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Chapter Number	Subject	Abstract	Bill Number
PC 537	Schools, Charter	As enacted, 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 60 days prior to the opening of the charter school.	SB1664
PC 539	Education, State Board of	As enacted, changes the term of the chair of the state board of education from four years to two years.	SB1782
PC 552	Education	As enacted, requires local education agencies to use at least one alternative growth model that has been approved by the board of education for evaluation of teachers in non-tested grades and subjects; requires the department of education to develop alternative student growth models for grade levels and subjects that do not have growth models.	HB0067
PC 553	Education	As enacted, requires that each student in grades K-8 be given an individual Scholars Summer Guide prior to the last day of the school year.	HB0902
PC 554	Education	As enacted, clarifies that a school may satisfy the summer programming requirement for qualification for a community schools grant by providing four weeks of summer programming during consecutive or nonconsecutive weeks.	HB1227
PC 557	Education	As enacted, prohibits alterations to a student's transcript unless the LEA, charter school, or virtual school has a written policy governing transcript alterations; prohibits an LEA from retaliating against an employee who brings unauthorized transcript alterations to the attention of school officials; provides penalty for violation.	HB1527
PC 569	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, authorizes local education agencies to establish recovery high schools.	SB1626
PC 573	Teachers, Principals and School Personnel	As enacted, exempts certain supervisors, principals, and public school teachers from having to take an assessment to advance or renew a teaching license under certain circumstances.	SB1804
PC 592	Education	As enacted, 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.	SB1663

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PC 609	Education, Curriculum	<p>As enacted, requires that instruction on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of child sexual abuse be provided as part of a family life curriculum; provides immunity from a cause of action for such instruction provided by teachers employed by the LEA and certain other instructors in certain circumstances.</p>	SB1510
PC 622	Schools, Charter	<p>As enacted, specifies that the state board of education is the LEA for those charter schools that it authorizes; requires that the state board receive from the department of education or from the LEA in which the charter school is located, as appropriate, an amount equal to the per student state and local funds received by the department or the LEA in which the charter school is located for the students enrolled in a charter school authorized by the state board.</p>	SB1899
PC 625	Local Education Agencies	<p>As enacted, extends homebound instruction to all students, instead of only pregnant students, who have a medical condition that prevents the student from attending regular classes.</p>	SB2017
PC 631	Public Funds and Financing	<p>As enacted, authorizes, under certain circumstances, other post-employment benefits to be paid to local education agency employees who participate in the state's investment trust; makes other related revisions.</p>	SB2241
PC 640	Local Education Agencies	<p>As enacted, enacts the "National Motto in the Classroom Act," which requires each local education agency to display the national motto, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in each school.</p>	SB2661
PC 654	Public Funds and Financing	<p>As enacted, authorizes commissioner of education and state treasurer, instead of the state board of education, to establish operational guidelines for the expenditure of the income from the special trust fund for education; makes other related revisions to the Volunteer Public Education Trust Fund Act of 1985.</p>	SB2193
PC 661	Pensions and Retirement Benefits	<p>As enacted, specifies that nothing in the present law that applies generally to post-employment benefits for public officers and employees prohibits a local education agency from participating in any other post-employment benefits investment trust created pursuant to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Investment Trust Act of 2006.</p>	SB2508

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PC 669	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, allows any LEA, rather than just the Metropolitan Nashville public school system, using the career academy or small learning community model to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes in grades nine through 12; allows an LEA to seek a waiver from the commissioner of education to extend the CTE class size average in grades nine through 12.	HB1569
PC 672	Education, Dept. of	As enacted, prohibits the department and the state board of education from mandating assessments for any grades or subjects beyond those mandated during the 2016-2017 school year until the 2020-2021 school year.	HB1855
PC 687	Taxes, Alcoholic Beverages	As enacted, extends by one year the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions.	HB1499
PC 697	Education, Curriculum	As enacted, revises provisions governing the standards recommendations committees.	SB0574
PC 698	Schools, Charter	As enacted, changes the time period a local board of education has to deny or approve a sponsor's amended application from 30 days to 60 days; changes the time period in which the amended application will be deemed approved if the local board of education fails to deny or approve the amended application from 30 days to 60 days.	SB1407
PC 699	Education	As enacted, revises the date by which the state board of education must require a course in Tennessee history for students from the 2018-2019 school year to the 2019-2020 school year.	SB1471
PC 711	Textbooks	As enacted, revises the appointment process and qualifications for membership on the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission; revises other related provisions; schedules the commission to sunset June 30, 2020.	SB1723
PC 715	Education, Dept. of	As enacted, requires the department to develop, and the state board of education to adopt, a policy establishing a review period for LEAs to review and verify accountability data files and determinations before data files and determinations are released publicly by the department.	SB1805
PC 723	Education, Dept. of	As enacted, requires the department to develop an evidence-based training program on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) for school leaders and teachers.	SB1386

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PC 725	Education	As enacted, removes from education laws obsolete pilot projects and reporting and similar requirements; revises and deletes certain other education-related provisions and reporting requirements.	SB1618
PC 744	Professions and Occupations	As enacted, gives licensing authorities discretion whether or not to suspend, deny, or revoke a license based on the applicant or licensee having defaulted or become delinquent on student loan repayment, if the licensing authority determines that the default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the person from working in the person's licensed field and the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency.	SB2306
PC 747	Witnesses	As enacted, prohibits a court from requiring an educator to be a witness in a civil domestic dispute proceeding if the educator's attendance would cause absence from teaching or supervisory duties in a school unless the court determines the educator's attendance is necessary to ensure fairness.	SB2549
PC 751	Education	As enacted, specifies that, for the 2017-2018 school year, employment termination and compensation decisions for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teachers will not be based solely on data generated by the portfolio model; revises provisions regarding funding and approval for LEAs.	HB1686
PC 767	Education	As enacted, revises provisions governing special education and special education services associations.	HB1870
PC 768	Schools, Charter	As enacted, authorizes the comptroller of the treasury to audit financial transactions of a charter management organization (CMO); requires all CMOs operating a charter school in this state to file an annual financial report with the comptroller of the treasury no later than August 31 of each year.	HB1888
PC 775	Education, Curriculum	As enacted, requires the department and state board of education to provide certain information regarding Bible curricula and courses.	HB2174
PC 777	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, requires LEAs to report certain information to the department of education regarding use of corporal punishment.	HB2331
PC 784	Education	As enacted, revises the Course Access Program Act.	SB1896

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PC 810	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, 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.	SB1803
PC 817	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, revises provisions governing the percentage of student achievement test scores comprising a student's final grade in certain subjects; revises provisions governing situations where certain test scores are not received at least five instructional days before the end of a course.	HB1534
PC 835	Education	As enacted, allows the energy efficient schools council to award grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects to charter schools and the achievement school district in addition to LEAs.	SB1765
PC 844	Education	As enacted, requires the department of education to establish a student support collaborative to review and define the roles and responsibilities for school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, and school nurses; requires the basic education program (BEP) review committee to analyze the addition of a component for school social workers to the BEP funding formula and include such analysis in its 2018 annual report.	SB2196
PC 867	Election Laws	As enacted, requires, if the county election commission has arranged for the use of a public school or a public charter school as a polling place for a regular November election, that the LEA or the public charter school be closed for instruction on the election day; authorizes an LEA or public charter school to choose to be open or closed for instruction on election days other than days on which a regular November election occurs.	HB1344
PC 881	Education	As enacted, establishes requirements to apply in situations where an assessment is misadministered by fault of the assessment provider; establishes other provisions in regard to required assessments and use of data.	HB1981
PC 882	Students	As enacted, directs LEAs to require schools to provide each high school student in grades 9-12 with a Scholars Prep Guide upon registering for a course.	HB1988
PC 886	Teachers, Principals and School Personnel	As enacted, increases, from five days to any accumulated, the amount of sick leave that may be used by an educator who is a member of any reserve component of the United States armed forces when called into active duty.	HB2049

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PC 895	Education	As enacted, requires that each year at least 30 percent, instead of 70 percent, of the items on state assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school be fresh, nonredundant items that did not appear on the tests in the previous two years, instead of the previous four years for grades 3-8 and the previous three years for high school tests.	HB2247
PC 900	Students	As enacted, prohibits the use of corporal punishment against a student with a disability who has an IEP or a Section 504 plan, with certain exceptions.	HB2330
PC 906	Firearms and Ammunition	As enacted, authorizes an LEA to offer a noncompulsory gun safety class or program for students in elementary school; prohibits the use or presence of live ammunition or live fire.	HB2550
PC 907	State Government	As enacted, revises provisions governing the use of leave by state employees.	HB2590
PC 910	Education	As enacted, requires LEAs to provide written notice to a student's parents or legal guardians before the student participates in any mental health screening.	HB2690
PC 920	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, changes the manner for which LEAs using the uniform grading system for lottery scholarship purposes, but another grading system based on quality points for other purposes, must award additional quality points for honors and other advanced courses.	SB2314
PC 935	Education, State Board of	As enacted, requires a director of schools, director of public charter school, or director of a nonpublic school who learns of the conviction of a licensed educator employed by the LEA for certain offenses to report the conviction to the state board; authorizes the state board to reprimand such a director for failure to report; enacts other related provisions.	SB2011
PC 936	Education, State Board of	As enacted, requires the state board of education to develop a policy for transmittal of final disciplinary actions on educator licenses to the national clearinghouse administered by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC); requires the state board to post on its website all of its final disciplinary actions on educator licenses.	SB2012
PC 937	Teachers, Principals and School Personnel	As enacted, revises the teacher code of ethics; requires annual professional development for teachers on the teacher code of ethics; requires teacher preparation programs to include training for all students on the teacher code of ethics.	SB2013

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PC 938	Local Education Agencies	As enacted, prohibits LEAs from entering into a non-disclosure agreement during, or as a prerequisite to, settlement for any act of sexual misconduct; prohibits employees from assisting others in obtaining employment if the employee knows that the person has engaged in sexual misconduct involving a minor or student.	SB2015
PC 946	Education, Dept. of	As enacted, requires the department to establish in at least two public schools a three-year pilot program to improve parent-teacher engagement in any grade from kindergarten through grade two.	SB2571
PC 948	Education	As enacted, provides that any voluntary association that establishes and enforces bylaws or rules for interscholastic sports competition for secondary schools in this state is subject to an annual audit by the comptroller of the treasury; enacts other provisions regarding school athletics associations.	SB2662
PC 958	Students	As enacted, revises and updates law regarding school attendance and truancy and discipline.	HB2376
PC 976	Education	As enacted, enacts the "Tom Cronan Physical Education Act".	SB0558
PC 977	Water Pollution	As enacted, requires each local board of education to develop a policy to implement a program to reduce the potential sources of lead contamination in drinking water in public schools that incorporates periodic, not to exceed biennial, testing of lead levels in drinking water sources at school facilities that were constructed prior to January 1, 1998.	SB0619
PC 983	Child Abuse	As enacted, requires the department of children's services to develop guidelines on the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child; requires the department of education to use the guidelines to identify child abuse training programs appropriate for teachers; requires local education agencies and public charter schools to ensure teachers complete a child abuse training program.	SB1302
PC 991	Education, Curriculum	As enacted, creates a liability framework for an employer that accepts or employs a student who is participating in work-based learning coordinated through the student's LEA or a state institution of higher education, including, but not limited to, Tennessee colleges of applied technology; establishes a qualified work-based learning student grant program.	SB1649

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PC 1004	Victims' Rights	As enacted, requires the secretary of state to establish a crime victim address confidentiality program for victims of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, and sexual offenses; establishes how a substitute address may be used by a program participant in lieu of a confidential address.	SB1935
PC 1006	Education, State Board of	As enacted, revises provisions governing background checks for teachers and other positions requiring proximity to children; requires participation in rap back program; enacts other related provisions.	SB2014
PC 1008	Firearms and Ammunition	As enacted, enacts the "School Safety Act of 2018".	SB2059
PC 1020	Education, Dept. of	As enacted, creates the "Homeless Student Stability and Opportunity Gap Act."	SB2591
PC 1026	Education	As enacted, provides that no adverse action may be taken against any student, teacher, school, or LEA based, in whole or in part, on student achievement data generated from the 2017-2018 TNReady assessments.	HB0075
PC 1028	Education	As enacted, requires all public high schools to place automated external defibrillator (AED) devices in schools; encourages public middle and elementary schools and private schools to place AED devices in schools.	HB0521
PC 1036	Education	As enacted, adds and revises various provisions governing teacher training programs.	HB1694
PC 1052	Juvenile Offenders	As enacted, enacts the "Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018."	HB2271
PC 1053	Public Officials	As enacted, prohibits any official or employee of this state or any political subdivision of this state from accepting an identification document issued or created by any person, organization, county, city, or other local authority, except where expressly authorized to be used for identification purposes by the general assembly to determine a person's identity or residency unless required by federal law; prohibits any local government or law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of any such card or document as a form of identification to be used to determine the identity or residency of any person.	HB2312
PC 1061	Appropriations	As enacted, makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018.	HB2644

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SJR 0593	General Assembly, Directed Studies	Directs the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to study the overall effects on public education relative to having multiple school districts operating in the same county.	4/18/18
SJR 0597	Memorials, Recognition	Tennessee Work Ethic Diploma program	3/5/18
SR 0150	General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position	Urges the Department of Education to include ACT/SAT participation rates for each LEA on the annual report card.	2/23/18
SR 0158	Basic Education Program (BEP)	Confirms proposed changes in the basic education program funding formula.	3/27/18
HR 0192	Basic Education Program (BEP)	Confirms proposed changes in the basic education program funding formula.	4/16/18