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## **Tennessee Weekly Legislative Update, 4/14 – 4/17, 2025**

### **Budget Passes**

Tennessee lawmakers passed a \$59.8 billion budget, with a focus on local grant programs and funding roads, flood relief, and included the funding for Governor Lee's Education Freedom Scholarship Program. In a noteworthy move, the legislature removed \$180 million worth of projects from Governor Lee's proposed budget citing concerns of federal funding uncertainty. The legislature emphasized fiscal strength, record reserves, and new community investments. The budget also includes \$1 billion in bonds amid slowing tax revenue.

### **Looking Ahead to Adjournment**

Legislative leaders are now predicting adjournment could come early next week. While most major items are nearing completion, both chambers are expected to take a couple of days to wrap up the remaining business and tie up loose ends post budget. With the pace accelerating and priorities narrowing, the final days of session are in motion.

### **Holy Week in Tennessee**

RFRS Govt. Relations extends wishes of a joyful and restful Easter weekend. From our team to yours, Happy Easter!