



TFA 2024 Legislation

Bill Status Report - Introductions

SB1579 CRIMINAL LAW: Purchase of a firearm by persons convicted of felony theft of a firearm.



Sen. Lowe, Adam

Summary: Makes persons convicted of felony theft of a firearm permanently ineligible to purchase firearms in this state. Makes exceptions for persons who were pardoned for the offense or had the conviction set aside.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 11/30/23 - Filed for Introduction

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to theft of firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This proposed legislation appears to be likely unconstitutional under the United States Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, No. 20-843. The legislation fails the TFA's "Bruen Basis" test. For the "Bruen Basis" test, please see TFA's website at <https://tennesseefirearms.com/2023/12/gun-owners-need-to-be-prepared-to-demand-that-legislators-demonstrate-a-bruen-basis-for-their-legislative-proposals/>

SB1652/HB1712 CRIMINAL LAW: Issuance of risk protection order.

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Summary: Permits a court to issue a risk protection order upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to the person or others if allowed to possess or purchase a firearm. Specifies that a petition for a risk protection order must be filed in the county where the petitioner's law enforcement office is located, as applicable, or the county where the respondent resides. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to petition for the risk protection order (17 pp.).

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 36; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to orders of protection.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i> Oppose</p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i> This proposed legislation appears to be likely unconstitutional under the United States Supreme Court's decision in <i>New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen</i>, No. 20-843. The legislation fails the TFA's "Bruen Basis" test. For the "Bruen Basis" test, please see TFA's website at https://tennesseefirearms.com/2023/12/gun-owners-need-to-be-prepared-to-demand-that-legislators-demonstrate-a-bruen-basis-for-their-legislative-proposals/</p>
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SB1654/HB1713 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of knowingly transferring a firearm to a person prohibited from possessing a firearm.

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Summary: Creates the Class A misdemeanor offense of knowingly giving, selling, lending, delivering, or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person when the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1655/HB1714 CRIMINAL LAW: Dispossession of firearm by a domestic assault offender.

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Summary: Requires a domestic assault offender who transferred possession of a firearm to a third party in order to dispossess the firearm to submit to the court an affidavit of firearms receipt in which the third party attests that the third party may lawfully possess a firearm, has received the firearm from the defendant, and accepts responsibility for possession of the firearm. Requires the administrative office of the courts to develop the affidavit of firearms receipt form.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 39, relative to dispossession of firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>
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SB1657/HB1846 HEALTH CARE: Reporting on firearm injuries and deaths.

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Summary: Requires the department of health to make an annual report to the governor on the total number of firearm injuries and deaths in this state per 100,000 people. Requires the attorney general and reporter to assist the department, upon request, in collecting information necessary for the report.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Filed for Introduction

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 39; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to reporting on firearm injuries and deaths.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>
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SB1661/HB1707 MISCELLANEOUS: Charitable Solicitations Act.

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Summary: Revises various provisions regarding the regulation of charitable solicitations regarding the age of organization to be regulated, public contributions, and tax exemption status. Allows a civil penalty to be assessed if violations occur.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, Chapter 101, Part 5, relative to charitable organizations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1662/HB1708 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Charitable organization fees and reporting.

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Summary: Changes certain fees payable to the secretary of state by certain charitable organizations from \$50 to \$10. Increases from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 the amount of gross revenue received during a fiscal year to trigger certain reporting requirements. Assesses a late fee of \$25 per month on certain financial reports that are not timely filed.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 17, Part 1 and Title 48, Chapter 101, Part 5, relative to charitable organizations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>
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SB1669/HB1651 LOTTERY: Application by nonprofit organization to operate a charitable gaming event.

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Summary: Establishes a five-day period after the effective date of this act during which a nonprofit organization may apply to operate a charitable gaming event during the annual period beginning July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2024.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 17, relative to charitable gaming.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1679/HB1644 EDUCATION: Policy for responding to fire alarm activated on school premises outside of a scheduled fire drill.

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Summary: Requires each LEA, public charter school, private school, and church-related school to develop a policy to direct how students, teachers, and staff are to respond when a fire alarm is activated on school premises outside of a scheduled fire drill to protect students, teachers, and staff in the event the fire alarm was activated due to the presence of an active shooter on school premises. Requires each LEA to coordinate with appropriate safety teams to incorporate the procedure. Specifies that the procedure must be implemented no later than July 1, 2024.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 49, relative to safety precautions taken in response to potential active shooter situations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>
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SB1685/HB1738 TENNCARE: Expanding medicaid to provide gun violence prevention services.

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Summary: Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid eligibility solely for the purpose of providing gun violence prevention services. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to expanding medicaid to provide gun violence prevention services.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1686 CRIMINAL LAW: County legislative body - passage of resolution regarding carrying of handguns.

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Summary: Authorizes a county legislative body to elect not to permit persons within the county to lawfully carry a handgun without a handgun carry permit by passage of a resolution. Requires a county that has passed such a resolution to provide notice to persons present within the county by posting notice of the resolution in conspicuous public locations throughout the county.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1693 CRIMINAL LAW: Creation of an office of gun violence prevention.

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Summary: Creates an office of gun violence prevention within the department of safety with the goal of collecting and analyzing gun violence data in this state to develop and implement strategies to prevent gun violence and mass shootings. Places the office in sunset review in 2027. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38; Title 39; Title 47 and Title 68, relative to gun violence.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1695/HB1667 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Firearm regulation by local governments.

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Summary: Authorizes local governments to regulate the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied. Applies in counties having a population greater than 98,800, according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/09/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to firearm regulation by local governments.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1697/HB1823 CRIMINAL LAW: Firearm hold agreement.

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Summary: Defines "firearm hold agreement" as a private transaction between a licensed federal firearms dealer and a firearm owner under which the dealer takes possession of the owner's firearm at the owner's request, holds the firearm for an agreed period of time, and then returns the firearm. States that a person does not have a cause of action against a licensed federal firearms dealer for any act or omission arising from a firearm hold agreement and resulting in personal injury or death of any natural person unless the action was the result of unlawful conduct by the licensed federal firearms dealer. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates:

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 01/11/24 - Filed for Introduction

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to firearm hold agreements.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1702/HB1784 BANKING & CREDIT: Financial transactions involving firearms - requirements.

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Summary: Prohibits a financial institution from requiring a firearms retailer to use a firearms code that is different from the merchant category code used for a general transaction. Also prohibits a financial institution from requiring a firearms retailer to adopt a firearms code that is different from a general merchandise retailer or sporting goods retailer. Specifies that a violation of this section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act under the Consumer Protection Act of 1977.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24, H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13; Title 45 and Title 47, relative to financial transactions involving firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1703 CRIMINAL LAW: Transfer of juvenile to criminal court for firearm theft.

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Summary: Requires the transfer of a juvenile to criminal court for the offense of theft of a firearm from a motor vehicle if the child was 14 years of age or more but younger than 17 years of age. Increases from a Class E felony to a Class D felony theft of a firearm worth less than \$2,500. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1708/HB1631 EDUCATION: Private schools - adoption of handgun carry policies.

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Summary: Clarifies that a private school serving students in any of the grades pre-K through 12 is authorized to adopt a handgun carry policy for the private school's property.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24, H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13; Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 50, relative to private schools.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1715/HB1664 EDUCATION: Law enforcement officers assigned as school resource officers.

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Summary: Authorizes a law enforcement agency to assign a law enforcement officer to serve as a school resource officer at a school within a local board of education's control that has not entered into a memorandum of understanding with a law enforcement agency to assign a school resource officer to the school. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24, H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/09/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 37; Title 38; Title 49 and Title 62, relative to law enforcement at schools.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p><i>Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>
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SB1716/HB1665 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: No-cost hunting permits for veterans and military personnel.

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Summary: Requires that veterans and active military personnel be issued no-cost hunting permits and licenses that are required to participate in the waterfowl seasons during which only veterans and active military personnel may hunt.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24, H: 01/09/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/09/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to waterfowl hunting by military service members.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1729/HB1728 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands the offense of aggravated stalking.

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Summary: Expands the offense of aggravated stalking to include persons who purchase a semi-automatic rifle or attempt to use a semi-automatic rifle for the course and furtherance of stalking.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24, H: 01/10/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/10/24 - Introduced in the House

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to stalking.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB1746 CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act.

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Summary: Allows a person to voluntarily waive their firearm rights through filing a waiver with the clerk of the circuit court in the county of the person's residence or with their healthcare provider. Specifies procedures the clerk, healthcare provider, TBI, and department of health must follow upon receipt of a waiver.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 01/11/24

Senate Status: 01/11/24 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status:

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Section 10-7-504 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act."

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

HB1600 CRIMINAL LAW: Juvenile offenders - prohibits purchase or possession of a firearm.



Rep. Williams, Ryan

Summary: Prohibits the purchase or possession of a firearm by a person under 25 years of age if the person was previously adjudicated delinquent for an act that, if committed by an adult, would have constituted one or more certain offenses. Allows TBI access to juvenile court records for the limited purpose of performing a background check prior to the purchase or transfer of a firearm to determine whether a person has been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental health institution at 16 years of age or older, as required by federal law, or is prohibited from purchasing a firearm because of an adjudication as delinquent.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: H: 01/09/24

Senate Status:

House Status: 01/10/24 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 18; Title 37 and Title 39, relative to juvenile offenders.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

