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Calendar Report February 21, 2021

Bills on notice for hearing starting February 12

Tue 2/23/21 9:00am - House Hearing Rm II, House Civil Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); M. Carter (R); J. Clemmons (D); M. Curcio (R); J. Garrett (R); B. Griffey (R); B. Ogles (R); A. Parkinson (D); B. Ramsey (R) PHONE: 615-741-1100 ext. 44648 EMAIL: john.gleason@capitol.tn.gov

2. **HB477 CRIMINAL LAW: Off duty law enforcement officers carrying firearms into certain locations.** 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: 02/18/21 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 02/23/21. Tue 2/16/21 9:00am - CANCELED, House Civil Justice Subcommittee; Tue 2/23/21 9:00am - House Hearing Rm II, House Civil Justice Subcommittee; Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

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.

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SB434 - P. Rose - 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Tue 2/23/21 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate State & Local Government Committee

The committee will have budget hearings by the TN Historical Commission, Alcohol Beverage Commission, Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, TN Human Rights Commission and the TN Housing Development Agency. MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Briggs (R); VICE CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Walley (R); E. Jackson (R); B. Kelsey (R); S. Reeves (R); D. White (R); K. Yager (R); J. Yarbro (D) PHONE: (615) 741-7891 EMAIL: rhatt.pratt@capitol.tn.gov

2. **SJR10 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - powers of governor during a disability.** 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: 02/18/21 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/23/21.

House Status: Tue 2/9/21 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee; Tue 2/16/21 1:30pm - CANCELED, Senate State & Local Government Committee; Tue 2/23/21 10:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate State & Local Government Committee; Senate State & Local Government Committee ;

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Task:

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Tue 2/23/21 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Health Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Ramsey (R); C. Boyd (R); D. Byrd (R); B. Freeman (D); M. Hall (R); D. Jernigan (D); S. Kumar (R); P. Marsh (R); P. Sherrell (R); R. Smith (R); B. Terry (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 44987 EMAIL: judy.narramore@capitol.tn.gov

4. **HB7** **HEALTH CARE: Powers of county mayor during a county-wide health emergency.** 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:** 02/18/21 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/23/21. Tue 2/16/21 12:00pm - CANCELED, House Health Subcommittee; Tue 2/23/21 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Health Subcommittee; Senate Health & Welfare Committee ; House Health Subcommittee ;**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. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Wright, Dave;**Effective Date:****Position:****Priority:****Task:****Comment:****rows:**

SB15 - M. Bell - 01/13/21 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

Tue 2/23/21 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

The committee will have budget hearings by the Attorney General & Reporter and the TN Office of the Post-Conviction Defender. MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Bell (R); VICE CHAIR J. Lundberg (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR D. White (R); J. Bowling (R); T. Gardenhire (R); S. Kyle (D); K. Roberts (R); K. Robinson (D); J. Stevens (R) PHONE: (615) 741-7821 EMAIL: matthew.cook@capitol.tn.gov

6. **SB19** **CRIMINAL LAW: Assault against a first responder includes nurses.** Adds nurses to the assault against a first responder who is discharging or attempting to discharge official duties statute.

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B.**Amendment Summary:****Subcommittee Amendments:****Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 26, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT**Intro Dates:** S: 01/12/21, H: 02/10/21**Senate Status:** 02/18/21 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/23/21.**House Status:** 02/10/21 - Introduced in the House Tue 2/23/21 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee; Senate Judiciary Committee ;**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:****rows:**

HB864 - J. Chism - 02/10/21 - Introduced in the House

Wed 2/24/21 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Doggett (R); B. Beck (D); M. Curcio (R); A. Farmer (R); B. Griffey (R); G. Hardaway (D); D. Howell (R); W. Lamberth (R); D. Moody (R); L. Russell (R); J. Sexton (R) PHONE: 615-741-1100 ext. 44648 EMAIL: john.gleason@capitol.tn.gov

6. **HB50** **CRIMINAL LAW: 2021 Defense Doctrine.** Expands definition of duress to include grave sexual abuse. Broadly captioned.

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Amendment Summary:**Subcommittee 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:** 02/18/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/24/21. Wed 2/17/21 5:00pm - CANCELED, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Wed 2/24/21 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;**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:****rows:**

SB189 - J. Bowling - 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

10. **HB373 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Installation of monitoring devices on privately owned property.** 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.
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- Amendment Summary:**
Subcommittee Amendments:
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 5, 2021) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Intro Dates: S: 02/11/21, H: 02/08/21
Senate Status: 02/11/21 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status: 02/18/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/24/21. Wed 2/17/21 5:00pm - CANCELED, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Wed 2/24/21 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
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.
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SB876 - J. Stevens - 02/11/21 - Introduced in the Senate
19. **HB786 CRIMINAL LAW: Handgun carry permits and offenses involving handguns.** 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.
- Lambert
W.
- Amendment Summary:**
Subcommittee Amendments:
Fiscal Note:
Intro Dates: S: 02/10/21, H: 02/10/21
Senate Status: 02/11/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status: 02/18/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/24/21. Wed 2/24/21 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
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;
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.
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SB765 - J. Johnson - 02/11/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
23. **HB18 CRIMINAL LAW: Open or concealed carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed.** 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.
- Griffey B.
- 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: 02/18/21 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/24/21. Wed 2/24/21 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
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: Rep. Campbell, Scotty; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Garrett, Johnny; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Warner, Todd;
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.
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SB318 - J. Hensley - 02/10/21 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.