



The 2015 regular session kicked off this week with Governor Haslam’s annual State of the State address to a joint convention of Tennessee General Assembly, during which he relayed his budgetary plans for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Governor recognized the decision made regarding “Insure Tennessee” but focused on funding for education including a teacher salary increase, adding to the state’s “Rainy Day” fund, state employee health insurance reform, and \$48 million for state employee raises.

The administration has introduced its legislative package for 2015 which includes the “Revenue Modernization Act”, SB603/HB644 by Senator Norris and Representative McCormick. The administration has pushed this as an attempt to “level the playing field” between in-state and out-of-state companies doing business in Tennessee through sales and use taxes and franchise and excise taxes. The introduction to the bill alludes to business practices and technologies that have not previously been considered by the General Assembly that allow out-of-state companies to conduct business in Tennessee capacity as in-state companies.

Committees have begun hold meetings to consider legislation as well as hold budget hearings from the individual state departments. Legislators will consider the departments’ budgets and make alterations to fund legislative initiatives. You may view the Recommended FY16 Budget [here](#).

Yesterday, February 12th, marked the bill filing deadline for both the House of Representatives and the Senate. House members had a 15 bill limit while the Senate had unlimited bill filings. Just under 1,400 bills were filed in both the House and Senate. Once these bill pass first and second consideration on the floor, they will be assigned to committees and scheduled for hearings.

We look forward to working with you this year and as always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You may reach us via email at: David McMahan david@mmwlobbyists.com; Beth Winstead beth@mmwlobbyists.com; Anna Richardson anna@mmwlobbyists.com; and Caroline Straight caroline@mmwlobbyists.com.

SB20 / HB20 Emergency workers- acquiring hepatitis C in the line of duty.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Bill Ketron](#) / [Rep. Curtis G. Johnson](#)

Description Adds hepatitis C to the list of infectious diseases that triggers presumptive disability when an infectious disease is acquired in the line of duty by an emergency worker.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 30, 2015) Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000
Senate Status 01/17/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/17/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209, relative to presumptive disabilities in acquiring certain infectious diseases in the line of duty by emergency rescue workers.

Cosponsors	Sen. Mark Green ; Sen. Becky Duncan Massey ; Rep. Jeremy Faison ;		
Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	01/17/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.	01/17/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.	
	01/15/2015 - Held on Senate clerk's desk pending committee appointments.	01/17/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Committee.	
	01/14/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	01/15/2015 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk pending committee appointments.	
	01/13/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	01/14/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
		01/13/2015 - House companion bill filed for introduced. (H: Johnson C.)	

SB112 / HB101 Licensure of settings for home-based and community-based services.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)
Description Authorizes the board for licensing healthcare facilities and certain departments to amend licensure rules to be consistent with federal regulations pertaining to home-based and community-based settings. Part of Administration Package.
Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 02/18/15.
House Status 01/17/2015 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-404; Section 68-11-202 and Section 71-2-412, relative to promulgation of rules for licensure of settings for home-based and community-based services.

Cosponsors	Sen. Steven Dickerson ; Rep. Kevin Brooks ;		
Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 02/18/15.	01/17/2015 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.	
	01/17/2015 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.	01/17/2015 - Referred to House Health Committee.	
	01/17/2015 - Held on Senate clerk's desk pending committee appointments.	01/17/2015 - Held on House clerk's desk pending committee appointments.	
	01/16/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	01/16/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	01/15/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	01/15/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB188 Emergency response vehicles exemption from license requirement.

Category Transportation Vehicles
Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#)
Description Adds law enforcement emergency response vehicles operated by law enforcement personnel in course of duties to list of vehicles not considered commercial motor vehicles. Exempts paid and non-paid personnel from commercial license requirement when driving an emergency

response vehicle to or from emergency calls, training exercises or courses, or other law enforcement duties.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to operation of emergency response vehicles.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

02/09/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

01/28/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB211 / HB393 Sunset - emergency communications board.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Jeremy Faison](#)

Description Extends the emergency communications board to June 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 3, relative to the emergency communications board.

Cosponsors [Rep. John Ragan](#) ;

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

02/11/2015 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

02/09/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.

01/29/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB301 / HB613 Consultation of TennCare advisory commission.

Category TennCare

Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Ron Travis](#)

Description Encourages the commissioner of finance and administration to consult the TennCare advisory commission when developing policies concerning the impact on providers in the medical assistance program for home- and community-based services. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to providers participating in the TennCare program for medical assistance.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

02/09/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

02/02/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB371 / HB296 Prohibited discrimination - sexual orientation and gender identity.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Sherry Jones](#)

Description Adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the list of characteristics protected from discrimination or harassment in employment, public accommodations, housing, financing,

insurance, education, in places where alcoholic beverages are consumed, real estate, public utilities, tax exemptions, the profession of healing arts, health facilities, and welfare in the state. Creates criminal violation of civil rights intimidation based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 12; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 56; Title 57; Title 62; Title 63; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.	02/11/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.	
	02/09/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Committee.	
		02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
		02/04/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB403 / HB804 Employment of military service members and family.

Category Labor Law

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Joe Pitts](#)

Description Allows private employers to establish a preference policy for hiring certain veterans, spouses of veterans, and widows and widowers of veterans. Specifies required procedures for implementing preference policy.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 12; Title 50 and Title 58, relative to employment policies with preferences in hiring certain persons connected to the military.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.	02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/09/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.		
	02/05/2015 - Filed for Introduction.		

SB457 / HB582 Required medical examinations during elder abuse investigations.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Jim Coley](#)

Description Gives law enforcement agencies, in addition to the department of human resources, the authority to require a medical examination of a person if the agency is not sure the adult is in imminent danger during the course of an elder abuse investigation. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71, relative to investigations, criminal offenses, criminal law, and criminal procedure.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/09/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	02/10/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB504 / HB489 Authorizes transmission of nonprofit information electronically.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Pat Marsh](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, authorizes the transmission and filing of nonprofit corporations' annual reports to the secretary of state in an electronic format; authorizes the transmission of the secretary of state's list of new nonprofit corporations that were licensed or authorized to operate in the state during the preceding month and the secretary of state's list of nonprofit corporations that surrendered their charters, had charters revoked, or ceased to do business in this state, during the preceding month, to the commissioner of revenue in an electronic format. - Amends TCA Title 48.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, relative to corporations and associations.

Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
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02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
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SB568 / HB621 Nursing facility providers as vendors of TennCare.

Category TennCare

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Andrew Farmer](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, prohibits the bureau of TennCare from imposing certain requirements on nursing facility providers as vendors of the TennCare program unless certain conditions are met. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 68 and Title 71.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to vendor requirements.

Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
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02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
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SB570 / HB403 Reduces time period for TennCare applicants to mail changes.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#) / [Rep. Bob Ramsey](#)

Description Reduces from 30 days to 15 days the period of time for an applicant for TennCare to mail documentation of a material change affecting the application. Broadly Captioned.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

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

Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
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02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.	
	02/11/2015 - Referred to House Health Committee.	
	02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/05/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB602 / HB643 Taxation rate on HMOs.

Category Insurance Health

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Gerald McCormick](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, increases, from five and one-half percent to six percent, the rate of tax imposed on health maintenance organizations (HMOs) doing business in this state on the gross amount of dollars collected from an enrollee or on an enrollee's behalf. - Amends TCA Section 56-32-124. Part of Administration Package.

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-124, relative to taxation of

health maintenance organizations.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/10/2015 - Filed for Introduction.		

SB869 / HB1021 Orders issued - administrative hearing concerning a nursing home.

Category Judiciary
Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, changes time within which an order must be issued following an administrative hearing concerning a nursing home from 10 to 12 working days. - Amends TCA Title 68.
Senate Status None
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to health.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

SB889 / HB714 Healthcare liability action - prohibits evidence by public agencies.

Category Tort Liability
Sponsors [Sen. Brian K. Kelsey](#) / [Rep. Leigh Rosser Wilburn](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, prohibits the use of a survey, inspection, or investigation of a healthcare provider that is conducted by a state or federal department or agency as evidence in a healthcare liability action, except to impeach a witness, or in an advertisement, unless certain criteria are met. - Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 26, Part 1.
Senate Status None
House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 26, Part 1, relative to health care liability actions.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.
02/11/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB892 / HB1003 Disclosure of protected medical information allowed in certain cases.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Brian K. Kelsey](#) / [Rep. Jon Lundberg](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, specifies that in a healthcare liability action any healthcare provider's disclosure of protected health or other information relevant to the evaluation of the plaintiff's claim is a permissible disclosure. - Amends TCA Section 29-26-121(f)(2).
Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-26-121(f)(2), relative to qualified protective orders in healthcare liability actions.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB899 / HB993 Rules for radiologic imaging and radio therapy equipment operators.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Paul Bailey](#) / [Rep. Cameron Sexton](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, amends the rules governing X-ray equipment operators to govern operators of all radiologic imaging and radiation therapy equipment. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2.
Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to operators of medical equipment.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB928 / HB933 TennCare actuarial study to include more information.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Janice Bowling](#) / [Rep. Judd Matheny](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, requires that the annual actuarial study of TennCare include an analysis of the effect of reduction of payments to providers on the provision of care. - Amends TCA Title 71.
Senate Status None
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction

SB941 / HB944 Changes certain duties of the commission on aging and disability.

Category Government Organization
Sponsors [Sen. Ken Yager](#) / [Rep. Mary Littleton](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, changes certain duties of the commission on aging and disability. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 2.
Senate Status None
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 2, relative to programs providing services for older Tennesseans and adults with disabilities.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction

SB961 / HB1324 Waiver to extend TennCare eligibility to veterans.

Category TennCare
Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Joe E. Armstrong](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, directs the commissioner of finance and administration to request an appropriate waiver to extend TennCare eligibility to veterans under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148) on the basis of income on or before July 1, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 71.
Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to eligibility for medical assistance.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB962 / HB1028 Reasonable fees for copies of medical records.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Sara Kyle](#) / [Rep. Mike Stewart](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, increases the cap on the amount healthcare providers can charge for copying medical records, other than for records involving workers' compensation cases, from \$20.00 for the first five pages and 50 cents per page for each page copied after the first five pages, to \$25.00 for the first five pages and 50 cents per page for each page copied after the first five pages. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68.
Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health.
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction. 02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB992 / HB1106 Division of health related boards - directory of licensees on website.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Timothy Hill](#)

Description State Summary: Health Care - As introduced, requires the division of health related boards to make public its directory of licensees on the web site of the department of health. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 29; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 29; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
		02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

[SB994 / HB1146](#) Termination of hospital cooperative agreement - notice.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Mark S. Norris](#) / [Rep. Jimmy A. Eldridge](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, changes, from 30 days to 45 days after termination, the time within which any party to a hospital cooperative agreement who terminates the agreement must file a notice of termination with the department of health. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 13.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 13, relative to hospital cooperative agreements.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

[SB996 / HB1007](#) Deadline for study on 911 surcharge and next generation technology.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors [Sen. Todd Gardenhire](#) / [Rep. Ryan A. Haynes](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, extends, from September 15, 2017, to September 15, 2018, the time in which TACIR must study and report to the joint committee on government operations on the 911 surcharge and implementation of IP-based next generation 911 technology. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 29; Title 47; Title 56; Title 58; Title 65 and Title 68.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 29; Title 47; Title 56; Title 58; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to emergency communications.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
	02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

[SB1016 / HB425](#) Report on status of emergency medical services for children.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Steven Dickerson](#) / [Rep. Bryan Terry](#)

Description Requires the joint report on the current status of emergency medical services for children prepared by the board for licensing health care facilities and the emergency medical services board, in collaboration with the committee on pediatric emergency care, to be submitted to the civil and criminal justice committees of the house, in addition to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
		02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
		02/05/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB1057 / HB1149 Requirements for CON application.

Category Health Care
Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#) / [Rep. Bud Hulse](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, for purposes of a certificate of need application, requires that a free-standing emergency department be located no more than 50 miles from its sponsoring hospital. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11.
Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to free-standing emergency departments.
Cosponsors [Rep. Jay D. Reedy](#) ;
Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB1067 / HB555 Making Work Pay Act.

Category Labor Law
Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, enacts the "Making Work Pay Act." - Amends TCA Title 50.
Senate Status None
House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to wages.
Cosponsors [Rep. Raumesh Akbari](#) ; [Rep. JoAnne Favors](#) ; [Rep. G.A. Hardaway](#) ; [Rep. Antonio Parkinson](#) ; [Rep. Johnny W. Shaw](#) ; [Rep. Joe Towns Jr.](#) ;
Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
	02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/10/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB1070 / HB884 Appropriations - FY beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2015 session of the 109th General Assembly. - Repeals I certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.
Senate Status None
House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015, in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015.
Complete History

Senate	House	Executive
	02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
	02/11/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

SB1072 / HB885 Bond issuance.

Category Public Finance

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)
Description State Summary - As introduced, authorizes the state of Tennessee, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its interest-bearing bonds and bond anticipation notes for certain purposes. -

Senate Status None

House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to authorize the state of Tennessee, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and to sell its interest-bearing bonds and bond anticipation notes to provide for necessary repairs, replacements, additions, and betterments of buildings and facilities, expressly including the acquisition of real estate, site work, facility development, and other development costs, including equipment of facilities; to provide funds for the state office buildings and support facilities revolving fund, and to provide for the expenditure of said funds; to issue its debt in excess of previously stated amount to provide funds for capital outlay, and to fund discount and costs of issuance; to provide for the expenditure of said funds; and to amend certain public acts authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes. This act makes appropriations for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of allocating the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized by this act.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
		02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
		02/11/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

[SB1073 / HB883](#) Administration of group insurance for state officials and employees.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Lee Harris](#) / [Rep. Craig Fitzhugh](#)

Description Assigns the state employee staff responsible for the administration of the group insurance for state officials and employees to the department of finance and administration. Authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.

Complete History	Senate	House	Executive
		02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.	
		02/11/2015 - Filed for Introduction.	

[SB1115 / HB1287](#) Volunteer drivers exempted from medical card and exam requirements.

Category Professions & Licensure

Sponsors [Sen. Jack Johnson](#) / [Rep. Jerry Sexton](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, under certain circumstances, exempts volunteer drivers that transport passengers without compensation from the medical card and exam requirements for commercial driver licenses. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50.

Senate Status None

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to the transportation of passengers without compensation.

Cosponsors [Rep. Jeremy Durham](#);

Complete History Senate House Executive

[SB1133 / HB1333](#) Emergency medical personnel killed in line of duty - compensation.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors [Sen. Janice Bowling](#) / [Rep. Antonio Parkinson](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, adds emergency medical services personnel and 911

operators to persons who may receive compensation when killed in the line of duty; increases amount of such compensation from \$25,000 to \$500,000 annuity payable in 10 annual installments of \$50,000. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 9 and Title 68, Chapter 140.

Senate Status None

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 9 and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to compensation for certain persons killed in the line of duty.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

SB1202 / HB222 Privileged communication - emergency personnel and certain counselors.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. Sherry Jones](#)

Description Establishes communications, made between certain emergency personnel and designated peer support group counselors, as privileged. Specifies that peer support counselors should not be compelled to testify in a proceeding without the consent of the personnel who received counseling. Specifies that privilege does not apply if a peer support counselor was an initial responding emergency personnel.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to privileged communications.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/11/2015 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

02/11/2015 - Referred to House Civil Justice Committee.

02/09/2015 - Introduced in the House.

02/02/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

SB1230 / HB742 Allow county EMS provider to request background checks for employment.

Category Local Government

Sponsors [Sen. Mike Bell](#) / [Rep. Bud Hulseley](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, authorizes county emergency medical services provider, volunteer fire department or rescue squad to request from the county's sheriff's office a criminal background check on any person applying to be an emergency medical services volunteer on or after July 1, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 7, Chapter 86 and Title 68, Chapter 140.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 7, Chapter 86 and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to background checks for certain emergency medical services personnel.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Introduced in the House.

02/11/2015 - Filed for Introduction

SB1256 / HB1179 Orders issued after administrative hearing on nursing homes.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. John Ray Clemmons](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, changes time within which an order must be issued following an administrative hearing concerning a nursing home from 10 working days to 12 working days. - Amends TCA Title 68.

Senate Status None

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to health.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

SB1261 / HB1180 Cap on charging for copying medical record records.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Jeff Yarbro](#) / [Rep. John Ray Clemmons](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, increases the cap on the amount healthcare providers can charge for copying medical records, other than for records involving workers' compensation cases, from \$20.00 for the first five pages and 50 cents per page for each page copied after the first five pages, to \$24.00 for the first five pages and 50 cents per page for each page copied after the first five pages. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 64.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 64, relative to health.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB1287 / HB1216 Explanations justifying amount of drugs prescribed.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. Joey Hensley](#) / [Rep. Barry Doss](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, extends the time in which the top 50 prescribers of controlled substances must provide an explanation to the department of health justifying the amount of controlled substances they prescribed from 15 business days to 30 business days. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68.

Senate Status None

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the healing arts.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

SB1314 / HB503 Reimbursement rate for hospitals.

Category TennCare

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. Jimmy Matlock](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, caps the bureau of TennCare and any managed care organization's reimbursement to hospitals for providing healthcare services by creating a ceiling limiting reimbursement to 100 percent of the allowable charge under Medicare. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5.

Senate Status None

House Status 02/11/2015 - Introduced in the House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to TennCare.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/11/2015 - Introduced in
the House.

02/10/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB1351 / HB1271 Medical assistance to existing TennCare II waiver population.

Category TennCare

Sponsors [Sen. Randy McNally](#) / [Rep. Eddie Smith](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, directs the commissioner of finance and administration to submit a waiver request to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to enable the state to provide medical assistance to the existing TennCare II waiver population and persons with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty line by means of a block grant of federal funds. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

House Status 02/12/2015 - Filed for Introduction.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

Cosponsors [Sen. Joe M. Haynes](#) ;
Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

02/12/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SB1389 / HB1367 First responders have certain rights.

Category Health Care

Sponsors [Sen. John Stevens](#) / [Rep. Curtis Halford](#)

Description State Summary - As introduced, establishes that first responders from emergency management shall have all rights, benefits, privileges, and protections available pursuant to state and local laws. - Amends TCA Title 58.

Senate Status None

House Status None

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, relative to emergency management personnel.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

SJR88 Waiver for implementation of TennCare Opt Out program.

Category TennCare

Sponsors [Sen. Mark Green](#)

Description Requests the governor to apply for an appropriate federal waiver in order to implement the TennCare Opt Out program as a small pilot project within the TennCare program.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Introduced in the Senate.

House Status None

Caption A RESOLUTION to request the Governor to seek a waiver from the federal government for Tennessee to administer a limited TennCare Opt Out pilot program.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/12/2015 - Introduced in
the Senate.

02/11/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.

SJR7001 Authorization of Insure Tennessee.

Category Insurance Health

Sponsors [Sen. Doug Overbey](#)

Description Authorizes implementation of Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25.

Senate Status 02/04/2015 - Failed in Senate Select Committee on Health and Welfare after a 7-4 vote. Voting No: Crowe, Bell, Bowling, Gardenhire, Kelsey, Niceley, Roberts. Voting Yes: Massey, Briggs, Jackson, Yarbro.

House Status None

Caption A RESOLUTION to authorize the Governor to do all that is necessary to implement Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25.

Complete History **Senate** **House** **Executive**

02/04/2015 - Failed in
Senate Select Committee on
Health and Welfare after a 7-
4 vote. Voting No: Crowe,
Bell, Bowling, Gardenhire,
Kelsey, Niceley, Roberts.
Voting Yes: Massey, Briggs,
Jackson, Yarbro.

02/03/2015 - Set for Senate
Select Committee on Health
and Welfare 02/04/15.

02/03/2015 - Senate Select
Committee on Health and
Welfare deferred to
02/04/15.

02/03/2015 - Set for Senate
Select Committee on Health

and Welfare 02/03/15.

02/03/2015 - Referred to
Senate Health & Welfare
Committee.

02/02/2015 - Introduced in
the Senate.

01/30/2015 - Filed for
Introduction.