



Legislative Recap: Week of March 11th

This week, the General Assembly began hearing testimony from state departments and agencies on their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Governor Lee hopes to finalize the budget by the end of April. Subcommittees in the House will begin to hear their final calendars next week. Senate committees will continue to meet through the end of the month, and some will continue hearing legislation into the month of April.

Republican Paul Rose (R-Covington) was elected to fill the Senate District 32 seat in a special general election on Tuesday. The seat was vacated by Mark Norris who resigned after being confirmed as a federal judge. Senator Rose took the oath of office on Thursday, beginning his tenure representing the 32nd Senate District. The oath was administered by Lt. Governor McNally as state senators met for their weekly Thursday morning floor session.

Budget Hearings

The Senate Commerce and Labor Committee heard budget presentations from the Bureau of TennCare/Healthcare Finance Administration. Senate Education Committee heard from the State Board of Education and the Dept. of Education. The Dept. of Agriculture presented their budget to the Senate Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee. The Commission on Agency and Disability and the Health Services and Development Agency presented their budget to the Health and Welfare Committee. The District Attorneys General as well as the District Public Defenders Conference presented to the Judiciary Committee. State and Local Government Committee heard from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Dept. of Military, and Registry of Election Finance/Ethics Commission. The Dept. of Transportation presented their budget to the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee.

On the House side, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee heard from many groups this week such as the TN Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Secretary of State, Treasury, Dept. of Agriculture, and TN Education Lottery Corporation.

Legislative News

- The Senate approved Senate Joint Resolution 53 this week supporting the Suicide Prevention Act's recommended feasibility study to create a nationwide three-digit suicide and mental health hotline. The resolution now goes to the House of Representatives to be considered.
- SB611/HB973, which is designed to protect domestic abuse victims from being manipulated into evading the court process or giving untruthful testimony passed the

Senate on Monday evening. The House Judiciary Committee will consider the legislation next Wednesday.

- Governor Bill Lee's \$30 million-dollar proposal to enhance school safety around the state, SB803/HB947, advanced in the House Education Committee. The bill moves on to the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee and will be heard on Wednesday. The Senate bill will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday afternoon.

Below is a list of legislation tracked for you during the 2019 session:

SB2/HB11 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Allows tailpipe testing for emissions.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny
Summary: Allows vehicle owners the choice of a tailpipe emissions test in certain situations.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent the Environmental Protection Agency amends the state implementation plan to allow for tailpipe testing, the cost of implementing the tailpipe test would be passed on from the emissions testing vendor to motor vehicle owners and would not significantly impact state or local expenditures.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

SB38 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,
Summary: Enacts the "Affordable Rental Property Act," which requires THDA to annually research the availability of affordable rental housing in each county of the state and determine which counties have a shortage of affordable rental housing. Requires THDA, for counties having a shortage of affordable rental housing, to set annual county income limits for the following year that qualify different sizes of low-income households for affordable rental housing and to set monthly rental rates that may be charged. Specifies that the monthly rental rates shall be based on the size of the rental unit and the income limit for the size of a low-income household. Requires THDA to provide the assessor of property in counties with a shortage of affordable rental housing and the state board of equalization with the applicable income limits and monthly rental rates. Requires the state board of equalization, in consultation with THDA, to create an application form for owners to use in applying to the assessor of property in a county in which there is a shortage of affordable rental housing for classification of rental housing as affordable rental property. Specifies other requirements for application process.

Also specifies requirements for assessment of property that has been classified as affordable rental property.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB41/HB178 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Notice to TDOT regarding relocation of utilities on state right-of-way.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Increases the time a utility facility owner located in a state right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice and the time an owner has to file a reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation from ten days to 30 days. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Infrastructure Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

SB42/HB179 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on status of the computerized titling and registration system.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Changes the required date the commissioner must appear before the transportation committee in the House and transportation and safety committee in the Senate from March 1 to March 15 annually to report the status of computerized titling and registration system.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB43/HB180 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Electronic reports on status of highway project reports.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Allows TDOT to provide general assembly members with electronic or print reports on the status of highway projects. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Infrastructure Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB44/HB181 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: County or city's certified highway map to be on website.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires a county or municipality to publish its certified highway map on the county or municipality's website, which must be accessible to the public, no less than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing on the map. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Safety & Funding Subcommittee amendment 1 (005147) allows a person who has reached 65 years old to elect to receive a photo identification license that does not expire when applying. Requires a non-expiring photo identification license to continue to be valid unless cancelled or replaced.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 03/20/19.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Transportation Committee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB45/HB182 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires county commissioners to report details of contracted road work within 60 days.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the county commissioners to report the details of any work they may have had under contract to the county legislative body within 60 days of completion. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 03/20/19.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB52/HB289 EDUCATION: Award for first four courses taken under dual enrollment grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) award \$500 for the first four courses taken under a dual enrollment grant. Requires TSAC to determine award course hour for courses five through eight, that cannot exceed the cost per credit hour at state community colleges. The act will apply to students applying for dual enrollment grants for the 2019-2020 school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$7,400,900/Lottery for Education Fund Other Fiscal Impact Funding in an amount exceeding \$7,400,900 in FY19-20 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Fund to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account as a result of students receiving an increased dual enrollment grant.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Higher Education Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to dual enrollment.

SB63/HB866 EDUCATION: Expands career and technical education programs to middle school students.

Sponsors: Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

Summary: Expands career and technical education to grades six through twelve. Program must be available to all students in grades six through twelve, with the program serving at least 50 percent of those students. Requires board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$50,000/One-Time Other Fiscal Impact To the extent local education agencies (LEAs) utilize (BEP) funding for career and technical education expenditures as a result of this legislation, there would be an equivalent reduction of BEP funding available for other LEA expenditures. The extent and timing of any such shifts cannot be reasonably determined.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

SB176/HB201 TAXES PROPERTY: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: Requires THDA to create an annual report researching the availability of affordable housing in each county. Requires THDA to work with the state board of equalization to create an application for those searching in counties with scarce affordable housing, establishing what is affordable property, along with creating a means of addressing the economic impact upon the owner.

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/19.

House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB224/HB232 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Creates registry of tenants evicted through writs of possession.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

Summary: Directs the housing development agency to create a registry of tenants who have been evicted through the execution of a writ of possession, which will be accessible to landlords in this state.

Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee housing development agency.

SB321/HB543 TAXES PROPERTY: Requirement of notice from the delinquent tax attorney relative to property tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Requires the delinquent tax attorney to pose a copy of the proceeding and send a copy by first-class mail addressed to "occupant" at the last known municipal address of the parcel. Declares that all notices to all owners and interested parties must be detailed by the delinquent tax attorney.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 9, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact A precise fiscal impact to local government revenue cannot reasonably be determined due to multiple unknown factors.

Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Local Committee 03/20/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-6-102; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 21; Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 24 and Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 25, relative to delinquent property taxes.

SB324/HB271 CONSTRUCTION: Payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Gant, Ron
Summary: Prohibits a written contract to have a condition precedent for payment clause where the prime contractor is not required to pay the remote contractor due to contract or until they are paid by the construction owner. Declares that if payment is not received, work by contractor can be suspended until received. Makes other revisions relative to the payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.
Amendment Summary: Defines "Subcontractor". Establishes requirements of notices to owners from all lienors, expect laborers, and subcontractors of a remote contractor or materialman. Declares that a written contract between a prime contractor and a remote contractor cannot include a condition precedent for payment clause stating the prime contractor is not obligated to pay the remote contractor for performing in accordance with the contract unless the prime contractor is paid by the owner, with exceptions established. Declares upon an owner's default or refusal to pay, the right to recovery is limited to the contractor's expenses incurred under contract, that if an owner doesn't pay a prime contractor within seven days, the prime contractor can stop work upon seven days of written notice, and if an owner doesn't pay a remote contractor within 15 days, the remote contractor can stop work upon 15 days of written notice.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 22, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/19/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6; Title 66, Chapter 11 and Title 66, Chapter 34, relative to payment rights of contractors and subcontractors.

SB332/HB332 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires TDOT submit report on statutes regarding railroad transportation.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Requires TDOT to submit an annual report to the governor, chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, and comptroller of the treasury on conferences or conventions where the department confers with other state transportation departments and the interstate commerce commission on a draft of statutes that secure uniform control of railroad transportation in the states. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 03/13/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 42; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB374/HB366 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Definition of a rickshaw.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Johnson, Curtis
Summary: Excludes a bicycle built for more than three (3) persons or any type of motorized scooter used by persons with disabilities from the definition of a rickshaw.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/06/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

SB376/HB1361 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Calfee, Kent
Summary: Removes the authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home produced in Tennessee from the commissioner of commerce and insurance.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 20, 2019) Decrease State Revenue - \$633,400/Manufactured Housing Fund
Senate Status: 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 03/19/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 45; Title 47; Title 55; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to manufactured homes.

SB393/HB51 TAXES PROPERTY: Collection of property taxes by banks - evidence of payments provided to trustee.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Changes the frequency that banks that collect property taxes must provide evidence of such payments to the trustee from daily to at least every three business days. Deletes outdated references to penalties that are no longer applied and deletes and obsolete code section.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/19.
House Status: 02/25/19 - House passed.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

SB514/HB556 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Red warning flag on a load projecting from motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Reedy, Jay
Summary: Adds pliable plastic approved by the commissioner of safety as a material that may be used as a red warning flag on a load projecting from certain motor vehicles. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB571/HB353 EDUCATION: School credits relative to occupational training.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary: Establishes a person who receives certified comprehensive career and technical training in high school and post high school are eligible to receive equivalent credit towards the occupational license related to training.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 37; Title 38; Title 41; Title 49; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to occupational training.

SB574/HB693 TAXES PROPERTY: Time frame for eligible taxpayers to apply for refund.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carr, Dale

Summary: Extends time eligible taxpayers may apply for a refund or present a credit voucher for credit on their taxes from within 35 days from the date taxes in the jurisdiction become delinquent for that year to within 40 days from that date. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property tax.

SB610/HB789 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Survey and plans of proposed projects - filing recommendations with county clerk.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Dunn, Bill

Summary: Extends, from 10 to 14 days, the time period within which the committee appointed by a county legislative body to study surveys and plans of county roads has to reduce its recommendations to writing and file them with the county clerk. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB712/HB1112 TAXES PROPERTY: Delinquent property taxes due on parcel.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Allows a purchaser of a parcel subject to delinquent taxes to demand rents or profits from the occupier of the parcel only after the purchaser has made an advance demand for such rents or profits. Makes various revisions regarding delinquent tax proceedings.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/19.

House Status: 03/14/19 - House passed.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 21-1-205 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to delinquent property taxes.

SB713/HB1271 TAXES SALES: Exemption - agricultural trailers and vehicles.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Holt, Andy

Summary: Exempts from sales and use tax the sale of agricultural trailers and agricultural vehicles.

Amendment Summary: House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee amendment 1 (004369) includes agricultural trailers transporting farm products, nursery stock, or equipment, supplies, or products used for agriculture or maintenance of a farm for exemption. Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee amendment 1 (004369) clarifies that trailers used to transport farm products, nursery stock, or equipment, supplies or products used in agriculture, or for other purposes relating to the operation and maintenance of a farm are exempted from the sales and use tax when sold to a qualified farmer or nurseryman.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2019) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact - \$1,735,100
Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact - \$708,100

Senate Status: 03/12/19 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1. Sent to full committee.

House Status: 02/20/19 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget after adopting amendment 1 (004369).

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 67, relative to exemptions from taxes and fees for agricultural trailers and agricultural vehicles.

SB714/HB851 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Notice of an execution and sale of land.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Halford, Curtis

Summary: Increases the time in which a person in actual possession and occupation of land must be provided notice of execution and sale, from 20 days to 25 days.

Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26; Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to property.

SB780/HB924 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Automobile transporters operating on national network of highways.

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

Summary: Allows motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and twin trailer combination to operation on the national network. Prohibits these vehicles from operation on any scenic highway apart from those established in 23 CFR Part 658, Appendix A. Declares the vehicle size of a stinger-steered automobile transporter to have a front overhang less than four feet, a rear overhang less than six feet, and a maximum vehicle length of 80 feet. Declares the maximum vehicle length of a towaway trailer transporter combination to be 82 feet. Declares that a vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas must have a maximum weight of 82,000 pounds.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Failure to pass this legislation could result in a penalty against federal funding received from the Federal Highway Administration estimated to exceed \$60,000,000.

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate Transportation & Safety Committee 03/20/19.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Consent for 03/18/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to vehicle size, weight, and load.

SB1001/HB1344 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Alternative provisions - regional transportation authority.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin
Summary: Increases the maximum timeframe in which the governing board of the Middle Tennessee transportation authority may vote to adopt alternative provisions to operate as a regional transportation authority to 90 days. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1045/HB832 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Prohibits activity on state highway medians.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Howell, Dan
Summary: Prohibits persons from standing or conducting activities in the median of state highways without prior approval from TDOT. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense that requires issuance of a warning citation for a first offense.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Infrastructure Subcommittee 03/19/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to highways and roadways.

SB1071/HB275 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires housing development agency submit reports on blight elimination programs.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires the housing development agency submit a report on implementation of any amended policies to improve the agency's blight elimination program to the state and local government committee of both legislative houses by March 1 each year.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68, relative to housing.

SB1079/HB595 TAXES GENERAL: TDOT - quarterly report on the status of highway projects.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Summary: Requires department of transportation to send quarterly report on the status of highway projects to comptroller of the treasury. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 29; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 64 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1108/HB276

TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Authorizes electronic quarterly highway project status reports to general assembly.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Authorizes department of transportation to electronically provide the quarterly report to each member of the general assembly on the status of highway projects in the county or counties that the member represents.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

SB1125/HB1127 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Report on sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Tillis, Rick
Summary: Requires the state fire marshal to submit a report with the commissioner of commerce and insurance on the benefits of using sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings located in this state as compared to the use of standard smoke detectors in such buildings.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

SB1167/HB614 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires landlords provide email addresses.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce
Summary: Requires a landlord to provide certain local governmental agencies responsible for enforcing building codes the landlord's email address, in addition to name, telephone number, and physical address.
Amendment Summary: House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (004989) makes it illegal for any lessor to lease, let, or rent a dwelling unit to an illegal alien, or allow an occupant who is an illegal alien to reside in a dwelling unit leased or rented by the lessor, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that the alien entered or remains in the United States illegally. Requires lessor verify citizenship and lawful presence of prospective occupants and maintain verifying documents for at least one year following the occupant ceasing to rent, let or lease from the lessor. Establishes punishment for offenses. Specifies that the law applies only to contracts to let, lease, or rent dwelling units on or after the effective date of this act. Requires law enforcement officers investigating violations of this law request federal verification on whether an occupant is an alien lawfully present in the United States. Prohibits law enforcement officers or agencies from making independent determinations of any occupant's immigration status.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/19/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62 and Title 66, relative to the landlord tenant relationship.

SB1172/HB757 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Limits recovery of a real property owner who prevails in action challenging validity of lien.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Marsh, Pat
Summary: Limits recovery of a real property owner who prevails in an action challenging the validity of a lien to only liens filed against certain residential units.
Amendment Summary: House amendment 1 (004202) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Removes the ability of a real property owner who prevails in an action challenging the validity of a lien to recover certain damages
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/19/19.
House Status: 03/07/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (004202).
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-21-108, relative to liens.

SB1184/HB817 TAXES PROPERTY: Time in which a county board of equalization must complete its assessment reviews.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Helton, Esther
Summary: Deletes reference to a repealed provision to clarify the time in which a county board of equalization must complete its assessment reviews. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Property & Planning Subcommittee 03/20/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

SB1190/HB295 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Certification for electrical inspectors contracted by local or state government.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Requires electrical inspectors employed by a local or state government to be certified by the state fire marshal and for this certification to be completed every three years. Declares that certain electrical inspectors contracted under the commissioner of commerce and insurance to be certified on and after January 1, 2020.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$2,800/FY22-23 and Every Three Years Thereafter/State Fire Marshal \$100/FY23-24 and Every Three Years Thereafter/State Fire Marshal \$100/FY24-25 and Every Three Years Thereafter/State Fire Marshal
Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/19/19.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Floor for 03/18/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to electrical inspectors.

SB1272/HB314 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Instructors for online commercial driver training course.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary: Specifies that it is unlawful for any person to act as an instructor for any commercial driver training school and to teach an online course without a current license to act as an instructor from the commissioner of the department of revenue.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/05/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

SB1288/HB1389 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Eliminates requirement for funds to be for certain highways.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-1987 and 1993-1994 fiscal years.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1302/HB262 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requirement on funds from the 1986 gasoline tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases to be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-87 and 1993-94 fiscal years.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 4, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Infrastructure Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54; Title 55; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB1329/HB1467 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - effects administrative rules and regulations have on small businesses.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Daniel, Martin

Summary: Requires an agency to submit an estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives prior to filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state. Orders the estimate to include implementation costs incurred by all small businesses over three years, number of small businesses affected by the regulation, reasoning upon which the estimate is based and all information used in determining the estimate. Prohibits the agency from promulgating a regulation that will cost equal to or greater than \$3,000,000, unless there is authorizing legislation or a germane modification to reduce costs below the \$3,000,000 threshold. Does not apply to institutions of higher education, emergency rules, or regulations required by federal mandate.

Amendment Summary: House Government Operations amendment 1 (005092) establishes that an agency must submit an estimate to the fiscal review committee between 60 and

90 days of filing a rule or regulation with the secretary of state, with the review from the fiscal review staff for accuracy. Declares that the fiscal review staff must review the estimate for accuracy, where after confirmation or modification, the executive director of the fiscal review committee will submit the estimate to the members of the government operations committees of the house and senate.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 16, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Due to the uncertain complexity of the additional responsibilities and the extent to which certain agencies will be impacted, there may be additional state expenditures incurred in order to comply. Future interpretation or expansion of what is requested of agencies may result in the need to contract for services.

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/20/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

SB1335/HB1169 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Motor vehicle registration - failure to pay wheel tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Weaver, Terri

Summary: Broadens the requirement that any applicant for motor vehicle registration who failed to pay wheel tax be responsible for paying for all prior years' wheel taxes by making it applicable on a statewide basis instead of only applicable in Rutherford County.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2019) Increase Local Revenue - Exceeds \$47,800/One-Time

Senate Status: 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, relative to motor vehicles.

SB1336/HB1064 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Contractor continuing education.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary: Requires contractors licensed on or after January 1, 2009, to complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing education biennially by a board-approved provider and proof of compliance must be filed. Specifies that current membership in a professional trade association approved by the board qualifies as four hours.

Amendment Summary: House Business Subcommittee amendment 1 (004512) changes continuing education licensing requirements to apply only to residential construction contractors. House Commerce Committee 1 (004866) defines the category of licensed contractors, per the bill, as commercial building construction, industrial construction, heavy construction, highway, railroad and airport construction, municipal and utility construction, mechanical construction, electrical construction, environmental and special construction, and residential construction.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 23, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/14/19 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/19/19.

House Status: 03/05/19 - House Commerce Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004866). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5 and Title 62, Chapter 6, relative to residential construction.

SB1370/HB284 TAXES PROPERTY: Eliminates requirement of a report from the state board of equalization.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Eliminates commissioner's duty to prepare and transmit a report to the general assembly on the first day of its organizational session of the work of the state board of equalization.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status: 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to property taxes.

SB1393/HB1190 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Makes exceptions for tenants with service animals.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Allows a tenant with a disability who requires the use of a service or support animal to request an exception to a landlord's policy that prohibits pets or requires payment for pets on the premises. The landlord may ask the individual to submit reliable documentation of the disability-related need for a service animal if the disability is not apparent or the necessity of the service animal is not known. If there is misrepresentation or inaccurate documentation is submitted then the landlord may deny the request and the tenant could be in material noncompliance with the rental agreement. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 03/12/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/26/19.
House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Commerce Committee 03/19/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 13, Chapter 20; Title 33; Title 39; Title 44, Chapter 17; Title 44, Chapter 8, Part 4; Title 63; Title 66 and Title 68, relative to landlords and tenants.

SB1432/HB522 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Addresses tenant and landlord email notification.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Timothy
Summary: Allows a tenant to rescind the use of an email address provided in the rental agreement by written notice to the landlord. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status: 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to property.

SB1495/HB918 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Fines for overdimensional and overweight loads.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary: Increases the time period within which all fines and penalties collected from violations of restrictions on the maximum weight of freight motor vehicles must be paid to 20 days.

Amendment Summary: House Safety and Funding Subcommittee amendment 1 (004804) increases the excess weight limit for various fine levels for overweight vehicles transporting loads.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/12/19 - House Safety & Funding Subcommittee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1 (004804).

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to overdimensional and overweight loads.

SB1497/HB618 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Extends Slow Poke Law.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Windle, John

Summary: Extends the "Slow Poke Law," which prohibits the operation of vehicles in the left lane, except for passing and other purposes, to interstates and multi-lane divided highways with two or more lanes.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2019) Increase State Revenue \$1,900 Increase Local Revenue \$100

Senate Status: 03/11/19 - Senate passed.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Safety & Funding Subcommittee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to passing lanes and restrictions.

SB1498/HB1090 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Defines trailer.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly

Summary: Defines "trailer" for the purposes of demonstrating the meaning for school buses that are prohibited from transporting children with a trailer on the highway.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 03/14/19 - Set for House Safety & Funding Subcommittee 03/19/19.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to overdimensional and overweight loads.

HB53 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms.

Sponsors: Rep. Potts, Jason

Summary: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms and recommends that all other new constructions have smoke alarms. Requires these smoke alarms have batteries that will operate continuously for at least 10 years.

House Status: 02/06/19 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

HB401 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Transit Improvement District Act.

Sponsors: Rep. Dunn, Bill

Summary: Declares that high capacity transit system require areas of high quality and economic opportunity to support investments and pedestrians of the area. Authorizes municipalities to create a transit improvement district with the broadest

possible discretion in establishing these districts in cooperation with regional transportation authorities and municipalities. Declares that services within Knox and Blount counties will utilize property on which transportation infrastructure already exists. Defines costs, description, reimbursement, and payment of the transit projects that must be reported to the governing body. Defines the size and operation of the transit system, along with the timeframe of projects. (17 pp).

House Status:

02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption:

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

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EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Sponsors:

Rep. Sparks, Mike

Summary:

Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 21, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

House Status:

03/14/19 - Set for House Education Committee 03/20/19.

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