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### SB88/HB134 **CRIMINAL LAW: Expunction of certain criminal records.**



Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
Rep. Love Jr., Harold

**Summary:** Permits filing of petitions for record expunctions after three years for misdemeanors and five years for felonies.  
**Amendment:** House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee amendment 1 (013393) changes effective date to July 1, 2020.

**Summary:**  
**Subcommittee:** Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_02.04.20.pdf

**Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 18, 2019) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$2,400,000/One-Time/TBI Exceeds \$6,240,000/One-Time/District Attorneys Expunction Fund Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$4,800,000/One-Time

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/28/19, H: 01/28/19  
**Senate Status:** 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/13/20 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/19/20.

**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32, Part 1, relative to the expunction of certain criminal records.

**AG Opinion:**  
**Last Action Date:** 02/13/20  
**Cosponsors:** Sen. Kyle, Sara;

**Effective Date:**  
**Position:** Neutral  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:**

### SB590/HB626 **MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Record requests that constitute harassment.**



Sen. Haile, Ferrell  
Rep. Lamberth, William

**Summary:** If a person makes a request to view or copy a public record that constitutes harassment, authorizes the records custodian charged with fulfilling the request to petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order to enjoin the person from making records requests and recover fees and costs.

**Amendment:** House Judiciary amendment 1 (007656) allows a records custodian to request relief from filing requests that constitute harassment. Allows a court upon finding that a person's records requests constitute harassment to give a government entity the ability to charge the requestor for future requests for the following one-year period. Requires each state and local government entity to provide basic government information on their website no later than January 1, 2020. Agendas must be available on the website at least 48 hours prior to meetings. Allows a governing body to publish a draft of meeting minutes on their website or otherwise is required to provide contact information for the public to request a copy of meeting minutes. Requires publishing public meeting documents 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Requires basic government information be available at an accessible physical location where copies are readily available at no cost to persons requesting copies 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Authorizes office of open records council to provide guidance to local government entities concerning compliance. Requires the advisory committee on open government provide a report and recommendations on basic government information provided to citizens on government websites to the general assembly by January 1, 2021. Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment 1 (008060) defines "harassment" as requesting to view a person's public records nine times, instead of three times. allows a records custodian to request relief from filing requests that constitute harassment. Allows a court upon finding that a person's records requests constitute harassment to give a government entity the ability to charge the requestor for future requests for the following one-year period. Requires each state and local government entity to provide basic government information on their website no later than January 1, 2020. Agendas must be available on the website at least 48 hours prior to meetings. Allows a governing body to publish a draft of meeting minutes on their website or otherwise is required to provide contact information for the public to request a copy of meeting minutes. Requires publishing public meeting documents 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Requires basic government information be available at an accessible physical location where copies are readily available at no cost to persons requesting copies 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Authorizes office of open records council to provide guidance to local government entities concerning compliance. Requires the advisory committee on open government provide a report and recommendations on basic government information provided to citizens on government websites to the general assembly by January 1, 2021.

**Subcommittee:** Civil\_Justice\_Sub\_04.02.19.pdf

**Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 19, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19

**Senate Status:** 02/12/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/18/20.  
**House Status:** 01/29/20 - Taken off notice in House Judiciary Committee.

**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 29, relative to public records requests.

**AG Opinion:**  
**Last Action Date:** 02/12/20  
**Cosponsors:** Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. White, Mark;

**Effective Date:**  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Priority:**

**Comment:** Legislation seeks to start creating "stonewalling" procedures for citizens seeking to obtain copies of or access to "public" records.

### SB1315/HB1478 **CRIMINAL LAW: Reckless endangerment.**



Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

**Summary:** Revises definition of reckless endangerment to include use of a motor vehicle to harass, injure, or obstruct another person. Establishes penalties for reckless endangerment committed by discharging a firearm into a group of two or more people from a vehicle, or into a vehicle as a fine between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and a five-year revocation of a driver's license following release. Permits petition for a restricted driver's license for people whose license has been revoked under these terms. Clarifies that each person endangered by a reckless endangerment violation constitutes as a separate offense. Requires defendants convicted of reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon to attend anger management class. Establishes the crime of community terrorism as a gang-related offense committed against a population by members of a criminal gang and enhances punishment for crimes falling under this designation.

**Amendment Summary:** House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014391), which deletes and rewrites the bill such that the substantive changes are to: (1) remove mandatory fines associated with certain reckless endangerment offenses; (2) revise the process for issuance of a driver license for individuals convicted of such offenses; (3) specify that the offense of reckless endangerment may be committed individually or in concert with another person; and (4) change the effective date to July 1, 2020.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** Criminal\_Justice\_Subcommittee\_02.04.20.pdf

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$68,700 Incarceration\*

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19

**Senate Status:** 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**House Status:** 02/12/20 - House Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (014391). Sent to House Finance.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to reckless endangerment.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 02/12/20

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Chism, Jesse; Rep. Deberry Jr., John; Rep. Staples, Rick; Rep. White, Mark;

**Effective Date:**

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**SB1571/HB2023 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by inmate relations coordinators or correctional officers.**



Sen. Yager, Ken  
Rep. Windle, John

**Summary:** Requires the secretary of state, in consultation with the commissioner of correction, to issue state identification cards, which serve as proof that the holder is authorized to carry a firearm as law enforcement, to inmate relations coordinators and correctional officers who have completed the appropriate probationary period established by the department of correction, rather than only to those who are vested.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 23, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/14/20, H: 01/30/20

**Senate Status:** 02/13/20 - Senate passed.

**House Status:** 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying firearms.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 02/13/20

**Cosponsors:**

**Effective Date:**

**Position:**

**Priority:** Oppose

**Comment:** This bill creates a special class of civilians when "off duty" based on their job duties. TFA generally opposes any legislation that creates special rights or privileges for civilians when off duty or retired based on their job or prior employment.

**SB1722/HB2368 CRIMINAL LAW: Transportation and storage of firearms in motor vehicles.**



Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

**Summary:** Repeals statute allowing handgun permit carriers to store or transport firearms or ammunition in motor vehicles when parked in private or public parking areas if the items are hidden from view. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/22/20, H: 02/05/20

**Senate Status:** 01/23/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**House Status:** 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to firearms.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 02/10/20

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Clemmons, John;

**Effective Date:**

**Position:**

**Priority:** Oppose

**Comment:** Typical urban Democrat gun control legislation.

**SB1985/HB2027 CRIMINAL LAW: Extends validity of enhanced handgun permits.**



Sen. Stevens, John  
Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Extends the validity of enhanced handgun carry permits issued on or after January 1, 2021 for the duration of the permit holder's life. Requires the department of safety to run a name based criminal history check every five years to determine if the permit holder continues to meet requirements and if not, the department must revoke or suspend the permit. Creates other requirements regarding the suspension of a permit.

*Amendment Summary:*

*Subcommittee Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2020) Decrease State Revenue \$1,785,600/FY20-21/Handgun Permit Division \$3,571,200/Each Year FY21-22 through FY27-28/Handgun Permit Division \$5,875,500/FY28-29/Handgun Permit Division \$8,179,800/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division Increase State Expenditures \$200,000/FY20-21/Handgun Permit Division Decrease State Expenditures \$78,000/FY28-29/Handgun Permit Division \$155,900/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division Decrease Local Revenue \$27,700/FY28-29 \$55,300/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$13,800/FY28-29 \$27,500/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/20, H: 01/30/20

*Senate Status:* 02/03/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permits.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/13/20

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Amend

*Priority:*

*Comment:* This legislation opens a section of the code which addresses the newly renamed enhanced permits. It makes all such permits issued after 1/1/21 "lifetime". TFA believes that this bill could be used, if amended, to make all currently existing and future "enhanced" permits lifetime permits. It should also be amended to make clear that a TN handgun permit does not expire or terminate if the person moves out of state.

**SB2066/HB2590 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows elected officials and county attorneys to carry handguns in buildings with judicial proceedings.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Lundberg, Jon  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Allows an elected official of any county or municipality or county attorney with a valid handgun carry permit, in the actual discharge of official duties, to carry inside a building in which judicial proceedings are in progress, but not in the room in which judicial proceedings are in progress. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:*

*Subcommittee Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/03/20, H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/12/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/18/20.

*House Status:* 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying weapons by certain persons.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/13/20

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* This is another category of bill that creates special rules/procedures for some civilians but not others. It therefore unduly complicates and confuses the law. TFA opposes this legislation on that basis and instead urges the sponsors to repeal the provisions of state law which prohibit citizens, any citizens, from carrying in any public building (TFA would not oppose a restriction on carrying in a room in which court proceedings are currently in progress IF the law required the government to provide secure storage for firearms for those involved in the court proceedings)

**SB2082/HB2113 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Handgun carry permits as a valid form of government-issued photo ID.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Haile, Ferrell  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Grills, Rusty

*Summary:* Requires the acceptance of an enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed handgun carry permit as valid government-issued photo identification in the same manner as a driver license is accepted for purposes of access to goods, facilities, and services.

*Amendment Summary:*

*Subcommittee Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/05/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to handgun carry permits.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. White, Mark;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Support

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2191/HB2258 CRIMINAL LAW: Punishment for theft of a firearm worth less than \$2,500.**



Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Specifies that theft of property is a Class E felony if the property obtained is a firearm worth less than \$2,500. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-105, relative to theft of a firearm.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Sherrell, Paul;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* Tennessee already has a spectrum of criminal charges based on the market value of the items stolen or destroyed. This law proposes to complicate and confuse that criminal standard by increasing penalties based on considerations other than the value of the stolen item(s).

**SB2192/HB2259 CRIMINAL LAW: Requires monthly reporting of certain juvenile justice information to the administrative office of the courts.**



Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Includes a probation violation as part of a delinquent case that resulted in a child being placed on probation. Requires each juvenile court clerk report to the administrative office of the courts each new delinquent case a child is charged including information concerning the child's, case, and information pertaining to services received under the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018. Requires information collected by the administrative office of the courts be kept confidential. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Children & Families Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Children & Families Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to juvenile justice information.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2209/HB2761 EDUCATION: Allows schools to post firearm safety curriculum online.**



Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Ogles, Brandon

*Summary:* Allows an LEA or school that offers a firearm safety class or program to elementary school students to post the curriculum and educational materials on the school's or LEA's website.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 4, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/20 - Referred to House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Education Committee  
House Education Curriculum, Testing & Innovation Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

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

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/11/20

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2236/HB2311 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates a Class C misdemeanor for the sale or transfer of a firearm without a criminal background check.**



Sen. Gilmore, Brenda  
Rep. Stewart, Mike

*Summary:* Creates a Class C misdemeanor for an owner or lawful possessor of a firearm to knowingly advertise, intend to sell or transfer or actually sells or transfers a firearm without first conducting a criminal background check on the person the gun is sold or transferred to.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the sale of firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*  
*Comment:* This proposal would apparently seek to eliminate the long existing state and federal casual sale exemption. It would needlessly complicate the process for an individual to liquidate personal inventory and drive up the costs for doing so.

**SB2240/HB2347 CRIMINAL LAW: Persons prohibited from purchasing or possessing under the laws of another state.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Kyle, Sara

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Clarifies that it is an offense for a person to purchase or possess a firearm in this state if the person has been prohibited from purchasing or possessing under the laws of another state and not just Tennessee law or federal law.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*  
*Comment:* Federal law broadly defines the elements that prohibit a person from purchasing or possessing firearms. Tennessee adopts those standards - even if it should not. However, other states have even more stringent requirements and this law could indirectly Tennessee to be the lowest common denominator of all states when it comes to infringing 2nd Amendment rights.

**SB2262/HB1975 EDUCATION: Automatic revocation of the license of a licensed teacher or administrator.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Gresham, Dolores

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*Summary:* Adds offenses to the list of offenses for which, upon conviction, the state board of education shall automatically revoke a teacher's or administrator's license, including arson or aggravated arson, proving a handgun to juveniles, and child abuse, child neglect or child endangerment.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 01/29/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/13/20 - Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/18/20.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Education Committee

House Education K-12 Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417, relative to automatic revocation of the license of a licensed teacher or administrator.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/13/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Deberry Jr., John; Sen. Dickerson, Steven; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Dunn, Bill; Sen. Haile, Ferrell; Rep. Haston, Kirk; Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Sen. Lundberg, Jon; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. White, Mark;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2265/HB1713 CRIMINAL LAW: Limitations on leaving handguns in unattended motor vehicles or boats.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Kyle, Sara

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Prohibits a person from leaving a handgun in a motor vehicle or boat that is unattended or contains only persons under the age of eighteen, if the firearm is not kept from ordinary observation and is not secured. First violation is punishable by civil penalty of fifty dollars, and second violation is punishable by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars. Authorizes the court to require the person to take a handgun safety course that is approved by the department of safety and to waive the civil penalty.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 01/22/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handguns.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/13/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. White, Mark;

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2274 CRIMINAL LAW: Change of address for handgun permit holder.**

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○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○ Authorizes a handgun permit holder to notify the department of safety of a change of address through electronic means. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55, relative to criminal offenses and procedure.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2276/HB2621 CRIMINAL LAW: Crime of violence definition.**

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Summary: Changes language in the definition of a crime of violence from "especially aggravated rape of a child" to "aggravated rape of a child." Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 9, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/10/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 16; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2280/HB2632 CRIMINAL LAW: Fee for concealed handgun carry permit renewal.**

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Summary: Requires an applicant for a concealed handgun carry permit renewal to pay a \$50 renewal fee.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2020) Increase State Revenue \$782,600/FY27-28 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permit renewals.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/13/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This bill is to correct another serious problem with the 2019 "concealed only" permit where the bill sponsors in 2019 (and those who rushed to support it) completely omitted to include renewal language. The "concealed only" permit should be repealed. If anything, reduce the costs and training requirements of the "enhanced permits" or, better yet, pass constitutional carry in Tennessee!

**SB2288/HB2102 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows students to carry concealed firearms on campus.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Bowling, Janice  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Bricken, Rush

Summary: Allows a student at a public institution of higher education to carry a concealed firearm on property owned, operated or controlled by the institution.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Education Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 49, relative to carrying of firearms on higher education campuses.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Griffey, Bruce;

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:

Comment: Bill should be amended to allow any permit holder to carry a firearm on any school grounds.

**SB2289/HB2103 CRIMINAL LAW: Requirements for concealed handgun carry permits.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Bowling, Janice  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Bricken, Rush

Summary: Increases application and processing fees for a concealed handgun carry permit from \$65 to \$75. Requires funds leftover from collected fees be used by the department of safety to monitor eligibility of permit holders. Removes restriction making a concealed handgun carry permit valid for eight years, instead allowing permits to stay valid for the life of the permit holder. Requires department conduct criminal history checks on permit holders every five years to ensure holders continue to meet permit requirements. Authorizes department to suspend a revoked permit holder's license if 30 days goes by with appropriate notice by the department and the permit has not been sent back by holder. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permits.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:

Comment: Amend or oppose. Repeal the 2019 "concealed only" permit; reduce the fee on the "enhanced" permit; convert all existing and future permits to "lifetime" permits. Better yet, pass constitutional carry in 2020!

**SB2292/HB2492 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Protection of Private Property and Sporting Rights Act**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Bowling, Janice  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: Prohibits a wildlife resources officer from entering any privately owned property unless the officer has a valid search warrant, has written permission of the landowner or the lessee of the property, has observed an illegal act, is there to dispatch crippled or distressed wildlife, or is responding to a report of an emergency or another overt threat to public safety.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20; Title 29; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 70, relative to law enforcement activities by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20  
Cosponsors:  
Effective Date:  
Position: Support  
Priority:  
Comment:

**SB2293/HB2396 MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Disclosure of personal information - donors to 501(c) organizations.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Bowling, Janice  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Prohibits a state or local governmental entity from requiring that a 501 (c) organization provide the entity with personal information or disclose information without the express written consent of every identified member, supporter, volunteer or donor. States that personal information held by the entity is not public record. Allows a person alleging a violation of these rules to bring civil actions against violators, and if found guilty of such violations, requires the court to award all or portions of the the cost of litigation.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate State & Local Government Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to the protection of personal information.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2300/HB2494 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Persons who assist persons who qualify for a license to hunt or fish at no charge or a discount based on having a disability.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Jackson, Ed  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: States that a sportsman's license is not required in order to assist a person with a disability fish or hunt if they meet certain requirements. Allows a person with a disability to designate one person each calendar year.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/12/20 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 02/19/20.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to persons who assist persons who qualify for a license to hunt or fish at no charge or a discount based on having a disability.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/12/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:

Comment: Amend so that a disabled hunter can have an assistant without designation. This would allow a disabled hunter to have more than one annual assistant.

**SB2336 CRIMINAL LAW: Disposition of confiscated weapons.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Rose, Paul  
○○○○○○○○○○○○○

Summary: Expands the type of equipment for which law enforcement agencies and drug task forces may exchange confiscated weapons to include any equipment suitable for use for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to disposition of confiscated weapons.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:



Priority:  
Comment:

**SB2399/HB2663 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of possessing implements for the infliction of serious bodily injury or death.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary: Broadens list of prohibited weapons that results in an offense charge to include a blackjack or stun baton.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302, relative to weapons.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: TFA generally opposes legislation which restricts the discretion of a citizen to select non-lethal weapons for personal defense purposes. This bill could be amended to allow that choice and make it an "aggravated" assault to use such weapons to further an assault or other crime.

**SB2401/HB1668 CRIMINAL LAW: Revises requirements for bounty hunting.**

Sen. Robinson, Katrina  
Rep. Hodges, Jason

Summary: Expands the conditions that disqualify a person from serving as a bounty hunter, including being released or discharged under any circumstances other than an honorable discharge from any of the United States armed forces. Adds additional training requirements to the practice of bounty hunting, including providing proof of completion of an approved course of instruction and training specific to any weapon the bounty hunter carries and proof of completion of an approved course of instruction and training in animal and canine behavior if the bounty hunter maintains a canine or other animal as equipment.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 01/16/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/22/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to bounty hunters.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2420/HB2771 CRIMINAL LAW: Exchange of firearms formerly titled to a law enforcement agency or a drug task force.**

Sen. Rose, Paul  
Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Requires that firearms previously titled to law enforcement can only be exchanged for other firearms, ammunition, or body armor, or equipment suitable for use for legitimate law enforcement purposes by the law enforcement agency.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to disposition of confiscated weapons.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2438/HB2430 TAXES SALES: Exemption - gun safes and gun safety devices.**



Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Exempts from sales tax purchases of gun safes and gun safety devices.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2020) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$321,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$131,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to taxation of gun safes and gun safety devices.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2525/HB2188 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates Class A misdemeanor for possession of certain controlled substances and drug paraphernalia when possessing a firearm.**



Sen. Briggs, Richard  
Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Creates a Class A misdemeanor for possessing a firearm while also in possession of any Schedule I, II, III, or IV controlled substance or drug paraphernalia used in the production of those substances. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: TFA generally opposes any legislation that makes mere possession of a firearm an offense or enhancement. TFA does not generally oppose legislation that increases the penalty if the firearm is used to "further" the underlying crime.

**SB2527/HB2660 CRIMINAL LAW: Use of justifiable force in civil action cases.**



Sen. Stevens, John  
Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Protects defendants using or threatening to use force against any civil actions based on use of justifiable force unless the plaintiff is a law enforcement officer. Requires criminal investigations halt any civil actions against the defendant until the investigation concludes. Requires immunity hearings for civil actions made against a defendant be expedited and requires the court issue a decision within 40 days of the hearing. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Civil Justice Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to justification of force.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Farmer, Andrew; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Wright, Dave;

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2533/HB2414 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Hunting and fishing - exemptions from licensure for persons who are related to owners of farmlands.**



Sen. Southerland, Steve  
Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Extends the exemption from licensure to hunt and fish on farmlands owned by a spouse, parent, or grandparent, to include spouses of children of landowners.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to exemptions from licensure for persons who are related to owners of farmlands.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Griffey, Bruce;


*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Amend

*Priority:*

*Comment:* If the land is being hunted by owners or family members (of any degree) no hunting or fishing license should be required.

**SB2549/HB2397 CRIMINAL LAW: Use of force in self-defense.**

 Sen. Jackson, Ed  
Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Clarifies a person does not have the right to use force as self-defense if they are engaged in conduct that would constitute a felony or Class A misdemeanor.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611, relative to self-defense.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark;


*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Amend

*Priority:*

*Comment:* This bill addresses a problem with existing law where the presumption of self defense under certain circumstances is not available if the person is engaged in any unlawful activity. The court of appeals has held that there does not need to be a connection between the self-defense events and the illegal action such that a zoning violation, a failure to have vehicle insurance, etc., would deprive the person of the self-defense presumption. This bill alters that slightly by eliminating the "any" clause to exclude Class C and Class B misdemeanors. TFA requests that the bill be amended to simply delete the reference to "any unlawful activity" and not substitute another qualifier. The self-defense laws, as written and without that clause, would be entirely adequate.

**SB2554/HB2450 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a deadly weapon.**

 Sen. Jackson, Ed  
Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Requires that a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a deadly weapon to be punished one classification higher than otherwise provided if the violation was committed by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to aggravated assault.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Camper, Karen; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin; Rep. White, Mark;


*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* It should not matter if the firearm is discharged from within a motor vehicle, "on" a motor vehicle, on a bicycle, on a scooter, on a jetski, in a plane, on a horse or elsewhere. The vantage point of the shooter is immaterial - or should be to whether an assault has occurred.

**SB2556/HB2108 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas.**

 Sen. Jackson, Ed  
Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Allows law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas under certain circumstances even when the owner or entity prohibits and restricts the possession of weapons. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/05/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: The bill's inclusion of those carrying pursuant to TCA 39-17-1350 continues the poorly policy concept of creating different classes of civilians who are "off duty" based on their status or employment. Any legislation which differentiates between classes of citizens in the self-defense issue based on what the person did prior to retirement, whether the person served any government role, or whether the person when "on duty" is in some category of law enforcement is a law which denies other citizens the equal right under the law to protect their lives in those same locations.

**SB2614/HB2536 CRIMINAL LAW: Sets punishments for second amendment infringement.**

Sen. Hensley, Joey

Rep. Doggett, Clay

Summary: Allows individuals whose second amendment rights have been infringed upon to enact civil action. Requires persons or government entities violating an individual's second amendment right be liable for actual damages, statutory damages of \$500 per day of violation, punitive damages, or reasonable attorney's fees. Declares a government official who knowingly infringes upon an individual's second amendment rights can be removed from their position.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54 and Title 8, Chapter 47, relative to the Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2716/HB2174 TAXES BUSINESS: Exempts charitable organizations from taxes on tangible property sales.**

Sen. Reeves, Shane

Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Exempts tangible personal property from the sales and use tax when sold by a charitable organization for fundraising purposes.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.

House Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee

House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to charitable organizations.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark;

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2737/HB2333 CRIMINAL LAW: Waives lifetime handgun carry permit fees for certain retired law enforcement officers.**

Sen. Bell, Mike

Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the lifetime handgun carry permit fees be waived for retired law enforcement officers who served for at least 10 years, rather than former law enforcement officers who served for at least 10 years.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 13, 2020) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$15,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20  
 Senate Status: 02/12/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/18/20.  
 House Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.  
 Executive Status:  
 Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
 House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee  
 Public Chapter:  
 Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to handgun carry permits.  
 AG Opinion:  
 Last Action Date: 02/12/20  
 Cosponsors: Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. VanHuss, James;  
 Effective Date:  
 Position: Oppose  
 Priority:  
 Comment:

**SB2801/HB2424 CRIMINAL LAW: Prohibits the sale of firearms to persons who are listed on the federal terrorist watchlist.**

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
 Rep. Beck, Bill

Summary: Prohibits the sale of firearms to persons who are listed on the federal terrorist watchlist.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
 House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, relative to the sale of firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2811/HB2530 CRIMINAL LAW: Expunction related to person's status as a victim of human trafficking.**

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
 Rep. Shaw, Johnny

Summary: Adds that a person filing a petition for expunction of records involving offenses related to the person's status as a victim of human trafficking must not have been convicted of any criminal offense during the one year preceding the petition including any federal offenses or offenses in any other state.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/13/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/18/20.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
 House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32, relative to expunction for certain offenses.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/13/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2825/HB2516 CRIMINAL LAW: Changes to expunction requirements.**

Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
 Rep. Curcio, Michael

Summary: Allows the court clerk to charge up to \$100 for record expunctions. Requires the district attorney general assigned to a case where a person is eligible for expunction inquire on the record whether the person would like to petition for record expunction at no additional charge. Restricts persons patronizing prostitution from a minor or from someone having an intellectual disability from being eligible for expunction. Allows a person to have a conviction for fraudulent use of a debit or credit card for less than \$500 expunged.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
 House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8- 21-401 and Title 40, Chapter 32, relative to expunction.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB2829/HB2900 **CRIMINAL LAW: Requires a judge to inform a defendant if their offense is eligible for expunction.**

Sen. Robinson, Katrina  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires a judge to notify a defendant at the time of sentencing if their conviction is for an eligible for expunction and the time period after which a petition to expunge may be filed.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32; Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3 and Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 2019, relative to expunction.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Sen. Kyle, Sara;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB2830/HB2901 **CRIMINAL LAW: Expunction of criminal defendant sentenced on or after July 1, 2020.**

Sen. Robinson, Katrina  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires a court order the automatic expunction of a defendant's public records of conviction if they meet all requirements and transmit a copy of the order to the district attorney. Creates other requirements regarding automatic expunction. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to expunction.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Sen. Kyle, Sara;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB2887/HB2298 **CRIMINAL LAW: Changes reporting date for TBI on excess cost of background checks.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: Changes from February 1 to January 15 the date by which the TBI is required to provide an annual report to the judiciary committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the amount of money collected from gun dealers to perform background checks in excess of the TBI cost of background checks. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/06/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Section 50-3-201; Section 58-1-112; Section 70-4-123 and Section 70-5-101, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/10/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2888/HB2661 CRIMINAL LAW: Changes regulations for carrying a concealed handgun with a permit.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary: Allows a person to carry a handgun in a concealed manner. Permits a person carrying a handgun in a concealed manner to carry in parks, higher education campuses, and areas posted by local governments in the same manner permitted by handgun carry permit holders.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504; Section 33-6-413; Section 38-8-116; Title 39; Section 50-1-312; Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1 and Section 70-5-101, relative to carrying of firearms in a concealed manner.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Wright, Dave;

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2893/HB2666 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by retired law enforcement.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Removes a provision regarding how the Tennessee POST commission determines if a retired law enforcement officer is eligible to carry a firearm under federal law.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to retired law enforcement.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**HB2896 CRIMINAL LAW: Increases punishment for theft of a firearm.**

Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Increases the penalty for theft of property if the property is a firearm obtained from a law enforcement vehicle valued at less than \$2,500 from a Class A misdemeanor or Class E felony, as applicable based on the value, to a Class D felony.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/11/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Committees: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to criminal law.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/11/20

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**HJR821 CRIMINAL LAW: Discharging of firearms on interstate system and federal highways.**



Rep. Hodges, Jason

*Summary:*

Urges U.S. Attorneys to pursue criminal charges against persons discharging firearms in violation of state or federal laws on the interstate system and other federal highways in Tennessee.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:*

*Senate Status:*

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Executive Status:*

*Committees:* House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:*

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:* 02/10/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Hardaway, G.A.;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*