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New Education Legislation

SB1471 EDUCATION: Changes the school year the Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act begins.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell ,

Summary: Changes the date by which the board of education must require Tennessee history courses for students to the 2019-2020 school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated December 12, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1015 and Chapter 482 of the Public Acts of 2017, relative to the Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act.

SB1477 EDUCATION: Requirements for selling surplus property by local school systems.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd ,

Summary: Deletes the requirement that local school systems must sell all surplus property within 90 days of it being declared surplus. Revises the advertising requirements for local school systems selling surplus property to include advertising on a website maintained by the LEA or local government, in addition to a newspaper of general circulation.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2018) Decrease Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,100/Permissive

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

SB1498 EDUCATION: Use of TNReady assessments for student growth data in teacher evaluations.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve ,

Summary: Requires TNReady, or future replacements of TNReady or other TCAP assessments to be administered during the school year free of problems in order to be used for student growth data in teacher evaluations.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to teacher evaluations.

SB1502 EDUCATION: Driver education courses to include info on impact of texting while driving.

Sponsors: Sen. Kelsey, Brian ,

Summary: Requires driver education courses to include an area of instruction dealing with the effects of talking and texting on a mobile phone on driving abilities.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to education.

SB1510 EDUCATION: Family life curriculum - child sexual abuse prevention instruction.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky ,

Summary: Requires family life curriculum to include instruction on the detection, intervention, prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. Extends immunity from a cause of action to instructors or organizations providing such instruction in accordance with state law.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-603 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, relative to child sexual abuse instruction.

SB1605/HB1463 EDUCATION: Requirements for requests for eligible student information.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Sets specifications for eligibility of students information to be shared and creates a time frame for which an LEA, chartering authority, or public charter school may receive student information and communicate with eligible students.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to student information.

SB1616/HB1902 EDUCATION: THEC to analyze the success of the Tennessee middle college program.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Calfee, Kent

Summary: Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, requires THEC to analyze the success of the Tennessee middle college program and to report its findings in its annual report to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to middle college.

SB1617 EDUCATION: Notification to department regarding high performing school districts.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Requires a local board of education that declares its LEA to be a high performing school district to notify the commissioner of education. Requires the commissioner to include the school district on a list of high performing districts on the department's website beginning on July 1 following the local board action and for three years thereafter. Broadly captioned.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K- 12) education.

SB1618 EDUCATION: Notice to LEAs regarding reports germane to K-12 education.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Requires the commissioner of the department of education to notify LEAs when the office of research and education accountability publishes a report germane to K-12 education. Broadly captioned.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

SB1619/HB1928 EDUCATION: Reporting on early postsecondary courses LEAs are offering.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Requires the department of education to survey LEAs as to the early postsecondary courses the LEAs are offering and report back so that partnerships to offer courses may more readily be formed. Allows department to provide the report electronically. Broadly captioned.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K- 12) education.

SB1621/HB1571 EDUCATION: Annual report concerning college entrance examinations.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Requires the commissioner of education to include certain information in the commissioner's annual report concerning college entrance examinations, including the number of students in each LEA who took a college entrance examination for the first time, the number of students who took the examination the second time, and whether the department paid the examination fees for those taking it the second time.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to college entrance examinations.

SB1622 EDUCATION: Payment for college entrance exams for students who want to take the exam a second time.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Requires the commissioner of the department of education to inform LEAs before each school year or no later than June 30 if sufficient funds have been appropriated to pay

the cost of the required college entrance exams for students who want to take the

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to examinations required to graduate from high school.

SB1623 EDUCATION: Eleventh grade assessments.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Prohibits use of a test for the required eleventh grade assessment if problems occurred in an administration of the test or the grading of the test on any test date that resulted in students not receiving test scores.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to required assessments.

SB1624/HB1527 EDUCATION: Alterations to a student's transcript.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

Summary: Prohibits an LEA, charter school, or virtual school from altering a student's transcript unless the LEA, charter school, or virtual school has a written policy governing transcript alterations. Specifies that school policy governing student transcript alterations must require any student transcript alteration to be supported by documentation providing an explanation of the reason for the transcript alteration and evidence that the student has earned the grade reflected in the altered transcript. Prohibits an LEA from retaliating against an employee who brings unauthorized transcript alterations to the attention of school officials. Specifies that a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student transcripts.

SB1625/HB1685 EDUCATION: Individualized implementation plans for RTI² education.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Requires the department of education to create a process to allow LEAs to develop individualized implementation plans for RTI² education. Specifies that the process must require, at a minimum, all RTI² implementation plans submitted to the department for approval to provide the LEA's strategy for funding RTI² education. Gives the department the authority to approve or deny any LEA's individualized implementation plan for RTI² education.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to response to instruction and intervention (RTI²).

SB1626/HB1460 EDUCATION: Requirements for recovery high schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Allows LEAs to establish a recovery high school to serve eligible students starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to recovery high schools.

SB1629/HB1694 EDUCATION: Report on teacher training institutions placed on temporary probation.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Requires the state board of education to report annually the number of public and private teacher training institutions that, as a result of their students' scores on the state teachers examination, are placed on temporary probation, have their certifications revoked, or regain certification. Also requires the state board to file the report with the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than December 31 of each year. Broadly captioned.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training.

SB1634/HB1555 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Suspension or revocation of professional licensure for defaulting on a student loan.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Gilmore, Brenda

Summary: Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans. Requires reinstatement of licenses for otherwise qualified applicants whose licenses were suspended, denied, or revoked based solely on defaulting on student loan repayment.

Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee
House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

SB1649/HB1599 EDUCATION: Guidelines for employers of work-based learning students.

Sponsors: Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Specifies that an employer that accepts or employs a student who is receiving a secondary education to participate in work-based learning coordinated through the

LEA shall not be liable for actions relating to that student unless the employer acted willfully or with gross negligence. Authorizes such employer to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to compensate a participating student for any injury that is covered under Tennessee's Workers' Compensation Law. Requires an LEA that coordinates work-based learning for students receiving a secondary education to maintain liability insurance coverage for all participating students. Establishes a franchise and excise tax credit for an employer for each work-based learning student employed for the tax period covered by the return. Limits the credit allowed to \$5,000

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49; Title 50, Chapter 6 and Title 67, relative to work- based learning.

SB1663/HB1699 EDUCATION: Use of excess instructional time.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

Summary: Specifies that excess instructional time may be used for individualized education program team meetings and school-wide or system-wide instructional planning meetings. Requires proposals for use of excess time for instructional planning meetings to be approved by the commissioner of education.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, relative to instructional time.

SB1664/HB1570 EDUCATION: Location of charter schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Requires that the location of a charter school be within the jurisdictional boundaries of the authorizing LEA. Requires a charter school to seek a delay in opening if the charter school has not secured a physical location for its school 60 days prior to the opening.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to charter schools.

SB1666/HB1583 EDUCATION: Education of children in state custody.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Requires the department of children's services to provide a residential mental health facility that contracts with the department for provision of services to children in state custody education funding equal to the average daily rate of education funding. Specifies that in order to receive such funding the mental health facility must be approved to operate as a Category I special purpose school pursuant to state board of education rules and regulations and must provide a minimum of sixteen and one-half hours per week of education instruction to the students admitted.

Committees: Senate Health & Welfare Committee

Caption: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-363, relative to the education of children in state custody.

SB1676/HB1495 EDUCATION: Reduces resident requirements for grant students.

Sponsors: Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Pitts, Joe

Summary: Reduces time requirements on Tennessee residents eligible for grants from one year prior to application date to requiring residency by filing date. Takes effect July 1, 2018 and applies to students for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Committees: Senate State & Local Government Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, relative to dual enrollment grants.

SB1677/HB1511 EDUCATION: Teacher's bill of rights.

Sponsors: Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Reedy, Jay

Summary: Expands the teacher's bill of rights to include an educator's right to be guaranteed time to plan and prepare for classroom instruction prior to the first day of class each semester.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-209, relative to the teacher's bill of rights.

SB1684/HB1687 EDUCATION: Publication of the TN Postsecondary Education Fact Book

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Requires publication of the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book by March 1 each year instead of by March 15. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

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

SB1691/HB1569 EDUCATION: Extending of career and technical education (CTE) class sizes.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Permits certain LEAs to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes in ninth through twelfth grades as well as request a waiver from the commissioner of education for extending CTE class sizes that meet provisions that that they do not exceed the maximum general education class size for seventh through twelfth grades. Applies to the 2018-2019 school year.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 11, relative to career and technical education (CTE) class sizes.

SB1696/HB1501 PUBLIC FINANCE: Revises audit and accounting requirements for the comptroller of the treasury.

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

Summary: Revises various provisions governing audit and accounting requirements for the comptroller of the treasury, including the preparation of a uniform audit manual by the comptroller.

Committees: Senate State & Local Government Committee
House State Government Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 49; Title 54; Title 64 and Title 68, relative to financial management.

SB1699 EDUCATION: Local boards of education to include non-voting student liaison.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon ,

Summary: Requires local boards of education to create a policy to select a non-voting student liaison to the board. Specifies that the non-voting student liaison be a high school student in good academic standing within the board's district.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to boards of education.

SB1707/HB1690 EDUCATION: Tennessee Hunger-Free Students Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Hunger-Free Students Act." Requires schools participating in the national school lunch program or school breakfast program to provide a free, printed meal application in every school enrollment packet and requires the meal application to be in a language that the parent or guardian understands. Requires the department of education, in consultation with LEAs, to ensure that all homeless students receive free school meals pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Requires the school to provide a US Department of Agriculture reimbursable meal to a student who requests one, unless the student's parent or guardian has provided written permission to the school to withhold the meal. Prohibits the school from requiring the student to throw away a meal after it has been served because of the student's inability to pay. Clarifies that state board of education rules that permit schools to impose sanctions against students owing a school debt do not authorize sanctions against students owing a meal debt, including prohibiting a student from participating in a school-related event.

Committees: Senate Education Committee
House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to the

Tennessee Hunger- Free Students Act.

SB1708/HB1765 EDUCATION: School safety drills.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to school safety drills.

SB1723/HB1676 EDUCATION: State textbook and instructional materials quality commission - appointment process.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Revises the appointment process of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission. Changes the appointment from appointment one member from each grand division of the state to more specific individuals appointed by the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor. Designates the commissioner of education as an ex officio secretary of the commission, with the right to vote.

Committees: Senate Government Operations Committee
House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission.

SB1724/HB1608 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Promulgation of rules regarding inspection and copies of public records.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Matlock, Jimmy

Summary: Changes the date from no later than July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 in which every county and municipal governmental entity must establish written public records policy properly adopted by the appropriate governing authority. Requires state government entities to promulgate rules of making requests to inspect public records or receive copies of public records, redaction practices, and statement of any fees charged for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 19, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: Senate State & Local Government Committee
House State Government Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to public records.

SB1738/HB1764 EDUCATION: Educator licensure requirements - exemption for out-of-state teachers, principals.

Sponsors: Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Exempts out-of-state teachers, principals or a supervisor of taking an assessment to advance or renew a license or to initially obtain a practitioner level teaching license if at

the time of application they already possessed the equivalent of a practitioner level teaching license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with the state board of education.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to educator licensure.

SB1755/HB1757 EDUCATION: Sale or transfer of surplus property to municipal school system.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Brooks, Harry

Summary: Requires that local school systems must sell surplus property to highest bidder within 90 days of being declared surplus. The property is to be advertised at least seven days before the sale. When reactivating or creating a school system property within the boundaries must be declared surplus and transferred to the school system.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

SB1761/HB1723 EDUCATION: Reporting of breach of security in the administration of the TCAP test.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

Summary: Requires the director of schools to report a breach of security in the administration of the TCAP test or any successor test and the LEA's response to the breach of security to the commissioner of education and the state board of education within five days of discovery of the breach. Broadly captioned.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to testing in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

SB1765 EDUCATION: Awarding of grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects to charter schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Harris, Lee ,

Summary: Allows charter schools to receive grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 17 and Section 49-4-940, relative to the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (EESI) of 2008.

SB1766/HB1487 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Regulated professions - persons who have defaulted on student loans.

Sponsors: Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. McCormick, Gerald

Summary: Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

Committees: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

Caption: House Business & Utilities Subcommittee
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

SB1779 EDUCATION: Report on traineeships and fellowships for students in training programs for the education of students with disabilities.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty ,

Summary: Requires the commissioner of education to include in its an annual report information on traineeships and fellowships for students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs and are in training programs for the education of students with disabilities.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to students with disabilities.

SB1780 EDUCATION: Reports on LEA's use of corporal punishment.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty ,

Summary: Requires each LEA to annually report the use of and reason for corporal punishment and if a student with an active individualized education program was involved. Requires reported to be published on the department of education's website.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to corporal punishment.

SB1782/HB1720 EDUCATION: Term for chair of state board of education.

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

Summary: Changes the term of office for the chair of the state board of education from four years to two years.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301(b), relative to the term of the chair of the state board of education.

SB1794/HB1499 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Extending distribution of liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds by one year.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Hulsey, Bud

Summary: Extends by one year the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions.

Committees: House State Government Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 49; Title 57 and Title 67, relative to tax revenue distributions.

SB1803/HB1607 EDUCATION: Funding for educational facilities that are recipients of juvenile justice prevention grants.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Pitts, Joe

Summary: Requires LEAs to allocate funding to educational facilities providing educational instructional services to students who are admitted to such facilities under order of a juvenile court. Defines "educational facility" to mean a facility that operates as a Category I special purpose school that provides a minimum of 32 hours per week of educational instructional services to students admitted and that is a recipient of a juvenile justice prevention grant. Requires the state board of education to promulgate rules that provide for the determination of the allocation of funding.

Committees: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to education funding.

SB1804/HB1549 EDUCATION: Assessment to advance or renew teaching license - exemptions.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Exempts from assessments to advance or renew a license for a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher who possessed an active professional license, is employed to serve or teach courses in the individual's area of endorsement, or have earned "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" on overall performance effectiveness levels.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5 relative to educator licensure.

SB1805/HB1577 EDUCATION: Release of schools assessment and accountability data.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires the department of education to create a process which allows at least fifteen days for the verification and correction of assessment and accountability data before its release. Also requires state board of education to develop a policy that identifies the assessment and accountability data subject to review by LEAs.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to accountability and assessments.

SB1806/HB1855 EDUCATION: Limiting new statewide assessments.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Prohibits the department of education and the state board of education from requiring any statewide assessments for any grades beyond the assessments required from the 2016-2017 school year until the 2021-2022 school year.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to limiting new statewide assessments.

SB1807/HB1761 EDUCATION: Annual report required by the office of coordinated school health.

Sponsors: Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Hicks, Gary

Summary: Requires the office of coordinated school health to incorporate in its annual report the percentage of public schools that integrate physical education courses into the school day.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

SB1831/HB1906 EDUCATION: ACT National Career Readiness Certificate examination.

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

Summary: Provides students with the option to take the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate examination in place of retaking the proficiency testing required in grade 11.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, relative to assessments.

SB1835 EDUCATION: State assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve ,

Summary: Reduces the amount of new material required on state assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school from 70% different from the previous four years to 30% different from the previous two years.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-610, relative to nonredundant test items.

SB1838 EDUCATION: Appeals regarding denial of charter school application.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Retracts the authority of the state board of education or its executive member to allow a charter school applicant to make corrections to its application on appeal.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

SB1843/HB1863 EDUCATION: Low performing teachers and student assignment.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

Summary: Requires the department of education to annually report on students taught by any teacher of record rated below expectations or slightly below expectations in reading, English language arts, and mathematics. Requires the department of education to publish the report on its website.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, relative to

student assignment.

SB1854/HB1686 EDUCATION: Driver education courses - instruction regarding dangers of texting while driving.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Smith, Eddie

Summary: Requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the dangers of texting while driving. Requires students to be apprised that texting while driving is a crime under TCA 55-8-199 and to be apprised of the penalty for texting while driving.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

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

SB1896/HB1778 EDUCATION: Revises the Course Access Program Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Revises the Course Access Program Act. Clarifies that the participating student shall be responsible for paying to the host LEA any required tuition and fees for all additional courses beyond two courses permitted. Encourages the Tennessee school boards association (TSBA) to develop a model policy for adoption by local boards of education, though a home LEA may develop its own policy but must submit the policy for approval. Requires the department of education to post all approval guidelines and procedures and all approved providers on its website and upon approval and inclusion in the listing of providers in the course access catalog, course providers may offer course access program courses for review and selection by a host LEA under a host LEA's local course review and approval process. Prohibits any provider applicant to act as a course provider until approved by the state board. Allows the state board to exclude a course provider at any time if the state board or department finds that a provider has failed to comply with its requirements.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the Course Access Program Act.

SB1897/HB1535 EDUCATION: Policy for weighting a student's end-of-course examinations.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires each LEA to develop a policy that details the scoring methodology used and how a student's end-of-course examination scores are weighted and incorporated into the student's final course grade. Permits an LEA to choose not to include its students' end-of-course examination scores in the students' final course grade if such LEA does not receive its students' end-of-course examination scores at least five instructional days before the scheduled end of the course.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to end-of-course examinations.

SB1898/HB1534 EDUCATION: Student scores on achievement tests - percentage of final grade.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires each LEA to determine the percentage achievement tests will consist of a student's final grade within a revised range of zero percent to twenty-five percent for third through fifth grade and ten to twenty-five percent for sixth through eighth grade beginning the 2017-2018 school year.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, relative to student scores on achievement tests.

SB1899 EDUCATION: State board of education is LEA for charter schools authorized by board.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

Summary: Specifies that the state board of education serves as the LEA for those charter schools that the board authorizes.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to charter schools authorized by the state board of education.

SB1901/HB1870 EDUCATION: Special education services association - charter schools.

Sponsors: Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

Summary: Requires charter schools overseen by the district to send all excess cost reimbursement funds received due to students generating costs to the individual schools, whereas previously the requirement was only for elementary and high school students. Requires the special education services association to provide services for all the areas within the school districts, including any charter schools participating in it.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, relative to special education.

SB1906/HB1803 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Cooperative purchasing agreements for purpose of purchasing farm tractors, mowers.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Carr, Dale

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

SR150 EDUCATION: ACT/SAT participation rates on annual report card of LEA.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon ,

Summary: Urges the department of education to include ACT/SAT participation rates for each LEA on the annual report card.

Committees: Senate Education Committee

HB1488 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Representation of LEA or LEA employees by attorney general in court or administrative tribunal.

Sponsors: Rep. McCormick, Gerald

Summary: Expands the duties of the attorney general and reporter to include representation of an LEA or certain LEA employees in a court or administrative tribunal arising out of the adoption of a policy requiring students, faculty, and staff to utilize the restroom, locker room, or other facility that corresponds to that individual's biological sex. Requires the state to indemnify and hold harmless the LEA or employees from any judgment, fine, penalty, award of plaintiff attorneys' fees, or other judgment obtained as a result of a legal proceeding arising out of the adoption of any such policy or practice.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 6, relative to the attorney general and reporter's duty to represent a local education agency and its employees.

HB1508 EDUCATION: Prohibits the use of corporal punishment against a student with an IEP.

Sponsors: Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Prohibits teachers, principals, or other school personnel from using corporal punishment against a student with an individualized education program (IEP). Makes an exception to allow corporal punishment to be used against a student who has an IEP because the student is intellectually gifted if all current procedures for use of corporal punishment are followed.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 19, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Committees: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to corporal punishment of students with individualized education programs (IEPs).

HB1509 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Revoking of professional license for defaulting on student loan.

Sponsors: Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

Committees: House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

HB1580 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates the Class C misdemeanor criminal offense of hazing.

Sponsors: Rep. Gilmore, Brenda

Summary: Creates the Class C misdemeanor criminal offense of hazing.

Committees: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Section 49-2-120 and Section 49-7- 123, relative to hazing.

HB1594 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands the offense of female genital mutilation.

Sponsors: Rep. Butt, Sheila

Committees: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-104; Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2; Title 36; Section 39-11-703; Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4 and Title 40, relative to female genital mutilation.

HB1595 EDUCATION: Expelling of student for offenses committed against teacher or LEA employee.

Sponsors: Rep. Butt, Sheila

Summary: Reduces the offense level for which a student must be expelled from school for a period of not less than one calendar year if the offense is committed against a teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the LEA, or school resource officer from aggravated assault to an assault resulting in bodily injury,

Committees: House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school safety.

HB1609 EDUCATION: End-of-course examinations for grades 9-12 prohibited.

Sponsors: Rep. Hill, Matthew

Summary: Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, prohibits the administration of end-of-course examinations to students in grades 9 through 12 and specifies that the ACT is the only assessment that may be required for graduation.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessments.

HB1681 EDUCATION: Charter school application requirements.

Sponsors: Rep. Forgety, John

Summary: Requires sponsors of proposed charter schools to provide, in their written application, the school's dismissal plans in the event of a natural disaster, inclement weather or an outbreak.

Committees: House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

HB1770 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Limits on campaign loans.

Sponsors: Rep. Dunn, Bill

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to campaign loans.

HB1801 EDUCATION: Tuition discount for children of state employees,

public school teachers.

Sponsors: Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Specifies that for a child under 24 years of age to receive a 25 percent reduction in the undergraduate tuition at any state-operated institution of higher learning if their parent currently is or was a full-time employee of the state, the child must first earn an associate degree using either the Tennessee Promise scholarship program, the Community College Reconnect Grant program, or the Tennessee reconnect grant program.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to tuition discounts.

HB1804 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Prohibits state or local licensing authority from entering into a contract with a lobbyist.

Sponsors: Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Prohibits any licensing authority of this state or any political subdivision to enter into or renew any contract with a lobbyist or a lobbying firm.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to lobbyists.

HB1805 HEALTH CARE: Waiver of initial licensure fees imposed by health related boards.

Sponsors: Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Relieves certain persons of the initial licensure fee imposed by health-related boards and professional regulatory boards.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 49; Title 56; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the waiver of initial licensure fees.

HB1813 EDUCATION: Shared governance model as an intervention strategy for priority schools.

Sponsors: Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Requires the department of education to report to the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house by January 1, 2019, on the feasibility of implementing a shared governance model as an intervention strategy for priority schools.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to shared governance of priority schools.

HB1817 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Post-employment benefits paid to LEA employees.

Sponsors: Rep. Hawk, David

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to post-employment benefits.

HB1821 HEALTH CARE: Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act - exemptions for certain laboratory personnel.

Sponsors: Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Exempts certain laboratory personnel working at a state operated medical laboratory from the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5001; Section 68-1-901; Title 68, Chapter 12; Title 68, Chapter 29; Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 32, relative to the applicability of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act to laboratory personnel working at a laboratory operated by the state.

HB1833 CRIMINAL LAW: 2018 Second Amendment Protections Act- Constitutional Carry

Sponsors: Rep. Reedy, Jay

Summary: Allows for the legal concealment of a firearm without a conceal and carry permit. Gives gunowners without a conceal and carry permit the same protections under the law as those who possess a conceal and carry permit.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

HB1846 HEALTH CARE: Notification of unsafe drinking water at schools.

Sponsors: Rep. Powell, Jason

Summary: Requires parents, guardians, legal custodians, or caregivers of children attending schools to be notified when water sample tests indicate that the lead and copper 90th percentile lead action level at the school has been exceeded.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to safe drinking water.

HB1880 EDUCATION: Public charter school identified as a priority school to develop a school improvement plan.

Sponsors: Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires a public charter school that receives identification as a priority school to develop a school improvement plan and submit it within 90 days of receiving the identification to the department of education and the school's final chartering authority. Revokes or denies renewal by the final chartering authority if the school receives identification as a priority school for two consecutive cycles beginning in 2018.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122, relative to charter schools that receive identification on the priority list.

HB1888 EDUCATION: Auditing of charter management organizations.

Sponsors: Rep. Lollar, Ron

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to audits of charter management organizations.

HB1922 EDUCATION: Providing of results for standardized testing.

Sponsors: Rep. Forgety, John

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to standardized testing.