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Bill Status Report - July 17, 2020 New Laws 2020

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: 03/12/20 - House passed.

Executive Status: 03/24/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0599 effective March 20, 2020.

Committees:

Public Chapter: PC599.pdf

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: 03/24/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Sherrell, Paul;

Effective Date: 03/20/20

Position: Oppose

Priority:

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.

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: 02/24/20 - Senate passed.

House Status: 06/02/20 - House passed.

Executive Status: 06/23/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0681 effective July 1, 2020.

Committees:

Public Chapter: PC681.pdf

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: 06/23/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Curcio, Michael; Rep. Smith, Robin;

Effective Date: 07/01/20

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)

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



Sen. Gresham, Dolores
Rep. Moody, Debra

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: House amendment 1 (014746) deletes and replaces language to the original bill to require that due process rights of licensed teachers or administrators be exhausted or waived before licensure can be revoked for certain criminal offenses.

Subcommittee: K-12_Sub_2.18.2020.pdf

Amendments:

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

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

Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/05/20 - House passed with amendment 1 (014746).

Executive Status: 04/02/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0629 effective July 1, 2020.

Committees:

Public Chapter: PC629.pdf

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: 04/02/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Beck, Bill; Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Calfee, Kent; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Coley, Jim; Rep. Deberry Jr., John; Sen. Dickerson, Steven; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Dunn, Bill; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Faison, Jeremy; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Sen. Haile, Ferrell; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Haston, Kirk; Rep. Helton, Esther; Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Hodges, Jason; Rep. Howell, Dan; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Sen. Lundberg, Jon; Rep. Ogles, Brandon; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. Smith, Robin; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Thompson, Dwayne; Rep. Tillis, Rick; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Weaver, Terri; Rep. White, Mark; Sen. White, Dawn; Rep. Zachary, Jason;

Effective Date: 07/01/20

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

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: Senate amendment 1 (015496) rewrites this bill. Present law specifies that the wildlife enforcement authority does not permit search or inspection of a person's dwelling or place of business without a search warrant. This amendment adds "interior of an automobile" to those listed places for which the present law does not permit a search or inspection without a warrant.

Subcommittee Amendments: Constitutional_Protections_and_Sentencing_Subcommittee_05.27.20.pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2020) Decrease State Revenue - \$1,513,800/Wildlife Resources Fund

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

Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015496).

House Status: 06/18/20 - House passed.

Executive Status: 07/17/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0799 effective July 15, 2020.

Committees:

Public Chapter: PC799.pdf

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: 07/17/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Faison, Jeremy; Sen. Powers, Bill; Sen. Stevens, John;

Effective Date: 07/15/20

Position: Support

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: 02/24/20 - Senate passed.

House Status: 06/08/20 - House passed.

Executive Status: 07/02/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0737 effective June 22, 2020.

Committees:

Public Chapter: PC737.pdf

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: 07/02/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Powell, Jason; Sen. Rose, Paul;

Effective Date: 06/22/20

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.

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: House amendment 1 (018095) changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

Senate Status: 06/10/20 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1 (018095).

House Status: 06/09/20 - House passed with amendment 1 (018095), which changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

Executive Status: 07/02/20 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0746 effective October 1, 2020.

