

# TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

# 2025 FRANK D. STEPHENS LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

MARCH 10-12, 2025





# Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association Frank Stephens Legislative Conference

#### March 10-12, 2025

#### Monday, March 10

1:00pm – 5:00pm Legislative Conference Session

(Hilton Hotel Downtown – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

5:30pm – 6:30pm Hospitality Event Hosted by Matthew Tomek & Barry Byers

Sponsored by Siddons-Martin Emergency Group

(Nudie's Honky Tonk – 409 Broadway)

### Tuesday, March 11

7:30am – Until Legislative Appointments @ Cordell Hull Building

4:00pm Fish Fry Finalize Setup (Musicians Hall of Fame)

5:00pm – 8:00pm 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Fish Fry (Musicians Hall of Fame)

## Wednesday, March 12

9:00am – 12:00pm Legislative Conference Session



# **Upcoming Events**

## Wednesday, May 21st

Murfreesboro Fire Fighters Local 3035 Golf Tournament Benefiting the TN Firefighter Emergency Relief Fund Champions Run Golf Course Rockvale, TN

## Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

TPFFA Executive Board Meeting
TN FF Emergency Relief Fund Board Meeting
Embassy Suite Hotel
Murfreesboro, TN

# Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

TPFFA Biennial Convention Embassy Suites Hotel Knoxville, TN



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#### **SENATE BILL 288**

#### By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201, relative to compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201(d)(1), is amended by inserting the language "prostate cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer" immediately after "testicular cancer.".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201(d)(2)(A), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(iii) Any firefighter desiring to utilize the presumption established in this subsection (d) for prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer, must obtain a physical medical examination after July 1, 2025, and the examination must include a cancer screening that fails to reveal any evidence of prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.



## Barry Brady Act Update SB288 (Bailey) /HB482 (Hicks)



#### Cancer is the most common work-related injury that firefighters must battle.

- ✓ Providing firefighters access to care in their time of need saves lives
  - ✓ Early detection increases survival rates and saves money

SB288 (Bailey) /HB482 (Hicks) Firefighters - As introduced, adds prostate cancer, breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer to the list of cancers for which a presumption is created that the cancer arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence.

#### **Background**

In 2019, the General Assembly unanimously passed the Barry Brady Act, which created a presumption that any conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by four cancers (all forms of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer, colon cancer, skin cancer, and multiple myeloma cancer) are covered by worker's compensation. Tennessee was the 43<sup>rd</sup> state to enact similar legislation and a determination was made to build the program over a series of years rather than all at once.

In 2022, leukemia and testicular cancer were added to the list of cancers to which the presumption applies.

#### **Required Cancer Screenings**

A firefighter desiring to utilize the presumption established for prostate cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer must obtain a physical medical examination after July 1, 2025, and the examination must include a cancer screening that fails to reveal any evidence of prostate, breast or pancreatic cancer. Annual cancer screenings are required.



CANCER TYPE	5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE IF DETECTED EARLY	5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE IF DETECTED LATE			
Pancreatic Cancer	42%	3%			
Breast Cancer	99%	29%			
Prostate Cancer	99%	31%			

In 2022, the World Health Organization's cancer division reclassified firefighting as a Group 1 carcinogenic profession. There's no question that becoming a firefighter is a dangerous job. But beyond the obvious perils of saving lives and protecting property, research reveals that the profession also brings other risks with it.

Chief among them: cancer.

#### **Early Detection Benefits**

Because cancer is so prevalent in the fire service, there are clear benefits to preventative firefighter cancer screening:

- Cancers detected at earlier stages are more likely to have successful outcomes. This could prevent a potentially career-ending and fatal diagnosis for firefighters.
- Identifying and treating early-stage cancers is far more fiscally prudent than treating advanced stage cancers.
   Studies show that treatment for cancer patients who have been diagnosed early are 2 to 4 times less expensive than treatments for people diagnosed with cancer at more advanced stages
- A firefighter cancer screening program for young highearning fire fighters would be the most cost-effective and most likely avenue to prevent high-cost fatal claims by discovering a malignancy in an earlier, treatable and most importantly - survivable diagnosis.

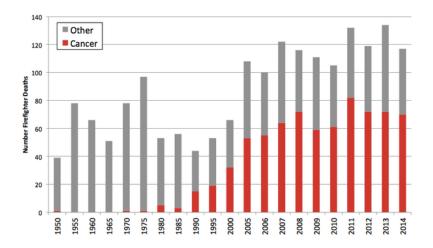


#### **Presumptive Legislation: What Does It Mean?**

- A presumptive disability law links a particular occupation with a disease or condition that has been shown to be a hazard associated with that occupation.
- In most basic terms, if a firefighter is diagnosed with a cancer covered by the Barry Brady Act, then that cancer is presumed to result from being a firefighter and treatment is not delayed.
- Without a presumption, the firefighter must <u>prove</u> that the cancer they
  have was associated with their employment on a case-by-case basis,
  which involves taking time off, finding specialized legal counsel and
  healthcare providers who understand occupational injury. They
  exhaust their personal leave and financial savings to cope with an
  injury scientifically linked to firefighting.
- Firefighters must have undergone standard tests or pre-employment testing and found to be cancer free prior to seeking this presumption, and must have worked for five or more years.
- Employers can challenge that the cancer did not come from firefighting, but from some other cause.

Chemicals released during a fire and embedded in turnout gear have become more toxic and pose risks through inhalation, dermal absorption and inhalation:

- <u>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons</u>: Released during the combustion of various materials, including coal, gas, oil, wood, and even household items. PAHs can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled when you encounter smoke and soot at fire scenes.
- <u>Polyfluoroalkyl Substances</u> (PFAS): Used in firefighter protective clothing and equipment to resist water and stains. The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has developed evidence around the presence of PFAS in equipment that's used directly by firefighters and how it introduces another risk factor for cancer.
- **Diesel Exhaust**: <u>Fire service</u> teams are frequently exposed to diesel exhaust from fire trucks and other diesel-powered equipment. Classified as carcinogenic, this chemical contributes to your elevated cancer risk.



For more information, contact:

## SB 288 - HB 482 FISCAL NOTE



#### **Fiscal Review Committee**

Tennessee General Assembly

March 1, 2025

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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes a rebuttable presumption that any condition or impairment of health caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer and results in loss of life or personal injury to a full-time firefighter occurred in the line of duty, if certain conditions are met. Requires any firefighter wishing to utilize this rebuttable presumption to obtain a medical examination after July 1, 2025, that includes a cancer screening that fails to reveal any evidence of prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

STATE GOVERNMENT								
EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Claims Commission						
FY25-26 & Subsequent Years	\$50,000	>\$10,000						
LOCAL GOVERNMENT								
EXPENDITURES		Mandatory						
<b>FY25-26 &amp; Subsequent Years</b> >\$20,000								
Article II. Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure								

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.

#### Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation:
  - O Applies only to full-time firefighters of a fire department of the state, local government, or a political subdivision of the state.
  - Presumes that any condition or impairment of health that results in loss of life or personal injury caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer occurred in the line of duty.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-201(d)(1), the list of covered cancers includes all forms of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer, colon cancer, skin cancer, leukemia, testicular cancer, and multiple myeloma cancer.
- If the disabling health condition is determined to be caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer, and judged to be contracted in the line-of-duty by way of the rebuttable presumption, and the firefighter subsequently dies of cancer, the estate of the firefighter will be entitled to receive a death benefit of \$50,000 per year, paid from the state General Fund, for a period of five years, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-210(b).
- It is assumed that at least the estate of one full-time firefighter claim will be awarded the state death benefit every five years; resulting in an increase in state expenditures from the General Fund of \$50,000 in FY25-26 and subsequent years.

- It is assumed that one state-employed firefighter will apply for and receive benefit coverage under state benefits annually as a direct result of this legislation. While a precise impact to the Claims Commission cannot be determined, the increase in state expenditures to the Commission is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- The extent of benefits which are currently provided to full-time firefighters by each local government is unknown; therefore, a precise recurring mandatory increase in local government expenditures for providing additional benefit coverage cannot be determined, but is reasonably estimated to exceed \$20,000 statewide in FY25-26 and subsequent years.

#### **IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

#### Assumption:

• The proposed language will not result in a significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Executive Director

#### **HOUSE BILL 344**

#### By Moon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 33, relative to military service.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-33-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Working day" means the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work in a twenty-four-hour period.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



**HB344 (Moon)/SB279 (Jackson)** - Defines "working day" for members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, the Tennessee State Guard, and the Civil Air Patrol as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work in a 24-hour period.

#### **Issue Summary:**

This is a housekeeping bill to codify the MTAS guidance to municipalities on how to calculate the statutory 20 days of leave time for our public employees serving in the military. It also aligns with how the Department of Human Resources calculates working days.

From the MTAS guidance document:

Q: We have public safety employees who work different shifts (i.e., 24/48) and generally work more total hours per year than standard 8-5 positions. How much time do we provide to them under this law?

A: Based on the plain language of the statute and the legislative history, other state agencies and MTAS attorneys have interpreted a "day" to be all hours worked on a particular day, which could be 0 hours or 24 hours.

There was occasional deviation from the 24 hour standard and leave time was instead calculated on a 12-hr shift. Since many public safety employees work up to 24hrs in a normal shift, they essentially have their leave time cut in half and end up having to take personal time. (le, They have to burn four days to participate in two days of training.)

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Lindsay Spain (615.686.9868) or your local Professional Fire Fighters Association.

# HB 344 – SB 279 FISCAL NOTE



## Fiscal Review Committee

Tennessee General Assembly

January 25, 2025

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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines "working day" for members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, the Tennessee State Guard, and the Civil Air Patrol as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work in a 24-hour period.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

#### Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation provides clarification for members of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, Tennessee State Guard, and Civil Air Patrol by defining "working day" as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work in a 24-hour period.
- This change impacts unpaid leave under Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-33-110 by providing a uniform standard for calculating and administering leave.
- According to the Department of Human Resources (DHR) Rule 1120-06-.03, the standard workweek is defined as 168 continuous hours comprising seven consecutive 24-hour periods.
- The proposed legislation aligns with this definition, so it is assumed that it will not change DHR's operations significantly or create new state expenditures.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Executive Director

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#### **HOUSE BILL 83**

#### By Moon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 61, relative to ambulance service.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-61-102, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(g) If a municipal governing body does not provide ambulance service within the boundaries of the municipality and the county in which the city lies provides ambulance service within the municipality, then the municipal governing body shall reimburse the county for the ambulance service provided in proportion to the municipality's population to the population of the county, according to the most recent federal census; provided, that the reimbursement must not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of providing the ambulance service.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.



#### **Legislative Tracking List**

#### **Priority**

SB279/HB344 Leave and compensation available to government employees called to

active military service.

Sponsors Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Moon, Jerome

Summary Defines a working day as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work within a 24 hour

period for purposes of state employees in military service.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee consent calendar: 3/11/25

House Status 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee: 03/12/2025

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 33, relative to military service.

Comment TPFFA bill

#### SB288/HB482 Compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries.

Sponsors Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary Adds prostate cancer, breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer to the list of cancers for which a

presumption is created that certain conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, or other listed cancers arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence. Requires any firefighter desiring to utilize the presumption to obtain a physical medical examination which includes a cancer screening showing no evidence of prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic

cancer after July 1, 2025.

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee: 3/11/25 House Status 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee: 3/12/25

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 51-201, relative to compensation paid

to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries.

Cosponsors Sen. Akbari, Raumesh, Rep. Alexander, Rebecca, Rep. Barrett, Jody, Rep. Boyd, Clark, Rep.

Burkhart, Jeff, Rep. Butler, Ed, Rep. Cepicky, Scott, Rep. Crawford, John, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Faison, Jeremy, Rep. Garrett, Johnny, Rep. Gillespie, John, Rep. Grills, Rusty, Sen. Haile, Ferrell, Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther, Rep. Howell, Dan, Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Littleton, Mary, Rep. Marsh, Pat, Sen. McNally, Randy, Sen. Powers, Bill, Rep. Rudder, Iris, Sen. Seal, Jessie, Rep. Slater, William, Rep. Vaughan, Kevin, Rep. Warner, Todd,

Sen. Yager, Ken

Comment TPFFA bill

Fiscal Note

## SB120/HB143 Expands the Class C felony offense of aggravated assault against a first

responder.

Sponsors Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary Expands the Class C felony offense of aggravated assault against a first responder to include

knowingly possessing fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, thiafentanil, or a fentanyl analogue in a manner that would be reasonably foreseen to expose a first responder to the substance while the first responder is discharging or attempting to discharge the first responder's official duties and the first responder is exposed resulting in the serious bodily injury or death of the first responder. Specifies that a violation is a Class C felony, punishable by a mandatory fine of \$15,000 and a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days incarceration. Broadly captioned. (Dated January 25, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$208,800

Senate Status 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

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

controlled substances.

Cosponsors Rep. Russell, Lowell

SB160/HB83 Municipal ambulance service reimbursement.

Sponsors Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Moon, Jerome

Requires a municipality that does not provide ambulance service to reimburse the county for such Summary

service in proportion to the municipality's population to the population of the county, up to 50

percent of the total cost of providing the service

Senate Status House Status

01/27/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

01/28/25 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 61, relative to ambulance

SB289/HB310

Diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders.

Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Maberry, Aron Sponsors

Creates a presumption that the diagnosis of a law enforcement officer or emergency medical Summary

responder with post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of responding to certain incidents was

incurred in the line of duty for purposes of workers' compensation coverage.

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee. House Status

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Caption

relative to post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders.

Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Rep. Raper, Kevin, Rep. Scarbrough, Rick Cosponsors

SB301/HB333

Firefighter retirement age.

Sponsors Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby; Rep. Crawford, John

Summary Authorizes a firefighter with a rank equal to or higher than shift commander to continue in service

beyond the mandatory retirement age of 62 years of age.

(Dated February 11, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Fiscal Note

Subsequent Years (\$130,000)

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

02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee. House Status

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 36, relative to firefighter Caption

retirement age.

SB888/HB832

Commission on firefighting personnel standards and education -

notification of vacancy.

Sponsors

Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Marsh, Pat

Summary Increases from within two weeks to 15 days after the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of any

commissioner caused by death, resignation, disability, or forfeiture of office, and no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the term of office of any incumbent commissioner, the time within which the chair of the commission must notify the appropriate association of the vacancy or expiration of the term when the vacancy or expiration results in an opening for that particular

association to make recommendations for an appointment. Broadly captioned.

(Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT Fiscal Note

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate 02/06/25 - Held on House clerk's desk. House Status

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 8; Title 49; Title 50; Title 55 Caption

and Title 68, relative to firefighters.

Comment Josh Evans had caption bill filed to address minimum training standard requirements for

Volunteer FF's (create 3 tiers - minimum state standard, FF1 and FF2), create class of FF's called

"fire service support personnel."

SB966/HB756

TCRS - creditable service for peacetime military service.

Sponsors

Sen. Southerland, Steve; Rep. Faison, Jeremy

Expands the period of peacetime military service of a member of the TCRS that the member may Summary

purchase for creditable service in TCRS. Provides that this applies to a member or retired member of the armed forces of the Unites States who performed peacetime military service at any time on or after October 15, 1940. Conditions creditable service to be calculated at one day for each day of military service rendered. Requires that the member pay employee contributions

for claimed service at a rate of nine percent.

02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate Senate Status House Status 02/05/25 - Introduced in the House

**Executive Status** 03/03/25 - Joint Council on Pensions deferred to 03/10/25.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34, relative to creditable service Caption

for retirement for public employees.

SB979/HB158

Offenses against first responders.

Sen. Southerland, Steve; Rep. Eldridge, Rick **Sponsors** 

Summary Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for engaging in harassing behavior against a first

responder engaged in official duties when the first responder has issued a verbal warning not to

approach. Broadly captioned.

02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Status

01/28/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. House Status

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to offenses against first

responders.

#### **MONITORING**

SB8/HB550 Fairness in Benefits Act.

Sponsors Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Cochran, Mark

Summary Enacts the "Fairness in Benefits Act;" which requires an employer participating in TCRS to allow

the dissemination of information and educational materials developed by a private entity

regarding the entity's alternative retirement plans and supplemental benefits to its employees on

the employer's premises.

Fiscal Note (Dated December 20, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/15/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/05/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/03/25 - Joint Council on Pensions recommended with a positive recommendation.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8,

Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37, relative to retirement planning.

SB13/HB135 Membership of emergency communications board.

Sponsors Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Bricken, Rush

Summary Expands, from nine to 11, the number of members appointed to serve on the emergency

communications board.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 23, 2024) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES 911 Emergency

Communications Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$3,500

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/11/2025. House Status 02/25/25 - House Department & Agencies Subcommittee deferred to 03/11/25.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 3, relative to

the emergency communications board.

SB61/HB239 Sunset - commission on firefighting personnel standards and education.

Sponsors Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Lafferty, Justin

Summary Extends the commission on firefighting personnel standards and education to June 30, 2031.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/24/25 - Signed by Senate speaker. House Status 02/25/25 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status 02/27/25 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 24, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter

29, relative to the commission on firefighting personnel standards and education.

Cosponsors Sen. Roberts, Kerry, Rep. Vital, Greg

SB67/HB245 Sunset - emergency communications board.

Sponsors Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Lafferty, Justin

Summary Extends the emergency communications board to June 30, 2031.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 16, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/24/25 - Signed by Senate speaker. House Status 02/25/25 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status 02/27/25 - Sent to governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 7, Chapter 86,

relative to the emergency communications board.

Cosponsors Sen. Roberts, Kerry

SB138/HB150 Reimbursement of public or private air ambulance service.

Sponsors Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Gant, Ron

Summary Requires the bureau of TennCare to reimburse a public or private air ambulance service that bills

for transports and has a base of operations in this state that provides a covered emergency or nonemergency service to a TennCare recipient at a rate not less than 67.5 percent of the federal

Medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$1,724,300 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$3,108,800

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance. 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

Cosponsors Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

SB169/HB176 Notification to retirement system regarding reemployment of a retiree as a

law enforcement officer

Sponsors Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Darby, Tandy

Summary Clarifies that the notification provided by a retiree's new employer to the retirement system

concerning the reemployment of the retiree as a law enforcement officer must be provided in

writing. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/27/25 - Withdrawn in House.

Executive Status 02/24/25 - Taken off notice in Joint Council on Pensions.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to retirement for law enforcement

officers.

Cosponsors Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

SB210/HB195 Reimbursement rates for ground-based rural ambulance services and

urban ambulance services.
Sponsors Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Martin, Brock

Summary Allows for certain rural ambulance service providers to receive emergency medical services

equipment grants. Sets reimbursement rates for ground-based rural ambulance services and urban ambulance services for services provided to TennCare recipients. Requires the bureau of TennCare to coordinate with the commissioner of finance and administration to develop and implement a program similar to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services'

Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) model. Defines relevant terms.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$3,956,300 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$7,133,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could fail to approve the proposed rate increase or invalidate the existing Ground Ambulance Assessment Program if rural ambulance providers' base reimbursement for

emergency transports plus supplemental payment from the Ground Ambulance Assessment Program exceeds the maximum allowable federal rate.

Senate Status 02/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Commerce &

Labor Committee.

House Status 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to ambulance services.

Cosponsors Rep. Grills, Rusty, Sen. Haile, Ferrell, Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Sen. Hensley, Joey, Rep. Hurt, Chris,

Sen. Reeves, Shane, Sen. Stevens, John, Sen. Walley, Page

SB251/HB313 Reemployment for Tennessee consolidated retirement system members.

Sponsors Sen. Yager, Ken; Rep. Marsh, Pat Summary Requires a retiree who is a member

Requires a retiree who is a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system to have had a bona fide separation of service before the retiree is allowed to accept temporary reemployment without a loss or suspension of benefits in the retirement system. Prohibits the retiree from working more than 120 days or the equivalent of 120 days during a 12-month period. Prohibits a person employed as a teacher at an institution of higher learning from working more than 24 quarter credit hours or 18 semester credit hours in a 12-month period. Allows for exceptions for a retired member employed as a substitute teacher in a public school system. Stipulates that the entire compensation payable to the retired member for the temporary employment period must not exceed an amount equal to the sum of 60% of the annual full-time salary received by the retired member in the year immediately prior to the member's last paid day

of covered employment, adjusted by 5% for each year since the member's last paid day of covered employment or as determined by the treasurer and the commissioner of human resources.

resources

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar

Committee.

House Status 03/05/25 - House Public Service Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee. Executive Status 02/24/25 - Joint Council on Pensions released to standing committees with a positive

recommendation.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8- 25-213 and Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8,

relative to reemployment after retirement.

Cosponsors Sen. Reeves, Shane SB346/HB453 Fire drills in schools.

Sponsors Sen. Powers, Bill; Rep. Hurt, Chris

Summary

Requires schools to hold fire drills requiring full evacuation must be held at least once every 30 school days with two fire drills occurring during the first 30 days of the school year. Requires four fire safety announcements to be held throughout the school year. States that full evacuation fire drills must be held every two months. Requires a record of all fire drills with dates and times be made available to the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants, for inspection and review. Clarifies that should this law contradict any local, county, city, or municipal law as it relates to the timeframe in which these types of drills must occur for schools, this law

controls.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status 02/05/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102, relative to fire drills in

schools.

SB351/HB337 County and city attorneys required to advise local government officials

regarding duties of the officials' offices.

Sponsors Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby; Rep. Crawford, John

Summary Requires the county attorney to consult with and advise elected county officials, elected county

officials' deputies, and elected county officials' employees as to the proper application and enforcement of federal and state laws. Also requires the city attorney to consult with and advise elected city officials, elected city officials' deputies, and elected city officials' employees as to the

proper application and enforcement of federal and state laws. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. House Status 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12 and Title

13, relative to local government.

SB357/HB335 Report on feasibility of consolidation of multiple counties.

Sponsors Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby; Rep. Crawford, John

Summary Reduces from 90 to 60 days the time in which a joint consolidation committee must report its

findings and recommendations on the feasibility of the consolidation of multiple counties. Broadly

captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. House Status 02/03/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 13;

Title 66 and Title 67, relative to local government.

SB418/HB4 Actions brought against a local governmental entity under the TN

Governmental Tort Liability Act - recovery amounts.

Sponsors Sen. Akbari, Raumesh; Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary Increases the amount that a person may recover in an action brought against a local

governmental entity under the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act for claims brought on or after July 1, 2025, to \$750,000 for the bodily injury or death of a person, \$1,500,000 for the bodily injury or death of all persons in an accident, occurrence, or act, and \$250,000 for the injury or

destruction of property of others.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 8, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years >\$7,359,900 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.

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 03/05/25 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (004187). Sent to

full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, relative to governmental tort liability.

SB423/HB438 Posting of regular pay day by employer.

Sponsors Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Alexander, Rebecca

Summary Increases, from two to three, the number of conspicuous places in which an employer is required

to post and maintain notices setting forth the regular pay day established by the employer.

Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/05/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 39;

Title 49; Title 50 and Title 62, relative to employers.

SB465/HB464 Immunity from prosecution when seeking medical assistance for drug

overdose.

Sponsors Sen. Gardenhire, Todd; Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

Summary Removes the limitation that a person who is experiencing a drug overdose only has immunity

from being arrested, charged, or prosecuted on the first drug overdose. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 02/12/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to

substance use.

SB478/HB8 Annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers

and public safety officers.

Sponsors Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Hale, Michael

Summary Requires an annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers and public

safety officers in the amount of \$800.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$449,600

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38 and Section 49-7-118, relative to

commissioned police officers on college and university campuses.

Cosponsors Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Sherrell, Paul

SB509/HB546 Cooperative purchasing agreements with other local, state, and federal

governmental entities.

Sponsors Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Cochran, Mark

Summary Allows a local government to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement the Tennessee

Valley Authority or with other local, state, and federal entities for the purpose of purchasing materials, labor, and services used for maintenance, operations, component replacement, or repairs of existing facilities and grounds owned and operated by a local education or government

agency.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/11/2025.

House Status 03/03/25 - House passed.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1205, relative to cooperative

purchasing.

SB510/HB535 Mandatory membership in TCRS for certain public officials.

Sponsors Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Haston, Kirk

Summary Establishes that certain public officials, including members of the general assembly, who take

office on or after July 1, 2025, have mandatory membership in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS). Permits a retiree to reannuitize retirement benefits in favor of a new spouse beneficiary following cancellation of a former spouse beneficiary due to divorce. Makes

other changes to provisions governing TCRS (20 pp.).

Amendment Joint Council on Pensions amendment 1 (002850) requires that a public comment at a public Summary meeting be germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body, regardless of whether such matter

is an item on the agenda for the meeting. Â

Fiscal Note (Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/18/2025.

House Status 03/05/25 - House Public Service Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (004544). Sent

to full committee.

Executive Status 02/24/25 - Joint Council on Pensions released to standing committees with a positive

recommendation with amendment 1 (002850).

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 25; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8,

Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37, relative to retirement.

SB513/HB628 Benefits for retired emergency medical service employee without loss of

retirement benefits.

Sponsors Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Sherrell, Paul

Summary Extends, from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2028, the authorization for an emergency medical

service employee who has been retired for at least 60 days from TCRS to accept employment as an emergency medical services employee without loss or suspension of retirement benefits if

certain conditions are met.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

House Status 02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending amendment.

Executive Status 02/24/25 - Taken off notice in Joint Council on Pensions.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8 and Title 68, Chapter

140, Part 3, relative to emergency medical services.

SB620/HB442 Use of antique emergency vehicles.

Sponsors Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby; Rep. Hulsey, Bud

Summary Authorizes an antique emergency vehicle registered as an antique motor vehicle to be used for

participation in, or transportation to and from, community or educational events, including displays at fairs, festivals, and schools, as well as during weekends and holidays. Defines "antique emergency vehicle" to mean an ambulance, fire department vehicle, or law enforcement vehicle that meets the criteria of an antique motor vehicle. Authorizes the installation and operation of emergency lights and sirens on a privately owned antique emergency vehicle under certain

circumstances.

Senate Status 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status 03/04/25 - House Transportation Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-301 and Title 55, relative to

antique emergency vehicles.

SB722/HB463 Retirement benefits for members of the general assembly.

Sponsors Sen. Hatcher, Tom; Rep. Travis, Ron

Summary Requires the board of trustees of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to convert a

person's participation in the retirement system, for service as a member of the general assembly

and as a participant in the hybrid plan, from the hybrid plan to the legacy plan upon the person completing ten years of service as a member of the general assembly if the person became a member of the general assembly on or after July 1, 2014. Requires retiree health benefit coverage be made available to retired members of the general assembly with ten or more years of service. Broadly captioned.

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

House Status 02/05/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/03/25 - Joint Council on Pensions recommended with a negative recommendation.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35 and Title 8, Chapter 36, relative to retirement benefits for

members of the general assembly.

Cosponsors Rep. Alexander, Rebecca, Rep. Atchley, Fred, Rep. Bricken, Rush, Rep. Capley, Kip, Rep.

Cochran, Mark, Rep. Crawford, John, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Faison, Jeremy, Rep. Garrett, Johnny, Rep. Grills, Rusty, Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther, Rep. Hicks, Tim, Rep. Howell, Dan, Rep. Kumar, Sabi, Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Littleton, Mary, Rep. Lynn, Susan, Rep. Marsh, Pat, Rep. Miller, Larry, Rep. Moon, Jerome, Rep. Powers, Dennis, Rep. Rudd, Tim, Rep.

Rudder, Iris, Rep. Sexton, Cameron, Rep. Sherrell, Paul, Rep. Vital, Greg, Rep. Zachary, Jason

SB747/HB171 Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act- annual assessment.

Sponsors Sen. Yager, Ken; Rep. Reedy, Jay

Summary Extends the ground ambulance service annual assessment to June 30, 2026. Requires the ambulance provider to pay an assessment to the bureau no more than 45 days after the day on which the bureau issues the ambulance provider notice of the assessment Allows the office of emergency services to provide the bureau with additional data, including reports containing protected health information, as needed to ensure the assessment program remains in

compliance with state and federal laws.

Amendment Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House TennCare Subcommittee amendment 1 (003595) rewrites the bill. Present law requires an ambulance provider to pay an assessment to

the bureau of TennCare no more than 30 business days after the day on which the bureau issues the ambulance provider notice of the assessment. Increases such time period from 30 business days to 45 calendar days. Requires the office of emergency services to provide the commissioner of health with full access to ambulance run reports maintained by the office. Specifies that the commissioner of health may provide the bureau of Tenncare with ambulance run report data and additional requested data, including reports containing protected health information, as needed to ensure the assessment program remains in compliance with state and federal laws. Present law provides that the ground ambulance provider assessment established by current law terminates

on June 30, 2025. Extends such assessment until June 30, 2026.

Senate Status 02/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003595). Sent

to Senate Finance.

House Status 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (003595), which

rewrites the bill. Present law requires an ambulance provider to pay an assessment to the bureau of TennCare no more than 30 business days after the day on which the bureau issues the ambulance provider notice of the assessment. Increases such time period from 30 business days to 45 calendar days. Requires the office of emergency services to provide the commissioner of health with full access to ambulance run reports maintained by the office. Specifies that the commissioner of health may provide the bureau of Tenncare with ambulance run report data and additional requested data, including reports containing protected health information, as needed to ensure the assessment program remains in compliance with state and federal laws. Present law

provides that the ground ambulance provider assessment established by current law terminates

on June 30, 2025. Extends such assessment until June 30, 2026. Sent to full committee. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 15, relative to

ambulances.

Caption

SB748/HB201 Reimbursement for ground-based ambulance services.

Sponsors Sen. Yager, Ken; Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary Requires the bureau of TennCare to reimburse a public or private ground-based ambulance

service that bills for transports and has a base of operations in this state that provides a covered emergency service to a TennCare recipient at a rate not less than 67.5% of the federal Medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers and 100% of the federal Medicare

program's allowable charge for covered nonemergency services.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 30, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$2,265,800 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 &

Subsequent Years \$4,085,000

Senate Status 02/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance. 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

SB785/HB652 Zoning - means of ingress and egress into proposed subdivisions.

Sponsors Sen. Walley, Page; Rep. Hicks, Tim

Summary Prohibits local governments or planning commissions from requiring more than one means of

ingress and egress into a proposed subdivision unless the proposed subdivision has at least 70

residential dwellings. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note

(Dated February 15, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status

02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status

02/26/25 - Taken off notice in House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 13, relative

to planning regulations.

SB892/HB1287

Background checks for government position appointments.

**Sponsors** 

Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Hill, Timothy

Summary

Increases, from 15 to 20, the number of background investigations that the speaker of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives may request a year for persons under consideration for appointment to a position of trust and responsibility. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status House Status

02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. 02/12/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39 and Title 67, relative to

background checks.

SB933/HB919

Appointing authority for the advisory council on workers' compensation.

Sponsors

Sen. Rose, Paul: Rep. Cepicky, Scott

Summary

Modifies the appointing authority of the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives to the advisory council on workers' compensation by requiring the governor's employee appointment to be from organized labor instead of at least one of the three employee appointments of the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives to be from organized labor.

Senate Status

02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status

02/06/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, to revise appointing authority for statutorily

created entities.

SB940/HB995

Medical assistance for overdoses including alcohol-related offenses.

**Sponsors** 

Sen. Briggs, Richard; Rep. Rudder, Iris

Summary

Expands the immunity from prosecution when seeking medical assistance for a person experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an overdose to include alcohol-related offenses.

Clarifies that overdose includes both drugs and alcohol. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status

02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status

02/11/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

SB1110/HB357

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to substance use. Rescue Squad Recognition Act. Sen. Seal, Jessie; Rep. Powers, Dennis

Sponsors Summary

Caption

Creates the "Rescue Squad Recognition Act.â Defines â rescue squadâ department of a municipality, county, or political subdivision, or a nonprofit organization that offers its services, for or without pay, for the purpose of performing rescue services, or for other emergency response purposes. Prohibits a municipality, county, political subdivision, or nonprofit organization from operating a rescue squad, unless the rescue squad has been duly recognized and authorized to perform rescue services by the state fire marshal's office. Requires a municipality, county, political subdivision, or non profit to obtain recognition from the state fire marshal's office by filing an application if they wish to operate a rescue squad and file a renewal application if they wish to continue operating a rescue squad. Requires a new rescue squad to gain the approval by their local elected governing body in order to be established. Specifies if any department within a municipality, county, or political subdivision, as well as any nonprofit organization, decides not to function as a rescue squad, then such department or nonprofit organization must notify the state fire marshal's office and the local elected governing body that the rescue squad is choosing to opt out of this part and take on all responsibilities assigned by the local elected governing body. Allows the state fire marshal to refuse any application for or renewal

of a certificate of recognition under specific circumstances. Requires the rescue squad to complete all necessary reports, documentation, and filing of the emergency within 30 days of an emergency. Allows rescue squads that had an active certificate of charter with the secretary of state before July 1, 2025 to apply for an exemption to continue operating if they do not currently meet the official definition of a "rescue squad." Allows such rescue squad to be officially recognized as a rescue squad under this act upon approval from the state fire marshal's office. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for any violations of this act punishable by a fine of \$50.00.

Fiscal Note

(Dated February 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE State Fire Marshals Office FY25-26 & Every Three Years Thereafter \$5,800

Senate Status House Status

02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

Caption

03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 68, relative to rescue squads.

Rep. Grills, Rusty, Rep. Sparks, Mike

Cosponsors

SB1289/HB1313 Occupational safety and health penalties.

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

Summary Changes the maximum penalty amount from \$7,000 for each violation by an employer of the

Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972, and from \$70,000 for each willful and repeated violation of the act, to the maximum penalty allowed by the federal occupational safety and health

administration. Part of Administration Package.

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

House Status 02/12/25 - Referred to House Banking & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 3, Part 4, relative to

occupational safety and health penalties.

Cosponsors Rep. Cochran, Mark

SB1301/HB122 Division of the department of safety that operates, maintains, and oversees

the statewide P25 interoperable communications system.

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

Summary Specifies that the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN) is the division of the

department of safety that operates, maintains, and oversees the statewide P25 interoperable communications system. Authorizes the department to collect and use fees and assessments for the improvement of the system in addition to collection and use of such fees for the system's use

and maintenance. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 8, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation may result in a

significant increase in revenue to the DOS related to fees charged to third parties for use of the P25 interoperable communications system. Due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and

timing of any such revenue increase cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Senate Status 03/05/25 - Senate Transportation & Safety Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar

Committee.

House Status 03/05/25 - House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4- 3-2018, relative to the P25

interoperable communications system.

Cosponsors Rep. Cochran, Mark, Rep. Scarbrough, Rick

SB1309/HB128 Workers' compensation appeals board - terms and age requirements for

judge.

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

Summary Increases, from 30 to 35, the minimum age for an individual to serve as a judge on the workers'

compensation appeals board. Increases, from two to three, the number of additional terms to which a judge of the workers' compensation appeals board may be reappointed. Makes other

changes related to workers' compensation. Part of Administration Package.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar

Committee.

House Status 03/03/25 - House passed.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to workers'

compensation.

Cosponsors Rep. Boyd, Clark, Rep. Cochran, Mark

SB1376/HB1061 Balance billing for emergency ambulance services prohibited.

Sponsors Sen. Watson, Bo; Rep. Vital, Greg

Summary Prohibits an out-of-network ambulance service provider from balance billing an enrollee in a

health benefit plan for emergency ambulance services. Establishes allowable billable costs for

such services.

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

House Status 02/11/25 - Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 68, Chapter 140,

relative to no surprise ambulance billing.

SB1380/HB875 Copy of patient's run record provided by ambulance service provider.

Sponsors Sen. Watson, Bo; Rep. Martin, Brock

Summary Decreases from five to three the number of business days an ambulance service provider has to

furnish to a patient or their authorized representative a copy of the patient's run record upon written request. Also decreases from five to three the number of business days an ambulance service provider has to furnish a copy of the patient's run record to a surveyor employed by the

health facilities commission upon written request. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate House Status 02/06/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to

ambulance services.

SJR22 Honors individuals, organizations, and agencies that came to the aid of

their fellow citizens during Hurricane Helene.

Sponsors Sen. Massey, Becky

Summary Honors individuals, organizations, and agencies that came to the aid of their fellow citizens during

Hurricane Helene.

Senate Status 01/27/25 - Referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

Cosponsors Sen. Johnson, Jack

SJR48 Ratifies the increase of the 911 surcharge rate to \$1.86 as approved by the

**Tennessee Emergency Communications Board.** 

Sen. Massev. Beckv Sponsors

Summary Ratifies the increase of the 911 surcharge rate to \$1.86 as approved by the Tennessee

**Emergency Communications Board.** 

Senate Status 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways &

Means.

Sen. Southerland, Steve Cosponsors

HJR35 Recognizes emergency telecommunicators as first responders.

Rep. Atchley, Fred Sponsors

Cosponsors

SB953/HB977

Recognizes emergency telecommunicators as first responders. Summary

House Status 02/27/25 - Sent to House speaker for signature.

SB293/HB20 Specifies that state guard is a separate entity for budgetary purposes.

Sen. Crowe, Rusty; Rep. Reedy, Jay Sponsors

Specifies that the state guard is a separate entity within the military department for budgetary Summary

purposes. Broadly captioned.

02/10/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. Senate Status

House Status 03/05/25 - House Public Service Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 58, relative to the

> Tennessee state guard. Sen. Southerland, Steve

SB724/HB497 Submitting of expense accounts by assistant district attorneys general and

criminal investigators.

Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Atchley, Fred Sponsors

Provides a five-day grace period for assistant district attorneys general and criminal investigators Summary

to submit expense accounts with an explanation of late submission.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 31, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

02/05/25 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk. House Status

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, relative to compensation of Caption

public employees.

SB832/HB1126 Report on compliance with the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act.

Sen. Seal, Jessie; Rep. Farmer, Andrew Sponsors

Permits state governmental entities and local health departments to submit annual reports to the Summary

general assembly electronically regarding compliance with the Eligibility Verification for

Entitlements Act. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 50 and Title 57, relative to workers.

List of employees participating in retirement system provided by education associations.

Sen. Powers, Bill; Rep. Burkhart, Jeff Sponsors

Expands the time in which education associations whose employees participate in the retirement Summary

> system must submit a list of retired members of the retirement system who are assigned to perform functions or duties for the association as an employee of a subsidiary of the association or an independent contractor to the board of trustees by allowing them to submit the list annually

or at such other intervals set by the board. Broadly captioned.

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT Fiscal Note

02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate Senate Status House Status 02/10/25 - Held on House clerk's desk.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35 and Title Caption

8, Chapter 36, relative to retirement.

SB1171/HB1366 Copy of any final workers' compensation settlement or judgment provided

to TCRS.

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh; Rep. Chism, Jesse **Sponsors** 

Requires a member of TCRS to provide a copy of any final workers' compensation settlement or Summary

judgment to the retirement system no later than 45 days, rather than 30 days, after the settlement

or judgment becomes final. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status House Status Caption

02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

02/10/25 - Introduced in the Genate 02/10/25 - Introduced in the House AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 35; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 66 and Title 71, relative to benefits.



#### **Weekly Calendar**

Tue 3/11/25 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate State & Local Government Committee (Chairman will recognize firefighters in the room at 10:30am)

HEADER: The committee will hear budget hearings by Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, Department of Veterans Services, and Department of Human Resources 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)

SB279 Jackson E.

> (Consent Calendar)

VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Leave and compensation available to government employees called to active military service. Defines a working day as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work within a 24 hour period for purposes of state employees in military service. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT *Senate Status:* 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. *House Status:* 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025. *Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 33, relative to military service.

HB344 - J. Moon - 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee 03/12/2025.

# Tue 3/11/25 1:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Commerce & Labor Committee (Chairman will recognize firefighters in the room at 1:00pm)

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)

1. **SB288** Bailey P.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries. Adds prostate cancer, breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer to the list of cancers for which a presumption is created that certain conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, or other listed cancers arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence. Requires any firefighter desiring to utilize the presumption to obtain a physical medical examination which includes a cancer screening showing no evidence of prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer after July 1, 2025. Senate Status: 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. House Status: 03/05/25 -House Cities & Counties Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201, relative to compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries. Cosponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh, Rep. Alexander, Rebecca, Rep. Barrett, Jody, Rep. Boyd, Clark, Rep. Burkhart, Jeff, Rep. Butler, Ed, Rep. Cepicky, Scott, Rep. Crawford, John, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Faison, Jeremy, Rep. Garrett, Johnny, Rep. Gillespie, John, Rep. Grills, Rusty, Sen. Haile, Ferrell, Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther, Rep. Howell, Dan, Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Littleton, Mary, Rep. Marsh, Pat, Sen. McNally, Randy, Sen. Powers, Bill, Rep. Rudder, Iris, Sen. Seal, Jessie, Rep. Slater, William, Rep. Vaughan, Kevin, Rep. Warner, Todd, Sen. Yager, Ken HB482 - G. Hicks - 03/05/25 - House Cities & Counties Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

10. SB210 Jackson E. TENNCARE: Reimbursement rates for ground-based rural ambulance services and urban ambulance services. Allows for certain rural ambulance service providers to receive emergency medical services equipment grants. Sets reimbursement rates for ground-based rural ambulance services and urban ambulance services for services provided to TennCare recipients. Requires the bureau of TennCare to coordinate with the commissioner of finance and administration to develop and implement a program similar to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services' Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) model. Defines relevant terms. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$3,956,300 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$7,133,000 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could fail to approve the proposed rate increase or invalidate the existing Ground Ambulance Assessment Program if rural ambulance providers' base reimbursement for emergency transports plus supplemental payment from the Ground Ambulance Assessment Program exceeds the maximum allowable federal rate. Senate Status: 02/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. House Status: 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee. <u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to ambulance services. Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty, Sen. Haile, Ferrell, Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Sen. Hensley, Joey, Rep. Hurt, Chris, Sen. Reeves, Shane, Sen. Stevens, John, Sen. Walley, Page

HB195 - B. Martin - 03/04/25 - House TennCare Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee.

33. **SB289** Bailey P.

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders. Creates a presumption that the diagnosis of a law enforcement officer or emergency medical responder with post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of responding to certain incidents was incurred in the line of duty for purposes of workers' compensation coverage. <u>Senate Status</u>: 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. <u>House Status</u>: 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee. <u>Caption</u>: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51 and Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders. <u>Cosponsors</u>: Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Rep. Raper, Kevin, Rep. Scarbrough, Rick HB310 - A. Maberry - 02/03/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

# Wed 3/12/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee (Chairman will recognize firefighters in the room at 1:30pm)

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)

1. HB482 Hicks G. LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries. Adds prostate cancer, breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer to the list of cancers for which a presumption is created that certain conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by prostate cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, or other listed cancers arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence. Requires any firefighter desiring to utilize the presumption to obtain a physical medical examination which includes a cancer screening showing no evidence of prostate cancer, breast cancer, or pancreatic cancer after July 1, 2025. Senate Status: 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. House Status: 03/05/25 -House Cities & Counties Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 51-201, relative to compensation paid to firefighters for certain conditions or injuries. Cosponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh, Rep. Alexander, Rebecca, Rep. Barrett, Jody, Rep. Boyd, Clark, Rep. Burkhart, Jeff, Rep. Butler, Ed, Rep. Cepicky, Scott, Rep. Crawford, John, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Faison, Jeremy, Rep. Garrett, Johnny, Rep. Gillespie, John, Rep. Grills, Rusty, Sen. Haile, Ferrell, Sen. Hatcher, Tom, Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther, Rep. Howell, Dan, Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Littleton, Mary, Rep. Marsh, Pat, Sen. McNally, Randy, Sen. Powers, Bill, Rep. Rudder, Iris, Sen. Seal, Jessie, Rep. Slater, William, Rep. Vaughan, Kevin, Rep. Warner, Todd, Sen. Yager, Ken SB288 - P. Bailey - 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

8. HB313 Marsh

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Reemployment for Tennessee consolidated retirement system members. Requires a retiree who is a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system to have had a bona fide separation of service before the retiree is allowed to accept temporary reemployment without a loss or suspension of benefits in the retirement system. Prohibits the retiree from working more than 120 days or the equivalent of 120 days during a 12-month period. Prohibits a person employed as a teacher at an institution of higher learning from working more than 24 quarter credit hours or 18 semester credit hours in a 12-month period. Allows for exceptions for a retired member employed as a substitute teacher in a public school system. Stipulates that the entire compensation payable to the retired member for the temporary employment period must not exceed an amount equal to the sum of 60% of the annual full-time salary received by the retired member in the year immediately prior to the member's last paid day of covered employment, adjusted by 5% for each year since the member's last paid day of covered employment or as determined by the treasurer and the commissioner of human resources. Senate Status: 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee. House Status: 03/05/25 - House Public Service Subcommittee recommended. Sent to full committee. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-25-213 and Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8, relative to reemployment after retirement. **Cosponsors:** Sen. Reeves, Shane SB251 - K. Yager - 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

11. **HB535** Haston K.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Mandatory membership in TCRS for certain public officials. Establishes that certain public officials, including members of the general assembly, who take office on or after July 1, 2025, have mandatory membership in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS). Permits a retiree to reannuitize retirement benefits in favor of a new spouse beneficiary following cancellation of a former spouse beneficiary due to divorce. Makes other changes to provisions governing TCRS (20 pp.). *Amendment Summary:* Joint Council on Pensions amendment 1 (002850) requires that a public comment at a public meeting be germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body, regardless of whether such matter is an item on the agenda for the meeting. *Subcommittee Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT *Senate Status:* 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/18/2025. *House Status:* 03/05/25 - House Public Service Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 (004544). Sent to full committee. *Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 25; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37, relative to retirement.

SB510 - P. Walley - 03/04/25 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/18/2025.

24. HB344 Moon J. VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Leave and compensation available to government employees called to active military service. Defines a working day as the number of hours an employee is scheduled to work within a 24 hour period for purposes of state employees in military service. <u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT <u>Senate Status:</u> 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. <u>House Status:</u> 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025. <u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 33, relative to military service.

SB279 - E. Jackson - 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

25. **HB8** Hale M.

CRIMINAL LAW: Annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers and public safety officers. Requires an annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible campus police officers and public safety officers in the amount of \$800. *Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT

EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$449,600 <u>Senate Status:</u> 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee. <u>House Status:</u> 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025. <u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38 and Section 49-7-118, relative to commissioned police officers on college and university campuses. <u>Cosponsors:</u> Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Sherrell, Paul

SB478 - J. Bowling - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

42. **HB357** Powers D.

SAFETY: Rescue Squad Recognition Act. Creates the "Rescue Squad Recognition Act. Defines rescue squad as a department of a municipality, county, or political subdivision, or a nonprofit organization that offers its services, for or without pay, for the purpose of performing rescue services, or for other emergency response purposes. Prohibits a municipality, county, political subdivision, or nonprofit organization from operating a rescue squad, unless the rescue squad has been duly recognized and authorized to perform rescue services by the state fire marshal's office. Requires a municipality, county, political subdivision, or non profit to obtain recognition from the state fire marshal's office by filing an application if they wish to operate a rescue squad and file a renewal application if they wish to continue operating a rescue squad. Requires a new rescue squad to gain the approval by their local elected governing body in order to be established. Specifies if any department within a municipality, county, or political subdivision, as well as any nonprofit organization, decides not to function as a rescue squad, then such department or nonprofit organization must notify the state fire marshal's office and the local elected governing body that the rescue squad is choosing to opt out of this part and take on all responsibilities assigned by the local elected governing body. Allows the state fire marshal to refuse any application for or renewal of a certificate of recognition under specific circumstances. Requires the rescue squad to complete all necessary reports, documentation, and filing of the emergency within 30 days of an emergency. Allows rescue squads that had an active certificate of charter with the secretary of state before July 1, 2025 to apply for an exemption to continue operating if they do not currently meet the official definition of a "rescue squad." Allows such rescue squad to be officially recognized as a rescue squad under this act upon approval from the state fire marshal's office. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for any violations of this act punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE State Fire Marshals Office FY25-26 & Every Three Years Thereafter \$5,800 Senate Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee. House Status: 03/05/25 - House State & Local Government Committee deferred to 03/12/2025. <u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 68, relative to rescue squads. Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty, Rep. Sparks, Mike SB1110 - J. Seal - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.



