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Bill Status Report - February 26, 2021

SB15/HB7 HEALTH CARE: Powers of county mayor during a county-wide health emergency.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Specifies that the county mayor has the authority to establish and implement health policies that affect the entire county during a county-wide health emergency. Directs the county health director, health officer, and board of health to provide advice to the mayor to develop the policies. Applies only in Shelby, Davidson, Knox, Hamilton, Sullivan, and Madison counties.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee:

Amendments:

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

Intro Dates: S: 01/12/21, H: 01/12/21

Senate Status: 01/13/21 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Health Committee 03/03/21.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6, relative to public health emergencies.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Carringer, Michele; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Faison, Jeremy; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Howell, Dan; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Lafferty, Justin; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. Smith, Robin; Rep. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Wright, Dave;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB19/HB864 CRIMINAL LAW: Assault against a first responder includes nurses.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Chism, Jesse

Summary: Adds nurses to the assault against a first responder who is discharging or attempting to discharge official duties statute.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee:

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 01/12/21, H: 02/10/21

Senate Status: 02/25/21 - Set for Senate Floor 03/01/21.

House Status: 02/20/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB189/HB50 CRIMINAL LAW: 2021 Defense Doctrine.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Ogles, Brandon

Summary: Expands definition of duress to include grave sexual abuse. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (003721) renames the bill as the "2020 Defense Doctrine." Changes a reference from the police officer standards and training commission to the peace officer standards and training commission.

Subcommittee: Criminal_Justice_Subcommittee_02.24.21.pdf

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 13, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/08/21, H: 01/12/21

Senate Status: 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 03/03/21.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB227/HB103 EDUCATION: Firearm safety instructions for students.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Ogles, Brandon
Summary: Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, requires each local education agency and public charter school to provide students with age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction on firearm safety.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 12, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates: S: 02/08/21, H: 01/12/21
Senate Status: 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.
House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Education Instruction Subcommittee 03/02/21.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to firearm safety instruction.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position: Support
Priority: 2 - Second-tier
Task:
Comment:

SB262/HB1594 CRIMINAL LAW: Waives certain gun carry permit fees for retired military.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe
Summary: Waives an enhanced handgun carry permit's application fee for retired members of the military who are residents of the state. Broadly captioned.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/08/21, H: 02/25/21
Senate Status: 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/25/21 - Introduced in the House
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption:
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position: Neutral
Priority:
Task:
Comment: While this is a popular topic for legislators, the fact is that bills like this do not waive any fees. Instead, these bills are shifting the costs of these programs and services to other applicants or taxpayers.

SB286/HB543 CRIMINAL LAW: Renewing of handgun carry permits.

Sponsors: Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Powers, Dennis
Summary: Authorizes county clerk to renew a handgun carry permit holder's permit as long as it is in their county of residence. Requires the department of safety to contract with county clerk offices for the provision of any service related to the renewal of handgun carry permits. Broadly captioned.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/08/21, H: 02/08/21
Senate Status: 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Withdrawn in House.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to handgun carry permits.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position: Neutral
Priority:
Task:
Comment: This bill, as filed, does not seem to have any problem that it resolves. The Department of Safety now seems to allow renewals to be handled by online services. Accordingly, requiring county clerks to be involved may do nothing more than increase the administrative costs for only minor increase, if any, in services.

SB318/HB18 CRIMINAL LAW: Open or concealed carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce
Summary: Creates exceptions to the offense of open or concealed carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed for any person legally in possession and not prohibited from possessing a firearm. Converts existing defenses to be exceptions. Broadly captioned.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/08/21, H: 01/12/21
Senate Status: 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/03/21.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:

Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 50 and Title 70, relative to the carrying of firearms.
AG Opinion:	
Cosponsors:	Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Campbell, Scotty; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Garrett, Johnny; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Rudd, Tim; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Warner, Todd; Rep. Weaver, Terri;
Effective Date:	
Position:	Support
Priority:	1 - Top-tier
Task:	
Comment:	This is a constitutional carry bill and is a refiled version of one pending in 2020. It would improve current law by creating an exception to a criminal charge.

SB412/HB1588 CRIMINAL LAW: Issuance of extreme risk protection orders.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda, Rep. Camper, Karen
Summary: Allows a court to issue an extreme risk protection order upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant risk of harm to the person or others if allowed to possess or purchase a firearm. Authorizes a law enforcement officer or family or household member to petition for such an order. Specifies that a petitioner seeking an extreme risk protection order is not required to be represented by an attorney and the court shall not award attorney fees to any party in any proceeding under this part. Specifies other requirements for issuance of an extreme risk protection order (15 pp).

Amendment**Summary:****Subcommittee****Amendments:****Fiscal Note:****Intro Dates:** S: 02/08/21, H: 02/25/21**Senate Status:** 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.**House Status:** 02/25/21 - Introduced in the House**Executive Status:****Public Chapter:****Caption:****AG Opinion:****Cosponsors:****Effective Date:****Position:** Oppose**Priority:** 1 - Top-tier**Task:****Comment:** RED FLAG Law if enacted as filed. This bill must be defeated.**SB434/HB477 CRIMINAL LAW: Off duty law enforcement officers carrying firearms into certain locations.**

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul, Rep. White, Mark
Summary: Clarifies that a law enforcement officer is not prohibited from carrying a firearm into certain locations regardless of whether the officer is on or off duty. Clarifies that the exemption to the ban on weapons in parks and other similar places for a law enforcement officer applies regardless of whether the officer is on duty. Requires signage in such places to state, "All law enforcement officers are exempt."

Amendment**Summary:****Subcommittee****Amendments:****Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 4, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT**Intro Dates:** S: 02/08/21, H: 02/08/21**Senate Status:** 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.**House Status:** 02/23/21 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to 03/09/21.**Executive Status:****Public Chapter:****Caption:****AG Opinion:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms.**Cosponsors:****Effective Date:****Position:** Amend**Priority:****Task:****Comment:** The TN Supreme Court has held that off duty officers are not special classes of citizens but are simply citizens when not engaged in the official discharge of duties. TFA would prefer to see this bill amended to make clear that those citizens who have the "enhanced permits" are at a minimum given the same scope to carry that other citizens - who happen to be law enforcement officers when "on the job" - have.**SB543/HB661 CRIMINAL LAW: Audit of handgun permit application fees.**

Sponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill, Rep. Mannis, Eddie
Summary: Deletes requirement that the comptroller of the treasury must conduct an annual audit of the TBI regarding the bureau's receipt and use of the \$15 portion of the handgun carry permit application fee to be used exclusively for updating and maintaining the fingerprint criminal history database.

Amendment**Summary:****Subcommittee****Amendments:****Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT**Intro Dates:** S: 02/10/21, H: 02/10/21**Senate Status:** 02/25/21 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/02/21.**House Status:** 02/20/21 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.**Executive Status:****Public Chapter:****Caption:****AG Opinion:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to the audit of handgun permit application fees.**Cosponsors:****Effective Date:****Position:** Neutral**Priority:****Task:****Comment:** Bill, as filed, would require annual audit of TDOS financial records to make sure that the \$15 added to the handgun permit is used for purposes set forth in TCA 39-17-1351(p)

SB647/HB1393 CRIMINAL LAW: Restoration of suffrage with a plan to pay restitution.

Sponsors: Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Shaw, Johnny
Summary: Allows persons to be eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have their right to suffrage restored if they have agreed on a plan to pay the full amount of required restitution in installments and is current on their payments. Broadly captioned.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/10/21, H: 02/24/21
Senate Status: 02/11/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Introduced in the House
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption:
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB675/HB888 CRIMINAL LAW: Fees for expunction.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Curcio, Michael
Summary: Allows a clerk to charge a fee of less than \$100 for expunction. Expands the offenses for which expunction is permitted.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/10/21, H: 02/11/21
Senate Status: 02/11/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/03/21.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8- 21-401 and Title 40, relative to expunction.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Lamberth, William;
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB765/HB786 CRIMINAL LAW: Handgun carry permits and offenses involving handguns.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Creates an exemption for unlawful carrying of a firearm if the person meets the qualifications for an enhanced handgun carry permit, lawfully possesses the handgun and is in a place where they have a right to be. Clarifies that a person who has a valid enhanced handgun carry permit, a concealed handgun carry permit or lawfully carries a handgun is allowed to transport and store a firearm and ammunition in their vehicle. Changes the requirements for carrying a handgun carry permit to only being required to do so when carrying a handgun in a location or manner that would otherwise be prohibited if not for the person's status as a permit holder. Upgrades the charge of theft of a firearm from a class A misdemeanor to a class E felony for thefts valued at less than \$2,500. Changes the sentence for theft of a firearm from no less than 30 days confinement to no less than 180 days confinement. Allows the court to consider if an offense involved the theft of a firearm from a motor vehicle as a sentence enhancement factor. Establishes that for certain firearms offenses there is to be no release eligibility before the offender serves 85 percent of their sentence. Part of Administration Package.

Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/10/21, H: 02/10/21
Senate Status: 02/25/21 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/02/21.
House Status: 02/25/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 03/03/21.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Terry, Bryan;
Effective Date:
Position: Neutral
Priority: 1 - Top-tier
Task:
Comment: This bill appears to be the refiled version of the Governor's crime package from 2020 that had in it provisions which would create an "exception" to a charge of illegal possession if a) meets the qualifications for obtaining a state enhanced handgun permit (i.e., this does not apply to all who can legally possess a firearm), b) the person lawfully possess the handgun and c) the person is in a place where they have a right to be.

SB851 CRIMINAL LAW: Off duty law enforcement officer on school grounds and in possession of firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark ,
Summary: Removes the requirement for off-duty law enforcement officers to notify the principal or administrative staff person if carrying a firearm on to school grounds. Changes the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of restrictions on law enforcement officers' ability to carry a firearm to specify that the officer must currently be in good standing.

Amendment
Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309 and Section 39-17-1350, relative to law enforcement officers.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB855/HB603 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of handguns in public park.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Calfee, Kent

Summary: Authorizes handgun carry permit holders to carry handguns within a public park. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/10/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/21 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504; Section 33-6-413; Section 38-8-116; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50; Section 58-1- 112 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Ragan, John;

Effective Date:

Position: Neutral

Priority:

Task:

Comment: As written, the bill appears to be a technical cleanup of the public parks restrictions on permit holders.

SB876/HB373 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Installation of monitoring devices on privately owned property.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Casada, Glen

Summary: Prohibits wildlife resources officers from entering private property to install monitoring device without a search warrant, order for electronic surveillance, or written permission of the landowner or lessee of the property.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/08/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status: 02/24/21 - Failed in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to evidence.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Task:

Comment: TFA's supports bill as written.

SB890/HB1018 CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal history check every four years for persons issued a concealed handgun carry permit.

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

Summary: Requires the department of safety to do a name-based criminal history record check on concealed handgun carry permit holders every 4 years after they obtain the permit and revoke individuals' permits if they violate state or federal law prohibiting them from carrying a firearm.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB894/HB1141 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Published regulations involving cooperative agreements between the TWRA and federal agencies.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Grills, Rusty
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 70, relative to the wildlife resources agency.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB896/HB1186 ESTATES & TRUSTS: Makes various changes to laws regarding trusts.

Sponsors: Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Garrett, Johnny
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 35, relative to trusts.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB935/HB1273 CRIMINAL LAW: Leaving a firearm unattended in a motor vehicle or boat.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Powell, Jason
Summary: Creates a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a minimum 500 dollar fine for individuals who leave firearm ammunition or a firearm loaded or unloaded in a motor vehicle or boat while not being present, if the firearm or ammunition is not secured in the trunk, utility, or glove box, or a locked container securely affixed to such motor vehicle or boat.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to preventing the theft of firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position: Oppose
Priority: 2 - Second-tier
Task:
Comment: Bill creates a Class A misdemeanor for leaving a firearm in a vehicle under certain conditions. Bill seeks to regulate ownership and use personal property.

SB939/HB1292 CRIMINAL LAW: Issuance of emergency protection orders.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Johnson, Gloria
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to emergency protection orders.
AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB946/HB1321 CRIMINAL LAW: Creates a Class C felony of reckless endangerment.

Sponsors: Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
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:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1003/HB26 CRIMINAL LAW: Changes qualifications for disqualifying use of force in self-defense.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Todd, Chris
Summary: Changes the parameters of disqualifying actions from "unlawful activity" to "conduct that would constitute a felony or Class A misdemeanor" in justifying use of force in self-defense.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated December 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 01/12/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/13/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611, relative to self-defense.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Rep. Alexander, Rebecca; Rep. Calfee, Kent; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Williams, Ryan;
Effective Date:
Position: Support
Priority:
Task:
Comment: TFA supports this bill but would like to see it amended to eliminate inclusion of any misdemeanor matters or nonviolent felonies.

SB1039/HB1159 CRIMINAL LAW: Court scheduling priority for a juvenile illegally in possession of a firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Stewart, Mike
Summary: Requires that allegations regarding a juvenile illegally in possession of a firearm be given priority in court scheduling and be heard as soon as realistically possible.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to juveniles in possession of firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1040/HB1160 CRIMINAL LAW: Illegal transfer of a firearm.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Stewart, Mike
Summary: Creates the offense of illegal transfer of a firearm to a prohibited possessor. Specifies that this occurs when a person intentionally transfers a firearm to someone they know or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law. Includes an exemption for when the person receiving a firearm is only prohibited from possessing a firearm due to their age and the transfer is for a limited period of time under the transferor's supervision for the purposes of firearms instruction, hunting or sport shooting. States that the offense is a class A misdemeanor.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the transfer of firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1041/HB1161 CRIMINAL LAW: Purchasing of a firearm from seller that is not a licensed gun dealer.

Sponsors: Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Stewart, Mike
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1142/HB1171 CRIMINAL LAW: Validity of temporary handgun carry permits.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Extends the validity of temporary handgun carry permits issued to those granted an order of protection from 60 days from the date of issuance to 90 days from the date of issuance. Broadly captioned.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/22/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty;
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1148/HB25 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows stay of proceedings in certain cases of use of force.

Sponsors: Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Todd, Chris
Summary: Allows a person who uses justifiable force against another to request a stay of proceedings until the criminal investigation concludes. Allows for an immunity hearing. Broadly captioned.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated December 15, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 01/12/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 01/27/21 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to justification of force.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Rep. Calfee, Kent; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Williams, Ryan;
Effective Date:
Position: Support
Priority: 1 - Top-tier
Task:
Comment: If has an existing civil immunity statute but it needs important improvements. This bill brings substantial improvements that existing statute. This is a bill that was refiled from 2020.

SB1184/HB981 CRIMINAL LAW: Punishment for reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon.

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Gillespie, John

Summary: Establishes that reckless endangerment by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle during a road rage incident is a class D felony. Defines "road rage incident" as aggressive behavior of a driver towards another driver or drivers on a public road, includes menacing, gestures, yelling, honking excessively and throwing objects.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2, relative to reckless endangerment.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1293 TAXES SALES: Exemption - gun safes and gun safety devices.

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbro, Jeff ,

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

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

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:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1333/HB899 JUDICIARY: Creates civil action against government entity that violates a person's right to bear arms.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay

Summary: Establishes that it is a violation of an individual's civil rights for a government entity or official to infringe or deny an individual's rights to carry a firearm as established in the United States and Tennessee constitutions. Clarifies that it is not a violation of rights for a government entity or official to enforce laws within their scope unless the law has been found to violate either the United States or Tennessee constitutions. Establishes that violation of this is cause for civil action against the county, can be punished as official oppression and can be grounds for an ouster.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

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:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1334/HB902 CRIMINAL LAW: Department of safety annual report on handgun carry permits provided electronically.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay

Summary: Authorizes the department of safety to provide its annual report on handgun carry permits to the members of the general assembly electronically. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/22/21 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 50 and Title 70, relative to weapons.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1335/HB928 CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Campbell, Scotty
Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act," which declares any federal law, treaty, executive order or other regulation that violates the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution null and unenforceable in the state. Prohibits the state and all political subdivisions from using public resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with the enforcement of any such regulation. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/11/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/11/21 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to the Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Reedy, Jay;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1380/HB1406 CRIMINAL LAW: Establishing new policies regarding the use of force by law enforcement.

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Curcio, Michael
Summary: Prohibits the use of chokeholds by law enforcement unless the officer reasonably believes that deadly force is necessary. Changes the curriculum at state law enforcement training facilities to reflect the banning of chokeholds. Requires each law enforcement agency to develop a policy regarding de-escalation and train officers on de-escalation techniques. Establishes a duty to intervene for officers that witness or have knowledge of other officers using excessive force. Requires law enforcement agencies to develop a use of force reporting system designed to identify trends and provide timely information. Prohibits the issuance of no-knock warrants.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/24/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/24/21 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1391/HB1388 CRIMINAL LAW: Unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Todd, Chris

Summary:

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/24/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/24/21 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Grills, Rusty;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SB1470/HB1248 CRIMINAL LAW: Theft of a firearm from a law enforcement vehicle.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne

Summary: Establishes that theft of a firearm out of a law enforcement vehicle is a class D felony regardless of the value of the firearm.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 02/22/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-105, relative to theft.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors: Rep. Hardaway, G.A.;
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1486/HB1438 CRIMINAL LAW: Situations that permit an expungement of criminal records.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Lamar, London
Summary:
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: H: 02/24/21
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/24/21 - Introduced in the House
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption:
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1513 CRIMINAL LAW: TBI report on excess funds collected in conducting background checks for handgun carry permit fees.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice ,
Summary: Changes from February 1 to March 1 the due date for the TBI's annual report to the general assembly on the amount of money collected for handgun carry permit fees in excess of the costs associated with conducting background checks. Broadly captioned.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates:
Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 49; Section 50-1-312; Title 55 and Title 70, relative to firearms.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1517/HB1116 TAXES SALES: Exempts sales of gun safes from sales and use tax.

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Hurt, Chris
Summary: Exempts sales of gun safes from sales and use tax.
Amendment
Summary:
Subcommittee
Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: H: 02/11/21
Senate Status: 02/23/21 - Referred to Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.
House Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
Executive Status:
Public Chapter:
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to purchases of gun safes.
AG Opinion:
Cosponsors:
Effective Date:
Position:
Priority:
Task:
Comment:

SB1608/HB159 CRIMINAL LAW: Personal Privacy Protection Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Williams, Ryan
Summary: Prohibits public agencies from requiring an individual, 501(c)s, or contractors with the agency to provide personal information. Establishes protections for personal information confidential and not an open record. Creates a civil cause of action and criminal offense for violations. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 13, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 01/14/21

Senate Status: 02/22/21 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 01/14/21 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 12; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to privacy.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Neutral

Priority:

Task:

Comment:

SJR1 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - selection of attorney general and reporter.

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken ,

Summary: Proposes amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the state constitution to provide for the selection of the attorney general and reporter for the state with nomination by the supreme court and confirmation by the general assembly.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2021) Increase Local Expenditures Up to \$10,000/FY22-23*

Intro Dates: S: 01/12/21

Senate Status: 02/25/21 - Set for Senate Floor 03/01/21.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority: 2 - Second-tier

Task:

Comment: TFA does not support the concept of an appointed attorney general even as proposed in this legislation. TFA supports and calls for the enactment of laws that allow the people of this state to elect an attorney general (or similar office) to ensure that the loyalty of such individual and office is first to the people of the state of Tennessee.

SJR10 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - powers of governor during a disability.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky ,

Summary: Proposes an amendment to Article II and Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to provide for the exercise of the powers and duties of the governor during disability.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 26, 2021) Increase Local Expenditures Up to \$10,000/FY22-23*

Intro Dates: S: 01/12/21

Senate Status: 02/25/21 - Set for Senate Floor 03/01/21.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

Comment: