acts of 2002 by apportioning 4.6030 percent of such increase to municipalities. <u>Fiscal Note</u>: (Dated January 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$93,143,800) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$93,143,800
 HB909 J. Garrett 03/05/25 House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Tue 3/18/25 10:30am - House Hearing Rm II, House Department & Agencies Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Eldridge (R); J. Burkhart (R); M. Carringer (R); J. Chism (D); J. Crawford (R); G. Martin (R); L. Miller (D); D. Powers (R)

11. HB1278 PUBLIC FINANCE: Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund. Establishes the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery fund, from which the Tennessee emergency management agency shall provide county recovery grants and direct assistance recovery grants for certain counties and households impacted by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. SB646 - R. Crowe - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Tue 3/18/25 10:30am - House Hearing Rm I, House Transportation Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR D. Howell (R); VICE CHAIR E. Butler (R); R. Alexander (R); F. Atchley (R); A. Behn (D); E. Davis (R); R. Glynn (D); T. Harris (D); D. Hawk (R); A. Maberry (R); P. Marsh (R); J. McCalmon (R); J. Pearson (D); M. Reneau (R); L. Russell (R); P. Sherrell (R); R. Stevens (R); C. Todd (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); G. Vital (R); D. Wright (R)

- 1. HB127 TAXES BUSINESS: Authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program. Extends the authority for local lamberth W. governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects. Part of Administration Package. *Amendment Summary:* House Transportation Subcommittee amendment 2 (005105) prevents local governments from levying surcharges on a business tax or a residential development tax that separately exceeds the rate of 20% of the current applicable rate of the business tax or residential development tax. Adds definition of a public transit system. SB1307 J. Johnson 03/12/25 Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 03/19/25.
- 12. HB736 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: TACIR study on sustainable funding sources that meet the state's transportation infrastructure needs. Requires TACIR to study sustainable funding sources that meet the state's transportation infrastructure needs. Requires TACIR to study sustainable funding sources that meet this state's future transportation infrastructure needs and submit its recommendations to the chair of the committee in the house of representatives with jurisdiction over transportation matters, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the legislative librarian on or before January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> House Transportation Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Transportation and Safety Committee amendment 1 (D04143) requires TACIR to look at ways to generate more revenue for infrastructure needs of the state. Requires report by Sept 30, 2026. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB703 B. Massey 03/12/25 Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004143). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

Tue 3/18/25 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate State & Local Government Committee

The committee will hold budget hearings by Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Tennessee Historical Commission, and Human Rights Commission MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Briggs (R); VICE CHAIR P. Walley (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR T. Hatcher (R); T. Gardenhire (R); E. Jackson (R); S. Kyle (D); A. Lowe (R); K. Roberts (R); J. Yarbro (D)

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1. SB1313 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vested property rights upon development plan or permit submission. Creates a vested property right upon the submission, rather than the approval, of a Johnson J development plan or building permit. Specifies that the vesting period applicable when it is based on the submission of a building permit is three years. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

HB1326 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/19/25.

SB1271 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Affordable and workforce housing facilities and development. Clarifies definitions concerning housing facilities and developments with regard to 2 Johnson J. industrial development corporations including affordable and workforce housing. Allows a municipality or county to make amendments to an economic impact plan while approving the plan. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package

HB1306 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/19/25.

- 4. SB327 TAXES PROPERTY: Revises definition of residential property for purposes of classification and assessment. Revises the definition of "residential property" to include property that Massey B. can be sold and purchased as a single unit fee simple title, whether it is vacant, owner-occupied, rented, detached, or attached. HB319 - T. Budd - 03/12/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 18. SB1139 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Utility to review plans of development for compliance with infrastructure codes. Requires a utility to review plans of development for compliance with water, electric, and natural gas infrastructure codes within 30 days of the plan's submission. Authorizes the person who submitted the plan to hire a third-party examiner to examine the plan if the Taylor B. utility does not complete the examination within 30 days. Defines relevant terms.
 - HB542 K. Vaughan 03/12/25 Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 19. SB1008 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Municipal rental property registries. Authorizes municipalities to create, implement, and enforce a registry for all residential rental dwellings within a Oliver C. municipality's jurisdiction. Requires owners of the dwellings to register and requires a municipality that adopts the registry to send an annual report with the number of properties registered, code violations identified and resolved, and the overall effectiveness of the registry in improving housing conditions. Amendment Summary: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004219) allows the municipality to assess a civil penalty of up to \$500 and no less than \$50 per violation if an owner fails to comply with code enforcement. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

HB1381 - T. Harris - 03/12/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.

- PROPERTY & HOUSING: Homes not Hedge Funds Act. Enacts the "Homes not Hedge Funds Act." Prohibits certain business entities from purchasing more than 100 single-family 20 SB242 Oliver C homes in certain counties in this state for purposes of renting the purchased properties. Establishes a state and private cause of action and establishes damages for violations, including equitable relief; compensatory damages; costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and punitive damages in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or three times the total of compensatory damages, costs, and fees, whichever is greater. Provides enforcement mechanism for damage recovery. Specifies that this act takes effect upon becoming law and applies to contracts for single-family homes entered into on or after that date. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB298 - A. Behn - 02/03/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.
- 28 SB7 STATE GOVERNMENT: Tennessee Historical Commission - authority to approve or recommend renovations to property. Specifies the authority of the Tennessee Historical Lowe A Commission to approve or recommend certain renovations or alterations of improved public or private real property that is or may be of historical, architectural, or cultural significance in this state or that is listed on the Tennessee register of historic places. Prohibits the Tennessee Historical Commission and certain other state entities from taking adverse action against certain real property owners, including the assessment of a penalty or fine. Broadly captioned. HB73 - D. Howell - 01/28/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.
- 42. SB773 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vesting period for property development standards. Specifies that the vesting period established for a construction project or development plan does not Briggs R. expire because of pending litigation challenging a permit. Specifies that the vesting period is tolled while such litigation is pending. HB735 - D. Wright - 03/12/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee 03/19/25.
- 45. SB771 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax appeals - valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property. Removes the condition that a taxpayer or owner must obtain consent of the assessor of property before appealing the valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property directly to the state board of equalization. Makes other Briggs R. related changes

HB733 - J. Crawford - 03/12/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.

46. SB941 LOTTERY: Period to apply for charitable gaming events. Establishes a five-day period after the effective date that allows a nonprofit organization to apply to operate a charitable gaming Briggs R. event during the annual period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1 (004351) authorizes nonprofit organizations to submit an annual charitable gaming event application to the Secretary of State (SOS) within five calendar days after this legislation becomes law for events being held from the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Requires the omnibus listing of any approved organizations for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be transferred to the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 10 calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law. Deletes obsolete language from statutes. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming FY24-25 \$300 HB1337 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/18/25.

Tue 3/18/25 1:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR P. Bailey (R); VICE CHAIR B. Taylor (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR S. Southerland (R); R. Akbari (D); J. Johnson (R); S. Reeves (R); J. Stevens (R); B. Watson (R); K. Yager (R)

- 5. SB350 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Tenant allowed to possess or store firearm in home or apartment. Prohibits a landlord from prohibiting a tenant from lawfully possessing, carrying, Harshbarger transporting, or storing a firearm, firearm components, or ammunition in the tenant's home, apartment, or business or in a vehicle located on leased premises. Creates a cause of action for a B. tenant who is adversely affected by a landlord's violation of such prohibition. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB469 - L. Reeves - 03/12/25 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 19. SB727 ESTATES & TRUSTS: Time prior to the date of sale of foreclosure notices - increase. Increases, from 10 business days to 12 business days, the time prior to the date of sale of land to foreclose a deed of trust, mortgage, or other lien securing the payment of money or other thing of value that a substitute trustee has to send notice to the debtor, a co-debtor, and any other Lowe A. interested party, with the substitute trustees name and address, if the name of the substitute trustee was not included in the first publication advertising the sale. Broadly captioned, HB1127 - A. Farmer - 03/12/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 21. SB1243 INSURANCE GENERAL: Insurance discounts for proper firearm storage and maintenance. Requires an insurance company providing coverage for tangible personal property in this state to offer a discount on a policyholder's homeowners or renters insurance if the policyholder secures any firearms on the property in a firearm safe or uses a firearm safety device. Massey B. Requires the discount be provided on a recurring basis that aligns with the policyholder's billing cycle. Defines "tangible personal property" as personal property that may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB1240 - E. Helton-Havnes - 03/12/25 - Set for House Insurance Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 24 SB394 INSURANCE GENERAL: Selection of settlement agent in real property transaction. Authorizes a purchaser or borrower in a real property transaction to select the settlement agent to Rose P perform certain duties, including to provide escrow or closing services and to act as the issuing title insurance agency. Authorizes the seller to retain a licensed attorney in this state to represent the seller's interests in such transaction. Prohibits the designated settlement agent from collecting transaction-related fees from a represented seller without consent of the seller's attorney. Broadly captioned.

HB569 - A. Farmer - 03/12/25 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/25.

26 SB592 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Single registration form for a multi-dwelling property. Authorizes a landlord to submit a single registration form for a multi-dwelling property with the agency or Walley P. department of local government that is responsible for enforcing building codes in the jurisdiction if the property contains five or more dwelling units. Authorizes local governments to require residential landlords to register with the local government. HB648 - R. Jones - 03/12/25 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/25.

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27. SB787 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Final acceptance inspection for private residence elevators. Requires the chief elevator inspector to perform an acceptance inspection once a private residence elevator with the department. Requires the chief elevator inspector to develop and maintain a database for private residence elevators.

HB719 - J. Moon - 03/12/25 - Set for House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee 03/19/25.

- 28. SB1113 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Report regarding operation of Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Reduced from four to three months, the amount of time following the end of a fiscal year by which the treasurer must submit a report to the governor, comptroller of the treasury, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives regarding the operation of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act during the immediately preceding fiscal year. Broadly captioned. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB1265 J. Faison 02/12/25 Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.
- 42. SB1088 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Termination of rental agreement for nonpayment of rent or cost of repairs, damages. Reduces the time period, after which a landlord may terminate a rental agreement, from 14 days to seven days following notice to the tenant of a material breach of the rental agreement for the nonpayment of rent, the cost of repairs, damages, or another amount due the landlord under the rental agreement, or for an act of violence or other behavior that poses a real and present danger on the premises. Broadly captioned. HB1345 L. Reeves 03/12/25 Failed in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.
- 51. SB967 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Days to terminate a residential rental or lease agreement increase. Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days a tenant or household member and a Southerland landlord have to agree upon a date to terminate a residential rental or lease agreement, provided the tenant supplies written notice and documentation to the landlord that the tenant is a domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking victim. Broadly captioned. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB757 J. Faison 03/12/25 Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities.
- 67. SB226 STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act. Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB470 T. Rudd 03/12/25 Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 03/19/25.

Tue 3/18/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Littleton (R); R. Alexander (R); G. Bulso (R); C. Doggett (R); T. Harris (D); K. Keisling (R); D. Powers (R); J. Towns Jr. (D)

3. HB906 ESTATES & TRUSTS: Claims of creditors filed against an estate. Requires the personal representative to notify beneficiaries or intestate heirs of their right to file exceptions to claims of Garrett J. Creditors filed against an estate. Makes various other changes regarding wills and claims of creditors against an estate. A<u>mendment Summary:</u> Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004784) establishes requirements for admitting nuncupative and written wills, other than holographic wills, to probate in common form, and to probate such in solemn form. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB541 - J. Stevens - 03/11/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004784). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

Tue 3/18/25 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

The committee will hear presentations by TN Higher Education Commission / TN Student Assistance Corporation, TN Board of Regents, Locally Governed Institutions, and University of Tennessee System MEMBERS: CHAIR G. Hicks (R); VICE CHAIR J. Gillespie (R); C. Baum (R); C. Boyd (R); K. Camper (D); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); J. Faison (R); B. Freeman (D); R. Gant (R); J. Garrett (R); R. Grills (R); M. Hale (R); D. Hawk (R); T. Hicks (R); B. Hulsey (R); W. Lamberth (R); H. Love Jr. (D); L. Miller (D); D. Moody (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); M. Sparks (R); K. Vaughan (R); R. Williams (R); J. Zachary (R)

2. HB125 TAXES GENERAL: Grant matching for from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Set the application fund for a project located within a county designated as distressed or at-risk by the Appalachian Regional Commission at the time of the grant application to match the grant with an amount of money equal to the grant. Part of Administration Package. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$106,800) FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$106,200)

SB1276 - J. Johnson - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.

6. HB1337 LOTTERY: Period to apply for charitable gaming events. Establishes a five-day period after the effective date that allows a nonprofit organization to apply to operate a charitable gaming Lamberth W. event during the annual period of July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1 (004351) authorizes nonprofit organizations to submit an annual charitable gaming event application to the Secretary of State (SOS) within five calendar days after this legislation becomes law for events being held from the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Requires the omnibus listing of any approved organizations for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be transferred to the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 10 calendar days after this proposed legislation becomes law. Deletes obsolete language from statutes. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming FY24-25 \$300 SB941 - R. Briggs - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

Tue 3/18/25 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

The committee will have confirmation hearings for Valerie L. Smith and Steven W. Sword MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); VICE CHAIR K. Roberts (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); B. Harshbarger (R); S. Kyle (D); L. Lamar (D); J. Stevens (R); B. Taylor (R); D. White (R)

- 7. SB1237 CRIMINAL LAW: Number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust securing a bail bond by real estate. Lowers from two to one, the number of sureties required to sign a deed of trust, along with the defendant, when the defendant is seeking to secure a bail bond by real estate. Broadly captioned. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB785 D. Howell 02/06/25 Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
- 22. SB227 TORT LIABILITY: Charitable organizations providing housing to persons unlawfully present in the US. Allows a charitable organization that provides housing to a person who the charitable organization knows is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States to be held liable for a loss, damages, injury, or death resulting from a criminal offense committed by the person who is unlawfully present in the United States while the person is receiving housing services from the charitable organization if the charitable organization's conduct in providing housing constitutes negligence, gross negligence, or willful and wanton misconduct. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB811 R. Grills 02/10/25 Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

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29. SB1235 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Membership on state regulatory and health related boards. Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health-related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Removes requirement that appointing authorities strive to ensure certain boards and commissions are represented by members of racial minorities. Broadly captioned. Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (004024) removes the requirement for the governor to strive to ensure that at least one person serving on the following boards is a member of a racial minority: (i) the state board of accountancy, (ii) the board of comments directors and embalmers, (iv) the state board for licensing contractors, (v) the Tennessee real estate commission, (vi) the state board. Removes the requirement that the state board of examiners for architects and engineers include, where possible, at least one member of a racial minority. Removes the requirement that the commissioner of commerce and insurance, or the commissioner's designee, strive to achieve a diverse membership that represents the citizenry of Tennessee on the detection services advisory committee. Removes the requirement for the governor to strive to ensure that at least two persons serving on the real estate appraiser commission are members of a racial minority. Restores the current requirement in present law that, in making appointments to the board of medical examiners, the governor must, to the extent feasible, strive to ensure the full 12-member board is composed of at least one person who is female.
HB1237 - J. Zachary - 03/10/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (004024).

Wed 3/19/25 8:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR E. Jackson (R); VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Bowling (R); T. Hatcher (R); S. Kyle (D); C. Oliver (D); J. Seal (R); S. Southerland (R)

1. SB220 TAXES PROPERTY: Commercial development board creation. Creates the commercial development board. With respect to new commercial property developed by private entities in Taylor B. certain taxing jurisdictions, authorizes the private entities to enter into agreements for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes and leases with the commercial development board. Broadly captioned.

HB544 - K. Vaughan - 03/12/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.

Wed 3/19/25 8:45am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Transportation & Safety Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Massey (R); VICE CHAIR M. Pody (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR B. Taylor (R); P. Bailey (R); R. Briggs (R); H. Campbell (D); T. Hatcher (R); B. Powers (R); J. Seal (R)

- 12. SB373 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Plans for acquisition of rights-of-way.by state. Clarifies that the plans for an acquisition of a right-of-way by the state must be filed and recorded with Rose P. the office of the register in each county where the project is located if the project is located in multiple counties. Broadly captioned. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 - HB352 C. Hurt 02/03/25 Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.
- 22. SB1307 TAXES BUSINESS: Authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program. Extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program. Extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Summer, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects. Part of Administration Package. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> House Transportation Subcommittee amendment 2 (005105) prevents local governments from levying surcharges on a business tax or a residential development tax that separately exceeds the rate of 20% of the current applicable rate of the business tax or residential development tax. Adds definition of a public transit system. HB127 W. Lamberth 03/12/25 Set for House Transportation Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Commerce Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR K. Vaughan (R); VICE CHAIR R. Bricken (R); J. Barrett (R); C. Boyd (R); S. Brooks (D); J. Burkhart (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); M. Cochran (R); T. Darby (R); J. Faison (R); M. Hale (R); G. Hardaway (D); K. Haston (R); C. Hemmer (D); K. Keisling (R); J. Lafferty (R); S. Lynn (R); P. Marsh (R); B. Martin (R); J. Moon (R); G. Vital (R); J. Zachary (R)

- HB972 4 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Modernization of Towing. Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act of 2025. Revises various provisions of the Modernization of McCalmon Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization Act including adding penalties for violating the act. Adds a motor vehicle inspection portal to input abandoned or immobile vehicle л. information for public notice. Requires the removal of firearms from a stored motor vehicle. Prohibits booting a vehicle. Requires signage for the use of automatic license plate readers and parking fees collected. Details specific instances when towing a vehicle is allowed. Specifies the responsibilities of garage keepers who store towed vehicles. Allows a law enforcement agency to take into custody a motor vehicle found abandoned, immobile, or used in curbstoning. Allows public auction on unclaimed vehicles if certain aspects are met. (26pp.). Broadly captioned. Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1, House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (003869) revises the requirements of the electronic portal the Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to create and implement that allows a law enforcement agency or garagekeeper to input abandoned vehicle information for public notice. Details nine capabilities that the portal must have. Authorizes DOR to contract with a third-party service provider to create and implement the portal. Requires the procurement process for the portal to begin no later than July 1, 2025, and the implementation of the portal to begin no later than, July 1, 2026. Requires the portal user fee the DOR can charge a police department or other user must be charged in an amount to cover the cost of creating, administering and maintaining the portal. Prohibits DOR from charging a fee for conducting a public search on the portal. Requires the Commissioner of DOR to notify the public and the Tennessee Code Commission when the motor vehicle portal is operational. Removes the authorization for a local government to pass an ordinance specifically opting to be governed by the Modernization of Towing, Immobilization, and Oversight Normalization (MOTION) Act. Prohibits any person from booting a motor vehicle. Expands the conditions for which a person is authorized to tow a motor vehicle without the written authorization of the owner. Requires a person towing a motor vehicle to report specific information to the motor vehicle portal once it is operational. Establishes that a violation of this section is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Makes technical changes to the signage requirements in commercial parking lots. Prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, rule, or other requirement that regulates parking in a manner that conflicts with the established requirements related to the nonpayment of parking fees. Establishes protocol for law enforcement agencies to verify the owner of a motor vehicle, provide the ownership information to specified parties, and notify the owners of a motor vehicle that has been taken into custody, before and after the motor vehicle portal is operational. Requires any person who takes possession of a motor vehicle, other than a law enforcement agency or other public agency, to immediately report the information to DOR until the motor vehicle portal is operational. Eliminates the requirement to advertise a motor vehicle for auction in the newspaper, and requires the public sale notice to be posted on the online motor vehicle portal.
 - SB1068 J. Johnson 03/11/25 Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004157). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
- 7. HB1142 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Updated definition of manufactured home. Requires this state's definition of manufactured home to automatically update with the definition of manufactured home under title 42 of the United States Code, which currently excludes a self-propelled recreational vehicle. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 3, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB119 T. Hatcher 02/20/25 Senate passed.
- 9. HB700 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Real estate broker licenses exemption from completion of classroom hours in real estate courses Exempts a real estate broker licensee who was originally licensed prior to January 1, 2005, and does not supervise any affiliate brokers from the requirement to furnish certification of satisfactory completion of 16 classroom hours in real estate courses for reissuance of a license for a licensure period after the period in which the licensee completed the required 120 classroom hours in real estate. Broadly captioned. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate amendment 1, House Business & Utilities Subcommittee amendment 1 (003873), which changes effective date to January 1, 2026.

Wed 3/19/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Doggett (R); F. Atchley (R); A. Farmer (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R)

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- 5. HB305 CRIMINAL LAW: Detection of criminal patterns at rental homes and apartment complexes. Requires a law enforcement agency to release calls for emergency assistance services at rental homes and apartment complexes to qualified nonprofit organizations for the purpose of distributing the calls to rental property managers and owners to detect and act on escalating crime patterns. Defines "qualified nonprofit organization" to mean a legally constituted, non-governmental entity incorporated under state law as a charitable or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt according to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3). Broadly captioned. SB236 B. Taylor 02/10/25 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
- 19. HB850 CRIMINAL LAW: Search warrant requirements to enter private property. Requires officials who are employed or contracted by the federal government, the state government, or a local government within this state, or an agency or department thereof, to obtain a search warrant that identifies the person or property that is the subject of the search before entering private property, unless a judicially recognized exception to the warrant requirement exists. Broadly captioned.
 - SB1032 J. Bowling 02/12/25 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wed 3/19/25 10:30am - House Hearing Rm III, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Williams (R); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); R. Gant (R); J. Gillespie (R); T. Hicks (R); G. Hicks (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); J. Zachary (R)

8. HB969 Hawk D.
TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Report on future transportation infrastructure. Directs department of transportation to study transportation infrastructure needs, costs, and funding sources for the years 2026, 2050, and 2075. Allocates and deposits tax revenue from the sale and use of new or used motor vehicles and new or used tires in the state highway fund. Broadly captioned <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate Transportation and Safety Committee amendment 1, House Transportation Committee amendment 1 (003980) requires all sales and use tax revenue generated from the sale of new or used motor vehicles and the Highway Fund. Allocates single article sales tax collections on the retail sale of new or used motor vehicles to the Highway Fund. Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to conduct a study determining infrastructure needs, costs, and funding sources for the years 2027, 2050, and 2075, and to report findings and recommendations to certain legislative committees by January 1, 2027. Becomes effective October 1, 2025. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 16, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT Highway Sinking Department of REVENUE General Fund Fund Fund of Revenue Transportation FY25-26 & \$1,177,235,500 (\$1,142,769,200) (\$10,812,900) (\$4,325,200) \$34,859,900 Subsequent Years EXPENDITURES Highway Fund FY25-26 \$500,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & \$(\$49,835,300) Subsequent Years

SB144 - P. Walley - 03/05/25 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003980). Sent to Senate Finance.

Wed 3/19/25 10:30am - House Hearing Rm I, House Insurance Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR E. Helton-Haynes (R); B. Freeman (D); Y. Hakeem (D); R. Jones (R); S. Kumar (R); K. Raper (R); R. Scarbrough (R)

8. HB1240 INSURANCE GENERAL: Insurance discounts for proper firearm storage and maintenance. Requires an insurance company providing coverage for tangible personal property in this state to offer a discount on a policyholder's homeowners or renters insurance if the policyholder secures any firearms on the property in a firearm safe or uses a firearm safety device. Haynes E. Requires the discount be provided on a recurring basis that aligns with the policyholder's billing cycle. Defines "tangible personal property" as personal property that may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. Broadly captioned. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB1243 - B. Massey - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR S. Reeves (R); VICE CHAIR A. Lowe (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Seal (R); J. Bowling (R); H. Campbell (D); B. Harshbarger (R); C. Oliver (D); M. Pody (R); P. Walley (R)

- SB1274 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs. Makes various changes related to fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs. Makes changes to the regulation of coal combustion residuals disposal units. Part of Administration Package. HB124 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 4. SB1275 ENERGY & MINING: Revises certain requirements to file liens for the reclamation of abandoned coal mining lands. Replaces the prohibition against filing a lien against the property of a person who owned the surface prior to May 2, 1977, and who neither consented to nor participated in, nor exercised control over, the mining operation which necessitated the reclamation. Requires the commissioner of environment and conservation, prior to filing a statement, to notify a property owner of the proposed creation of a lien, the amount of the proposed lien, and the ability of the property owner to avoid the lien by either: (1) Not having consented to, participated in, or exercised control over, the mining operation which necessitated the reclamation; or (2) Paying the department of environment and conservation the amount of the proposed lien specified in the notice prior to the commissioner filing a statement. This bill also removes a provision of present law that limits application of the notice and lien filing process reclamation of past coal mining practices to reclamation that occurs when the commissioner enters onto private lands without the landowner's permission as an exercise of the police power for the protection of public health and safety. Part of Administration Package. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 13, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT: If the proposed legislation is not enacted, the state may lose \$8,500,000 in federal funding for the Department of Environment and Conservations Abandoned Mine Land Program due to noncompliance with recent amendments to the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. HB123 W. Lamberth 03/13/25 Set for House Consent on 03/17/25.
- 5. SB1276 TAXES GENERAL: Grant matching for from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund. Requires a county or municipal government that receives a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund for a project located within a county designated as distressed or at-risk by the Appalachian Regional Commission at the time of the grant application to match the grant with an amount of money equal to 25 percent of the project, instead of requiring a match with an amount of money equal to the grant. Part of Administration Package. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$544,800 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 \$181,600 FY26-27 \$363,200 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$160,200) FY27-28 & Subsequent Years NET (\$160,200)

HB125 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/18/25.

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STATE GOVERNMENT: Less is More Act of 2025. Reorganizes various boards and agencies in Tennessee. Removes the board of court reporting from the list of entities that are set to Johnson J. terminate on June 30, 2025. Specifies participation by electronic or other means. Moves the regulatory power of the board of court reporting to the commissioner of commerce and insurance. Details responsibilities of the delegated powers. Allows an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state but who has a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from another state to be granted practice privileges in this state, if at the time the individual was licensed, the individual showed evidence of having successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. (20 pp.). Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package. Amendment Summary: House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (004421) enacts the Less is More Act of 2025. Terminates the Board of Court Reporting and moves all rules and regulations of licensing provided to the board under the Tennessee Court Report Act of 2009 to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI). Deletes the provision in statute that grandfathered in the license of a court reporter who was licensed before January 1, 2010. Changes the name of the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting Fund to the Tennessee Court Reporting Fund. Exempts facilities that are operated for the provision of the Employment and Community First CHOICES program and services for comprehensive behavioral support for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or severe behavioral or psychiatric conditions, or any successor program or service, or a home and community-based services waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from licensing under the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and moves such licensing requirements under the Department of Disability and Aging. Effective January 1, 2026, authorizes an additional option as one of the requirements for a certificate as a public accountant to include 120 hours of college education with the total educational program including an accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the State Board of Accountancy. Requires applicants to obtain one to two years of experience depending on the type of completed education before being granted a certificate. Reduces regulations related to certificate issuance and renewals for accountants certified in other states. Removes annual inspection requirements of barber shops, barber schools, or colleges under the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners and requires the Board to establish rules regarding the frequency of inspections. Extends, from six months to two years, the period that an applicant has to apply for a real estate broker's license after passing the examination before being required to retake the examination in order to be eligible for a license. Authorizes a broker who has temporarily retired to submit proof of completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education to reactivate their license. Prohibits a licensed brokers penalty fee of \$100 per month from exceeding 12 months. Authorizes a licensee in good standing with the Commission, whose license has been expired for more than two years, but has not been temporarily retired, to reactivate the license upon payment of the penalty fee accessed for all 12 months and completion of a commission-approved course consisting of 30 hours of continuing education. Deletes the Soil Scientist Licensure Act of 2009, removing all licensing regulation. Renames the Geologist and Soil Scientist Regulatory Fund to the Geologist Regulatory Fund. Authorize any boardrun, commission-run, or commissioner-run program in the Division of Regulatory Boards of the DCI that issues a license, to enter into reciprocal agreements with appropriate officials in other jurisdictions to grant licenses to persons or entities licensed in the other jurisdictions who possess sufficient qualifications as established by the regulatory authority of this state to operate across state lines under mutually acceptable terms. Revises provisions governing participation in meetings by electronic means of communication. Deletes the provisions that authorizes a meeting of a governing body over electronic means only as necessary for purposes of a quorum, and authorizes a governing body to meet over electronic means at any point, sc long as certain conditions are met and the governing body meets with a quorum physically present no less than once per calendar year. Makes various changes to the composition, appointment rules, and term lengths relative to members of a commission or board. Specifically makes variations of these changes to the following boards or commissions: the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Board of the Tennessee Education Lottery, Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission, Board of Accountancy, Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Tennessee Real Estate Commission, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Optometry, Board of Dispensing Opticians, Board of Respiratory Care, Tennessee Athletic Commission, and the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. HB1330 - W. Lamberth - 03/12/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/17/25.

10. SB519 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Reporting requirements for foreign persons who purchase land in this state. Requires foreign persons who purchase land in this state and who file a report Roberts K. of such purchase to the United States Department of Agriculture under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to also file the report with the state commissioner of agriculture. Requires the commissioner to notify the attorney general of a foreign person's failure to file a copy of the required report. Requires the attorney general to impose a civil penalty not to exceed 25% of the fair market value, on the date of the assessment of the penalty, of the interest in the agricultural land for such failure to file the report with the commissioner of agriculture. Amendment Summary: House State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (003805) requires foreign persons, businesses, and governments who report agricultural land investments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (Act) to also file a copy with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Directs the Commissioner to notify the Attorney General (AG) of noncompliance. Authorizes the AG to seek and collect a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of land owned by a foreign entity for failure to file. The provisions of the proposed legislation expire upon the repeal of the Act. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

HB219 - J. Reedy - 03/12/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 03/17/25.

- 13. SB970 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Providing services for water or wastewater. Permits authorities formed and certified by municipalities under the Municipal Energy Authority Act to have Southerland certain water and wastewater treatment powers to the extent that the authority's exercise of such powers does not conflict with any ordinances or rules adopted by another local government having jurisdiction over such matters. Broadly captioned. S.
 - HB660 R, Jones 03/12/25 Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 14. SB825 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification Hensley J. of real property as a wetland if the property is prior converted cropland that is exempt from classification as a wetland under federal law. HB1072 - T. Warner - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 17. SB283 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Renewal fees paid by installers of subsurface sewage disposal systems. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from requiring an Watson B. installer of subsurface sewage disposal systems who is in good standing with the department to pay a renewal fee as a condition to renewing the installer's septic system installer license. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Environmental Protection Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$560,500) HB881 - R. Travis - 02/10/25 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.
- 25. SB1138 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Operation of a sewerage system outside the boundaries of a city or town. Prohibits a municipal sewer system or utility district that has operated a sewerage Taylor B. system outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or town for 25 years or more from ceasing operation of the sewerage system outside the corporate boundaries so long as the sewerage system maintains sufficient capacity, as determined by a study conducted by TACIR. Broadly captioned. HB543 - K. Vaughan - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 26 SB664 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Disqualifying an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit (ARAP). Expands from wetlands to all areas that an aquatic resource alteration Taylor B. permit may apply to the areas for which the department of environment and conservation is required to exempt from compensatory mitigation an amount of area equal in size to the area for which mitigation would not be required if the permit applicant qualified for coverage under a general permit, if the only factor that disqualifies an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit from having the activities for which a permit is sought covered under a general permit is the size of the area that the permit will apply to. HB612 - K. Vaughan - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 27. SB670 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification Taylor B. of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law. HB541 - K. Vaughan - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 29. SB128 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Timeframe for decision rendered by board of veterinary medical examiners on licensure application. Decreases, from 60 days to 50 days, the Bailey P. amount of time from the date the board of veterinary medical examiners receives a completed application for initial licensure to practice veterinary medicine from an applicant that the board must either render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 - HB164 P. Marsh 03/12/25 Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.
- 34. SB843 TAXES PROPERTY: Revenues collected from recordation taxes. Requires half the revenue collected from recordation taxes be returned to the county in which the real property is Walley P located on a recurring basis. Applies to transfers of real property on or after July 1, 2025. Amendment Summary: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004869) allows the wetland acquisition fund to be expended for law enforcement personnel salaries, benefits, and other expenses necessary to carry out their duties as prescribed. Authorizes the commissioner of finance and administration, with the written approval of the executive director of the wildlife resources agency to transfer funds from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund to the heritage conservation trust fund. Prohibits "other available sources" from including any funds transferred to the heritage conservation trust fund from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund. HB842 - J. Crawford - 03/12/25 - Set for House Cities & Counties Subcommittee 03/19/25.

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46. SB883 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Inspection of subsurface sewage disposal system by TDEC. Increases, from four to five business days, the time after receipt of notice that a subsurface Reeves S sewage disposal system requires repair that TDEC has to inspect the system before the person who notified the department may proceed with the repairs as though the department made its inspection and approved the repair. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT HB1137 - C. Boyd - 03/12/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 03/19/25.

Wed 3/19/25 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Higher Education Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Baum (R); R. Glynn (D); K. Haston (R); R. Jones (R); K. Raper (R); R. Stevens (R)

HB474 EDUCATION: Study on possible expansion of all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs. Requires the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with 4. the department of labor and workforce development, to study all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs in this state to determine whether programs may be expanded to Vaughan K. provide greater financial aid opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a workforce credential. Requires the commission to report its findings and any legislative recommendations to the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over higher education and to the education committee of the senate no later than January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB125 - F. Haile - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/19/25.

Wed 3/19/25 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Judiciary Committee

The committee will have confirmation hearings for Valerie Smith for Tennessee Court of Appeals and Steven Sword Tennessee for Court of Criminal Appeals MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); VICE CHAIR E. Davis (R); R. Alexander (R); F. Atchley (R); G. Bulso (R); C. Doggett (R); R. Eldridge (R); J. Garrett (R); T. Harris (D); G. Johnson (D); K. Keisling (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); R. Travis (R)

- 7. HB1340 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Requirements to be commissioned as an online notary public. Adds that a person must complete a course of instruction and pass an examination to qualify to Lamberth W. be commissioned as an online notary public. Clarifies that an application to be commissioned requires a certification that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and will comply with the applicable rules and requirements promulgated by the secretary of state. Adds that a course of instruction for online notarization must include, at a minimum, notarial laws, technology procedures of online notarizations, and ethical requirements for online notaries. SB1051 - J. Stevens - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.
- 8 HB1342 COMMERCIAL LAW: UCC financing statement filings. Specifies that a filing office in receipt of a petition for review filed by a secured party contesting a public official's affidavit that a Lamberth W. financing statement was filed without legal cause submit the UCC financing statement that is the subject of the petition and the notarized affidavit of the public official to the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state, in addition to the existing requirement that the petition itself be submitted. Requires the prevailing party in the contested case hearing to provide the filing office with a copy of the administrative law judge's determination. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB544 - J. Stevens - 03/10/25 - Senate passed.
- 33. HB55 CRIMINAL LAW: Creation of a misdemeanor offense for providing a false name to law enforcement. Creates a class C misdemeanor to an individual who refuses to properly identify Lamberth W. themselves to a law enforcement officer if the officer has reasonable suspicion or has lawfully detained the individual. Adds littering or trespassing upon any real or personal property with the intent to unlawfully intimidate as an offense of intimidating others from exercising civil rights. Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (003418) creates a Class B misdemeanor offense to place a sign, signal, or marking over a highway or to affix or attach a sign, signal, or marking to a bridge, overpass, or tunnel without written authorization from the entity that maintains the highway, bridge, overpass, or tunnel. Expands the offense of civil rights intimidation to include littering or trespassing upon the real or personal property of another person with the intent to unlawfully intimidate another from exercising any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law, or because that other exercised any right or privilege secured by the constitution or state law. Establishes that a violation of these offenses is a Class A misdemeanor. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally gives a false or fictitious name, to a law enforcement officer who has lawfully detained or arrested the person. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person intentionally approaches, within 25 feet, a law enforcement officer after the officer has ordered the person to stop approaching or to retreat and the officer is lawfully engaged in the execution of official duties. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense if a person transports another in the cargo area of a box truck. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to make an arrest without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe a person has committed a misdemeanor, regardless of whether the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest if the peace officer has probable cause to believe the person committed an offense, regardless of whether or not the offense was committed in the officer's presence. Requires an officer to provide the reasoning why a citation was not issued, relative to specific statutes regarding such, whenever an officer makes a physical arrest for a misdemeanor. Provides an officer who, on the basis of facts reasonably known or reasonably believed to exist, arrests a person for a misdemeanor in lieu of issuing a citation, with civil and criminal immunity from false arrest, false imprisonment or unlawful detention. SB30 - M. Pody - 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wed 3/19/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee

The committee will hear a presentation on Blockchain and Digital Assets MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Darby (R); M. Hale (R); C. Hemmer (D); K. Keisling (R); S. Lynn (R); P. Marsh (R); K. Vaughan (R); G. Vital (R)

5. HB719 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Final acceptance inspection for private residence elevators. Requires the chief elevator inspector to perform an acceptance inspection once a private Moon J residence elevator has been installed. Requires the homeowner to register the private residence elevator with the department. Requires the chief elevator inspector to develop and maintain a database for private residence elevators.

SB787 - P. Walley - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Civil Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR L. Russell (R); E. Davis (R); A. Farmer (R); J. Garrett (R); G. Johnson (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); R. Travis (R)

12. HB1127 ESTATES & TRUSTS: Time prior to the date of sale of foreclosure notices - increase. Increases, from 10 business days to 12 business days, the time prior to the date of sale of land to foreclose a deed of trust, mortgage, or other lien securing the payment of money or other thing of value that a substitute trustee has to send notice to the debtor, a co-debtor, and any other Farmer A. interested party, with the substitute trustees name and address, if the name of the substitute trustee was not included in the first publication advertising the sale. Broadly captioned. SB727 - A. Lowe - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Crawford (R); VICE CHAIR D. Wright (R); R. Bricken (R); J. Burkhart (R); E. Butler (R); M. Carringer (R); J. Chism (D); V. Dixie (D); R. Eldridge (R); D. Howell (R); T. Leatherwood (R); M. Littleton (R); G. Martin (R); J. McCalmon (R); L. Miller (D); B. Mitchell (D); J. Moon (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); T. Rudd (R); I. Rudder (R); G. Salinas (D); T. Warner (R)

PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vested property rights upon development plan or permit submission. Creates a vested property right upon the submission, rather than the approval, of a 3 HB1326 Lamberth W. development plan or building permit. Specifies that the vesting period applicable when it is based on the submission of a building permit is three years. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

SB1313 - J. Johnson - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

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- HB653 6 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Makes various changes to campaign finance requirements. Requires all political campaign committees registered with the registry of election finance to Hicks T. pay an annual registration fee of \$150 to the registry of election finance upon registration and by no later than January 31 of each successive year to partially offset the costs incurred by the registry of election finance in regulating political campaign committees. Clarifies that candidates for elective office are not required to pay a registration fee in order to encourage persons to run for elective office. Requires annual ethics training provided by the Tennessee Ethics Commission to be given to all department commissioners in the executive branch and all of the governor's cabinet level staff. Makes Tennessee Ethics Commission proceedings regarding a sworn complaint, including records relating to a preliminary investigation, public records and open to public inspection, with some exceptions. Distributes 80% of the privilege tax collected from lobbyists to the bureau of ethics and campaign finance. Makes other changes to the operation of the bureau of ethics and campaign finance and makes changes to campaign finance requirements. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 15, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT Bureau of Ethics and REVENUE General Fund Campaign Finance FY25-26 (\$209,300) \$261,800 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years (\$209,300) \$314,300 SB229 - R. Briggs - 02/18/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.
- HB801 SAFETY: Standards for roofs. Specifies that the roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-shaped roofs do not 9. apply in Tennessee. Amendment Summary: House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Commerce and Labor Committee amendment 1 (004191) provides that the Grills R roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code for low-sloped roofs do not apply to the 2021 International Code Council adoption. Authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.
 - SB1194 E, Jackson 03/11/25 Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004191). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee
- 14. HB1009 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for veterans with disabilities. Increases the amount of the reimbursement that is paid under the provisions for property tax relief for disabled veteran homeowners from the first \$175,000 of the full market value of the home to the first \$250,000 of the full market value. Moody D SB681 - D. White - 02/25/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.
- 20 HB52 TAXES PROPERTY: Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act. Enacts the "Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act." which exempts disabled veterans who have 100 percent permanent and total disability from a service-connected cause from the payment of certain taxes and fees, including property taxes Bulso G and the fees for a permanent sport combination hunting and fishing license. Amendment Summary: House Department & Agencies Subcommittee amendment 1 (004944) enacts the Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act. Requires the General Fund to pay or reimburse eligible disabled veterans and surviving spouses for up to \$250,000 of their property taxes on their primary residence. Becomes effective January 1, 2026. SB473 - J. Bowling - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
- 24 HB317 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Makes changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals. makes certain changes to the powers and duties of county and municipal boards of zoning appeals, including adding training and continuing education requirements regarding property rights and constitutional law. Requires building commissioners Rudd T. and other administrative officials who grant or deny building permits to inform, in writing, the person receiving the grant or denial of the person's right to appeal to the board of zoning appeals.

SB365 - B. Briggs - 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

40 HB1306 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Affordable and workforce housing facilities and development. Clarifies definitions concerning housing facilities and developments with regard to Lamberth W. industrial development corporations including affordable and workforce housing. Allows a municipality or county to make amendments to an economic impact plan while approving the plan. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package

SB1271 - J. Johnson - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

46. HB980 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Tourism development authority petition for deannexation of property. Allows a tourism development authority owning a tract of real property to petition the Stinnett T municipality to deannex such property if the deannexation of the property does not create an area of unincorporated territory that is completely surrounded by municipal boundaries. Requires the petition to include a map of the plat seeking deannexation. Establishes that a municipality's jurisdiction over a territory ends on the effective date of its exclusion from the corporate limits through the petition process described in this section, except for any debt incurred after annexation and before jurisdiction is surrendered. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1, House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (004619) allows a tourism development authority, owning a tract of real property, of which all or any portion thereof is contained within the incorporated territory of a municipality, may petition the municipality to deannex such property if the deannexation of the property does not create an area of unincorporated territory that is completely surrounded by municipal boundaries. Requires the petition to have a map and debt owed. Requires the deannexation of the property becomes operative sixty days after receipt of the petition by the municipality or upon approval by the county legislative body by a majority vote, whichever is later. Specifies that all municipal jurisdiction ceases over the territory excluded from the municipality's corporate limits on the operative date of the contraction accomplished through the petition.

SB965 - T. Hatcher - 03/12/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004619). Sent to Senate Finance.

- 49. HB1327 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Tennessee rural and workforce housing tax credits - authorization by general assembly. Deletes provision requiring Tennessee rural and workforce Lamberth W. housing tax credits to be authorized by joint resolution of the general assembly. Part of Administration Package. Amendment Summary: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004250) removes the requirement that a joint resolution by the General Assembly be issued in order to authorize tax credits under the Tennessee Rural and Workforce Housing Act of 2024. House Cities & Counties Subcommittee amendment 1 (004933) removes the requirement that a joint resolution by the General Assembly be issued in order to authorize tax credits under the Tennessee Rural and Workforce Housing Act of 2024. Authorizes tax credits of \$10 million per year for 10 years each year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2037.
 - SB1323 J. Johnson 03/11/25 Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 03/25/25.
- 63 HB766 TAXES PROPERTY: Tax relief elderly low-income, disabled, or disabled veteran homeowners. Adds a five percent penalty on delinquent property taxes with the penalty to be used to Wright D. provide tax relief for the homeowners who are elderly low-income, disabled, or a disabled veteran or widow of a disabled veteran. SB774 - R. Briggs - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee
- 64. HB735 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Vesting period for property development standards. Specifies that the vesting period established for a construction project or development plan does not Wright D. expire because of pending litigation challenging a permit. Specifies that the vesting period is tolled while such litigation is pending. SB773 - R. Briggs - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

FINAL CALENDAR MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Grills (R); R. Alexander (R); M. Fritts (R); J. Jones (D); G. Martin (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); G. Vital (R)

- HB124 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees set by the department for environmental regulatory programs. Makes various changes related to fees set by the department for environmental 1. Lamberth W. regulatory programs. Makes changes to the regulation of coal combustion residuals disposal units. Part of Administration Package. SB1274 - J. Johnson - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- HB175 7 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of drones to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters. Authorizes the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate Darby T. rules or pass proclamations to authorize the use of unmanned aircraft, including drones, to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB130 - P. Walley - 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee

8 HB660 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Providing services for water or wastewater. Permits authorities formed and certified by municipalities under the Municipal Energy Authority Act to have certain water and wastewater treatment powers to the extent that the authority's exercise of such powers does not conflict with any ordinances or rules adopted by another local government Jones R. having jurisdiction over such matters. Broadly captioned.

SB970 - S. Southerland - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.

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- 15. HB164 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Timeframe for decision rendered by board of veterinary medical examiners on licensure application. Decreases, from 60 days to 50 days, the Marsh P amount of time from the date the board of veterinary medical examiners receives a completed application for initial licensure to practice veterinary medicine from an applicant that the board must either render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 - SB128 P. Bailey 03/13/25 Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 16. HB543 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Operation of a sewerage system outside the boundaries of a city or town. Prohibits a municipal sewer system or utility district that has operated a sewerage Vaughan K. system outside of the corporate boundaries of the city or town for 25 years or more from ceasing operation of the sewerage system outside the corporate boundaries so long as the sewerage system maintains sufficient capacity, as determined by a study conducted by TACIR. Broadly captioned. SB1138 - B. Taylor - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification 17. HB541 Vaughan K. of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law. SB670 - B. Taylor - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 18. HB612 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Disqualifying an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit (ARAP). Expands from wetlands to all areas that an aquatic resource alteration Vaughan K. permit may apply to the areas for which the department of environment and conservation is required to exempt from compensatory mitigation an amount of area equal in size to the area for which mitigation would not be required if the permit applicant qualified for coverage under a general permit, if the only factor that disqualifies an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit from having the activities for which a permit is sought covered under a general permit is the size of the area that the permit will apply to. SB664 - B. Taylor - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 19 HB1137 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Inspection of subsurface sewage disposal system by TDEC. Increases, from four to five business days, the time after receipt of notice that a subsurface sewage disposal system requires repair that TDEC has to inspect the system before the person who notified the department may proceed with the repairs as though the department made its Boyd C inspection and approved the repair. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB883 - S. Reeves - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 21 HB882 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Prohibits regulation of certain farming activities by TDEC. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from overseeing farming activities Travis R. involving topsoil, rock removal, or the building of a pond when such activities are conducted in an area that is less than three acres in size, and the property on which the activities occur has a greenbelt classification. Broadly captioned.
 - SB281 B. Watson 03/12/25 Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
- 24. HB1072 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Classification of property as a wetland. Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland if the property is prior converted cropland that is exempt from classification as a wetland under federal law. Warner T. SB825 - J. Hensley - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 30. HB1325 AGRICULTURE: Farmland and forestland preservation fund. Requires the department of agriculture to develop a grant program within the farmland preservation fund for farmland and Lamberth W. forestland owners to enroll their land in a permanent conservation easement held by a qualified easement holder under certain conditions. Provides that governmental entities are not eligible to participate in a grant program. Part of Administration Package. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Farmland Preservation Fund FY25-26 \$25,000,000 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$25,000,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The timing and amount of expenditures from the Farmland Preservation Fund for agricultural easements cannot reasonably be estimated. The Governor's proposed FY25-26 budget, on page B-354, recognizes a one-time appropriation of \$25,000,000 to fund the Farmland Preservation Fund within the Department of Agriculture. SB207 - J. Johnson - 03/13/25 - Senate passed.

Wed 3/19/25 3:00pm - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm III, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Grills (R); R. Alexander (R); M. Fritts (R); J. Jones (D); G. Martin (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); G. Vital (R)

HB24 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Increases penalties for various wildlife violations. Increases the penalty from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for removing a wild 1. animal, wild fowl, or fish while trespassing on land. Increases various fines for other wildlife violations that are currently under \$500 to not more than \$500. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: Hemmer C (Dated February 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Resources Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET \$312,900 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years NET \$382,400 EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$36,000 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. SB14 - P. Walley - 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

Wed 3/19/25 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Boyd (R); J. Barrett (R); R. Bricken (R); J. Burkhart (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); M. Cochran (R); G. Hardaway (D); J. Lafferty (R); K. Vaughan (R)

- HB569 INSURANCE GENERAL: Selection of settlement agent in real property transaction. Authorizes a purchaser or borrower in a real property transaction to select the settlement agent to 1. Farmer A. perform certain duties, including to provide escrow or closing services and to act as the issuing title insurance agency. Authorizes the seller to retain a licensed attorney in this state to represent the seller's interests in such transaction. Prohibits the designated settlement agent from collecting transaction-related fees from a represented seller without consent of the seller's attorney. Broadly captioned
 - SB394 P. Rose 03/13/25 Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25
- HB470 STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act. Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to 5. denv. revoke. suspend. or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held Rudd T. religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB226 - B. Taylor - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25
- PROPERTY & HOUSING: Single registration form for a multi-dwelling property. Authorizes a landlord to submit a single registration form for a multi-dwelling property with the agency or HB648 6 Jones R. department of local government that is responsible for enforcing building codes in the jurisdiction if the property contains five or more dwelling units. Authorizes local governments to require residential landlords to register with the local government.
 - SB592 P. Walley 03/13/25 Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25.
- HB469 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Tenant allowed to possess or store firearm in home or apartment. Prohibits a landlord from prohibiting a tenant from lawfully possessing, carrying, 7. Reeves L. transporting, or storing a firearm, firearm components, or ammunition in the tenant's home, apartment, or business or in a vehicle located on leased premises. Creates a cause of action for a tenant who is adversely affected by a landlord's violation of such prohibition. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB350 - B. Harshbarger - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/18/25.
- 10. HB542 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Utility to review plans of development for compliance with infrastructure codes. Requires a utility to review plans of development for compliance with water, Vaughan K. electric, and natural gas infrastructure codes within 30 days of the plan's submission. Authorizes the person who submitted the plan to hire a third-party examiner to examine the plan if the utility does not complete the examination within 30 days. Defines relevant terms.

SB1139 - B. Taylor - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

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Wed 3/19/25 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Cities & Counties Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Moon (R); E. Butler (R); J. Crawford (R); V. Dixie (D); M. Littleton (R); B. Mitchell (D); D. Wright (R)

- 3. HB480 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Description of real property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property. Requires a description of real property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property. Requires a description of real property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property contained within a deed of conveyance of a property not previously described in a recorded instrument to be prepared by a registered land surveyor. Specifies that this requirement will not apply to any deed of conveyance prepared for or by a governmental department or agency. <u>Fiscal Note</u>: (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB980 S. Southerland 03/11/25 Senate Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
- 6. HB795 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections. Requires a local government to send back any requested vaughan K. changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections in a single deliverable document or set of documents, or to remit related fees back to the developer for subsequent change requests. Prohibits a local government from requiring a developer or contractor to fund, develop, or contribute to the development of nonessential infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.
 - SB731 M. Pody 02/12/25 Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
- 7. HB544 TAXES PROPERTY: Commercial development board creation. Creates the commercial development board. With respect to new commercial property developed by private entities in Vaughan K. certain taxing jurisdictions, authorizes the private entities to enter into agreements for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes and leases with the commercial development board. Broadly captioned.

SB220 - B. Taylor - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/19/25.

- HB889 TAXES BUSINESS: Process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return. Adds to the process for requesting an extension of time to file a business tax return that Todd C. the request may be signed by the person's authorized representative. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB526 - J. Stevens - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/18/25.
- 10. HJR2 TAXES PROPERTY: Constitutional amendment prohibits a state property tax. Proposes additional language in Article II, Section 28 to prohibit the general assembly from levying, Darby T. authorizing, or otherwise permitting a state tax on property.
- 11. HB365 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Action of a municipality that affects tax obligations for property owners who are located outside the municipality's corporate boundary. Prohibits a municipality, or an instrumentality of a municipality, from taking an action that affects or has the potential to affect the tax obligations, fees, or other costs for real property owners whose property is located outside of a municipality's corporate boundary. Unless the action is approved by the county legislative body in which such property is located. Requires the membership of joint economic and community development boards to proportionately represent the citizenry over which the board exercises jurisdiction by July 1, 2029. SB1404 J. Hensley 02/12/25 Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
- 12. HB319 TAXES PROPERTY: Revises definition of residential property for purposes of classification and assessment. Revises the definition of "residential property" to include property that can be sold and purchased as a single unit fee simple title, whether it is vacant, owner-occupied, rented, detached, or attached.
 - SB327 B. Massey 03/12/25 Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.
- 15. HB1083 TAXES PROPERTY: Hamilton County collection of property taxes. Authorizes, subject to a 2/3 vote of the legislative body, the county trustee or other property tax collecting official in Martin G. Hamilton County to decline to bill or refer for collection a de minimus personal property tax totaling less than \$20 under certain circumstances. <u>Amendment Summary</u>: Senate State & Local Government amendment 1 (005170) authorizes, subject to a 2/3 vote of the legislative body, any county trustee or other property tax collecting in the state to decline to bill or refer for collection a de minimus personal property tax totaling less than \$20 under certain circumstances. <u>SB1061 T. Gardenhire 03/11/25 Senate State & Local Government recommended with amendment 1 (005170). Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.</u>
- 16. HB783 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Regulation of sober living homes for recovery from alcohol, drug, and substance abuse. Authorizes a local government to adopt ordinances or resolutions to require a sober living home to be at least 1,000 feet from a K-12 school, preschool, or daycare facility; regulate the location or operation of sober living homes within its jurisdiction; require operators to obtain a clinical referral from a licensed healthcare provider before allowing an individual to reside in a sober living home, confirming that placement is a medical necessity based on the individual's recovery from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse. Defines "sober living home" as an alcohol-free and drug-free residence where unrelated adults who are recovering from alcohol, drug, or substance abuse choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery where no formal alcohol and drug services are provided. Defines "operator" as the lawful owner of a sober living home or a person or entity designated by such lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home. Broadly captioned.

SB1381 - B. Watson - 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

- 17. HB1161 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Moratorium on the development of property. Allows a county by the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body, to impose a moratorium on the development of property, including property within the boundaries of a municipality, for apartment complexes. Limits the moratorium to one year but allows extensions, each not exceeding one year, through the passage of a resolution by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body. Applies in a county having a population of not less than three hundred 325,000 and does not apply to a county having a metropolitan form of government. Defines "apartment complex" as a building or group of buildings for multi-family use within the same development containing 25 or more individual dwelling units for residents. Broadly captioned. SB1098 D. White 02/10/25 Introduced in the Senate
- 18. HB405 TAXES BUSINESS: Remittance of hotel tax transient occupancy. Requires a hotel operator to remit the hotel tax to the municipality rather than issuing a credit or refund to a person who has maintained occupancy for 30 continuous days. Requires the hotel operator to cease collecting the tax from the person for the remainder of their stay in the operator's hotel.
 T. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004762) changes the effective date to July 1, 2025.
 - SB384 B. Taylor 03/11/25 Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004762). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
- HB1279 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Property that is not subject to authority of historic zoning commission. Specifies that a privately owned property built after 1899 that is located in a tourism development zone is not subject to the authority of a historic zoning commission or a historic zoning law, rule, review guideline, or regulation, with respect to certain aspects of a project, including lighting, televisions, signs, and speakers.
 SB340 A. Lowe 02/10/25 Introduced in the Senate
- 20. HB48 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for disabled veterans. Removes the market value cap used for calculating property tax relief on the primary residence for disabled veterans who are eligible for property tax relief and requires the state to fully reimburse such veterans for local property taxes paid for a given tax year on that property. SB368 R. Briggs 02/12/25 Referred to Senate State & Local Government.
- 21. HB366 TAXES PROPERTY: Property damaged by disaster correction of assessment. Requires the assessor of a building or improvement that was moved, demolished, destroyed, or substantially damaged by a natural disaster between September 1 and December 31 of any year that was not repaired by January 1 of the next year to adjust its assessed value based on its condition after the damage occurred. Requires the assessment of the improvement for the portion of the year before it was moved, demolished, destroyed, or substantially damaged and apply the prorated assessment to the following tax year. SB431 - S. Reeves - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
- 26. HB930 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Homebuyers revolving loan program. Authorizes any county having made loans in excess of the amount of funds in the initial capitalization of the loan fund pool for the county to terminate its participations with notice to the Tennessee housing development agency (THDA). Allows the county to retain all funds used for initial capitalization or interesting earnings on repayments.

SB857 - B. Taylor - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

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28. HB1381 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Municipal rental property registries. Authorizes municipalities to create, implement, and enforce a registry for all residential rental dwellings within a municipality's jurisdiction. Requires owners of the dwellings to register and requires a municipality that adopts the registry to send an annual report with the number of properties registered, code violations identified and resolved, and the overall effectiveness of the registry in improving housing conditions. <u>Amendment Summary:</u> Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004219) allows the municipality to assess a civil penalty of up to \$500 and no less than \$50 per violation if an owner fails to comply with code enforcement. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

SB1008 - C. Oliver - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

- HB1380 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for elderly persons. Exempts taxpayers who are 85 or older and who have received property tax relief for at least five consecutive years from annual income reporting requirements for continued participation.
 SB1326 S. Kyle 02/10/25 Introduced in the Senate
- 30. HB436 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax relief for eligible disabled veterans. Revises the formula for calculating tax relief on real property owned by eligible disabled veterans so that in Crawford J. determining the amount of relief to such a taxpayer, the assessed value on the first \$175,000 of full market value is to be multiplied by the ad valorem tax rate of the jurisdiction instead of by a rate that has been adjusted to reflect the relationship between appraised value and market value in that jurisdiction. SB651 R. Crowe 02/12/25 Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
- 31. HB842 TAXES PROPERTY: Revenues collected from recordation taxes. Requires half the revenue collected from recordation taxes be returned to the county in which the real property is Crawford J. Iocated on a recurring basis. Applies to transfers of real property on or after July 1, 2025. <u>Amendment Summary</u>: Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1 (004869) allows the weltland acquisition fund to be expended for law enforcement personnel salaries, benefits, and other expenses necessary to carry out their duties as prescribed. Authorizes the commissioner of finance and administration, with the written approval of the executive director of the wildlife resources agency to transfer funds from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund to the heritage conservation trust fund. Prohibits "other available sources" from including any funds transferred to the heritage conservation trust fund from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund. SB843 - P. Walley - 03/13/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/19/25.
- 32. HB733 TAXES PROPERTY: Property tax appeals valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property. Removes the condition that a taxpayer or owner must obtain crawford J. crawford J. consent of the assessor of property before appealing the valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property directly to the state board of equalization. Makes other related changes.

SB771 - R. Briggs - 03/12/25 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/18/25.

Wed 3/19/25 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Education Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR D. White (R); VICE CHAIR B. Powers (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR R. Akbari (D); R. Crowe (R); F. Haile (R); J. Hensley (R); A. Lowe (R); M. Pody (R); K. Roberts (R)

73. SB125 EDUCATION: Study on possible expansion of all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs. Requires the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with the department of labor and workforce development, to study all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs in this state to determine whether programs may be expanded to provide greater financial aid opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a workforce credential. Requires the commission to report its findings and any legislative recommendations to the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over higher education and to the education committee of the senate no later than January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned. Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

HB474 - K. Vaughan - 03/13/25 - Set for House Higher Education Subcommittee 03/19/25.