



Tennessee Firearms Association

Calendar Report Week of February 24, 2025



Mon 2/24/25 4:00pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Floor

10. **SB814** **EDUCATION: Artificial intelligence weapons detection systems grant program for LEAs.** ●●●●●○○○○○○○○○○
 Gardenhire Requires the department to establish and administer a three-year artificial intelligence weapons
 T. detection system grant pilot program to award grants to eligible LEAs for the purchase of artificial intelligence weapons detection systems for schools without an artificial intelligence weapons detection system. Broadly captioned.
- Amendment Summary:** Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (003778) requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish and administer a three-year artificial intelligence (A.I.) weapons detection system grant pilot program to award grants to eligible local education agencies (LEAs) for the purchase of A.I. weapons detection systems for each public high school managed and controlled by the eligible LEA's local board of education that does not have an A.I. weapons detection system. Establishes that the pilot program begins with the 2025-26 school year. Requires the DOE to determine the amount of each grant awarded and to disburse 100 percent of the funds appropriated to eligible LEAs each year of the pilot program. Requires the DOE to disburse any remaining grant funds to eligible LEAs for other school security measures approved by the DOE if, in any year of the pilot program, all public high schools managed and controlled by the local board of education for each eligible LEA have an A.I. weapons detection system. Requires the DOE to submit a report pursuant to the pilot program to the General Assembly by July 31, 2026, and by each July 31 thereafter until the pilot program terminates. Repeals this act on July 31, 2028.
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 >\$5,697,000 FY26-27 >\$4,267,000 FY27-28 >\$4,267,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Permissive FY25-26 >\$5,680,000 FY26-27 >\$4,260,000 FY27-28 >\$4,260,000 EXPENDITURES Permissive FY25-26 >\$5,680,000 FY26-27 >\$4,260,000 FY27-28 >\$4,260,000 SB 814 - HB 933
- Senate Status:** 02/20/25 - Set for Senate Floor 02/24/25.
- House Status:** 02/10/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee. Senate Floor ; House Education Administration Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to school safety.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Sen. Akbari, Raumesh;
- Position:**
- Priority:**
- Comment:**
- rows:**
 HB933 - A. Parkinson - 02/10/25 - Referred to House Education Administration Subcommittee.

Tue 2/25/25 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

The committee will hold budget hearings by District Attorneys General Conference and Office of the Post-Conviction Defender. The committee will also hear a presentation from Project Return. MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR T. Gardenhire (R); VICE CHAIR K. Roberts (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR P. Rose (R); B. Harshbarger (R); S. Kyle (D); L. Lamar (D); J. Stevens (R); B. Taylor (R); D. White (R) PHONE: 615-741-6682 EMAIL: walker.beasley@capitol.tn.gov

3. **SB591**
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CRIMINAL LAW: Penalties for threatening to commit or failing to report an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution. Creates the Class E felony of recklessly, by  any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a  child care agency, preschool, or religious institution. Creates the Class B misdemeanor of failing to report a threat to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution.

Amendment Summary: Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (003576) creates a Class E felony for recklessly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution. Authorizes, as a condition of bail or other pretrial release, a court to order a defendant to undergo a mental health evaluation to determine whether the defendant poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm to the defendant or others. Creates a Class B misdemeanor for failing to report a threat of mass violence on the property of a child care agency, preschool, or religious institution. Authorizes a sentencing court to order a person convicted of threatening to commit an act of mass violence to pay restitution, including costs and damages resulting from the disruption of the normal activity that would have otherwise occurred but for the threat to commit an act of mass violence. Authorizes the suspension of a juvenile's driving privileges or their ability to obtain a driver license for one year if the juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for a violation. Changes the type of mental health evaluation a court may order as a condition of bail or other pretrial release for a defendant held under the offense of communicating a threat to commit an act of violence on school property or at a school-related activity, from a mental health evaluation for a defendant believed to be incompetent to stand trial to a mental health evaluation to determine whether the defendant requires emergency involuntary admission to inpatient treatment.

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$12,500 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$100 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 02/19/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/25/25.

House Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to threats of violence.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Creates criminal office for failing to "snitch"

rows:

HB1273 - M. Cochran - 02/12/25 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

- 8. **SB243** **CRIMINAL LAW: Creates a Class E felony offense for altering or defacing a permanent distinguishing number on a firearm.** Creates a Class E felony for altering or defacing a permanent distinguishing number on a firearm and selling, purchasing, or possessing such a firearm with a mandatory minimum sentence of 180 days incarceration. Broadly captioned. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$107,500 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$8,000)

Senate Status: 02/19/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/25/25.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:


Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

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HB588 - E. Butler - 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25.

Wed 2/26/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Commerce Committee

The committee will hear a Housing Affordability and Regulatory Overreach presentation by Pacific Legal Foundation. MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR K. Vaughan (R); VICE CHAIR R. Bricken (R); J. Barrett (R); C. Boyd (R); S. Brooks (D); J. Burkhardt (R); K. Camper (D); J. Clemmons (D); M. Cochran (R); T. Darby (R); J. Faison (R); M. Hale (R); G. Hardaway (D); K. Haston (R); C. Hemmer (D); K. Keisling (R); J. Lafferty (R); S. Lynn (R); P. Marsh (R); B. Martin (R); J. Moon (R); G. Vital (R); J. Zachary (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 45141 EMAIL: jackson.stubblefield@capitol.tn.gov

- 10. **HB683** **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate.** Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate that may be obtained upon completion of certain training and other requirements by an armed security guard/officer who has at least five years of full-time experience as a law enforcement officer or four years of active duty military experience in a combat arms military occupational specialty. Directs the commissioner of commerce and insurance to establish and approve an enhanced armed guard training course. Specifies that the enhanced armed guard training course be offered no less than quarterly and be at least 16 hours in length. Also requires the enhanced armed guard training to include must also include scenario-based training on when a rifle-caliber weapon may be deployed in an offensive or defensive posture and training on the secure storage of a rifle-caliber weapon when the weapon is not deployed. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT POST REVENUE TBI STS Commission FY25-26 \$14,700 \$1,700 \$11,500 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$23,100 \$3,400 - EXPENDITURES POST Commission FY25-26 \$1,105,400 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$673,800 Total Positions Required: 7

Senate Status: 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 02/20/25 - Set for House Commerce Committee 02/26/25. House Commerce Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39 and Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to private protective services.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB1384 - B. Watson - 02/10/25 - Introduced in the Senate

Wed 2/26/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR C. Doggett (R); F. Atchley (R); A. Farmer (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R) PHONE: (615) 741-7476

5. **HB514** **CRIMINAL LAW: TACIR study on the impact of state's firearm laws on each county's firearm sales.** Directs the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) to conduct a study on how firearm sales, criminal offenses, and use of firearms in self-defense are impacted by this state's firearm laws in regard to each county and must identify any similarities or dissimilarities. Requires the TACIR to report its findings to every member of the general assembly and provide a copy of its report to the legislative librarian no later than January 1, 2026.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments: HJUDCRIM_2025-02-17.pdf
HJUDCRIM_2025-02-21.pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB379 - P. Walley - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

6. **HB34** **CRIMINAL LAW: Use of juvenile court records.** Permits a court to use juvenile court records, including the disposition and evidence, in pretrial reports used to set bond for criminal offenses. Requires the magistrate to consider the defendant's prior juvenile record in determining the defendant's risk of danger to the community.



Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (003523) authorizes a court to use juvenile court records, including the disposition of a child and evidence adduced in a hearing, in pretrial reports used to set bonds if the juvenile court adjudication occurred within the previous five years. Requires, in determining the amount of bail necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of a defendant and the public's safety, a magistrate to consider the defendant's prior juvenile record.

Subcommittee Amendments: HJUDCRIM_2025-02-17.pdf
HJUDCRIM_2025-02-21.pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 6, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of the proposed legislation may result in an increase in local incarceration expenditures; however, the precise timing and impact is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 02/18/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003523). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Calendar Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 40, relative to juvenile records.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB221 - B. Taylor - 02/18/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003523). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

- 10. **HB588** **CRIMINAL LAW: Creates a Class E felony offense for altering or defacing a permanent distinguishing number on a firearm.** Creates a Class E felony for altering or defacing a permanent distinguishing number on a firearm and selling, purchasing, or possessing such a firearm with a mandatory minimum sentence of 180 days incarceration. Broadly captioned. 

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Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 23, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$107,500 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$8,000)

Senate Status: 02/19/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/25/25.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

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SB243 - P. Bailey - 02/19/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/25/25.

- 20. **HB358** **CRIMINAL LAW: Global positioning monitoring as a condition of release.** Requires a court or magistrate to order a defendant to wear a global positioning monitoring system device as a condition of bail unless the court or magistrate no longer finds the offender a threat to the alleged victim or public safety if the defendant was arrested for an offense during which the defendant possessed a firearm or used force against a person, domestic assault, burglary of a freight or passenger car, reckless driving, drag racing, or second offenses of burglary or theft. Requires the clerk of each court that orders the use of global positioning monitoring to report the number of defendants currently subject to the order and their offenses to the administrative office of the courts monthly. Requires the administrative office of the courts to compile an annual report of the number of defendants subjected to the order. 

Hardaway G.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 18, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund FY25-26 \$290,500 \$385,000 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years - \$385,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 \$475,000 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$385,000 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40; Title 55; Chapter 969 of the Public Acts of 2024 and Chapter 1033 of the Public Acts of 2024, relative to global positioning monitoring.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB388 - B. Taylor - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

- 21. **HB625** **HEALTH CARE: Mental health evaluations for persons charged with certain criminal offenses.** Establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm and needs emergency detention if the person is charged with a crime that would require the defendant to serve at least 85% of the sentence before becoming eligible for release from incarceration and ordered by the criminal, circuit, or general sessions court to undergo an evaluation to determine if the person is incompetent to stand trial. .



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$797,900

Senate Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 40 and Title 52, relative to mental health evaluations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB662 - R. Akbari - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

- 31. **HB1314** **CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal offenses for threatening to commit an act of mass violence and posting an individual's number or address.** Creates a criminal offense for threatening to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a criminal offense for posting on a publicly accessible website the telephone number or home address of an individual with the intent of causing harm or a threat of harm to the individual or a member of the individual's family or household. Part of Administration Package.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Cochran, Mark;

Position: Oppose

Priority:


Comment: Apparent caption bill.

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SB1296 - J. Johnson - 02/10/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wed 2/26/25 11:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

The committee will hear presentations by TN Department of Environment and Conservation, TN Forestry Commission, and Pacific Legal Foundation. MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR S. Reeves (R); VICE CHAIR A. Lowe (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Seal (R); J. Bowling (R); H. Campbell (D); B. Harshbarger (R); C. Oliver (D); M. Pody (R); P. Walley (R) PHONE: 615-741-1066 EMAIL: callan.wilkerson@capitol.tn.gov

- 10. **SB130** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of drones to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters.** Authorizes the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate rules or pass proclamations to authorize the use of unmanned aircraft, including drones, to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/19/25 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 02/26/25.

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee. Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee ; House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 70, relative to the use of unmanned aircraft for deer recovery when hunting.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:


Comment:

rows:

HB175 - T. Darby - 01/28/25 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Wed 2/26/25 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Civil Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR L. Russell (R); E. Davis (R); A. Farmer (R); J. Garrett (R); G. Johnson (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); R. Travis (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 44198

- 3. **HJR53** **CRIMINAL LAW: Constitutional amendment - right to keep and bear arms.** Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee to remove the provision that authorizes the legislature to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime and to clarify that citizens have a right to keep and bear arms. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status:

House Status: 02/19/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 02/26/25. House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment: Constitutional Amendment - high priority

rows: