

# Associated Builders & Contractors

## **SB40/HB340 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Compensation for additional services by a construction design professional.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hulseley, Bud

*Summary:* Entitles a construction design professional to compensation for additional services provided to state agencies that are not included in a basic services agreement. Refers to the University of Tennessee, the board of regents, the state of Tennessee real estate and asset management division of the department of general services as state agencies. If a state agency and designer have entered into a basic services agreement, and the state agency requires additional services of the designer that are not included in, or reasonably inferred from, the terms of the basic services agreement, the state agency may provide for the additional services at its own cost. If a contractual dispute arises between a designer and a state agency, either party may petition the secretary of state for a hearing before an administrative law judge.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2017) Increase State Expenditures – \$4,026,100/FY17-18 \$4,539,300/FY18-19 \$4,854,000/FY19-20 \$4,312,600/FY20-21 \$4,728,900/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – In each instance in which a designer is the prevailing party in a contractual dispute between the state and a designer, the designer will be awarded attorney's fees, paid by the state, resulting in an increase in state expenditures estimated to exceed \$100,000 per such instance.

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 03/01/17.

## **SB86/HB197 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - state building commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

*Summary:* Extends the state building commission to June 30, 2020.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/24/17 - Set for Senate Consent 2 02/27/17.

*House Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee.

## **SB112/HB199 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Sunset - underground utility damage enforcement board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Faison, Jeremy

*Summary:* Extends the underground utility damage enforcement board two years to June 30, 2019.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Amendment 1 (003403) requires any member who misses more than fifty percent of the scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall be removed as a member of the board.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

*House Status:* 02/22/17 - House Government Operations Committee recommended with amendment 1 (003403). Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

## **SB127/HB54 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Discriminatory actions by government against business.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Prohibits state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a business based on the business's internal policies.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (003286) makes a technical correction and specifies that this bill prohibits state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a business on the basis of the business's internal policies that are in compliance with state and federal law. Senate amendment 2 (003814) adds language to the original bill to expand the prohibition of state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a business on the basis of personnel and employee benefit policies of the business entity that are in compliance with federal law.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent a business contracts with or receives a grant from a state or local government entity and adopts a policy in compliance with state law but out of compliance with federal law, federal funds may be withheld. The extent of any potential federal withholding is based on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/28/17.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

## **SB128/HB295 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Updating electrical safety codes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Swann, Art

*Summary:* Updates the electrical safety code to adhere to the August 2016 edition of the American National Standard Electrical Safety Code instead of the August 2011 edition. Also changes the publisher's address.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 02/22/17 - House Business & Utilities Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

## **SB173 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Appointments to the Licensing Alarm Systems Contractors Board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug ,

*Summary:* Decreases the amount of time granted to the governor to fill a vacancy to the Licensing Alarm Systems Contractors Board before the board is empowered to temporarily fill that vacancy themselves from 90 days to 60 days. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

## **SB177/HB157 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Changes to bureau of workers' compensation annual report**

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*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Eldridge, Jimmy  
*Summary:* Changes the date by which the bureau of workers' compensation must produce its report of all the employers that failed to obtain coverage or self-insure during the previous fiscal year from December 31 to December 1. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB194/HB332 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Restrictions for lights displayed on vehicles.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Swann, Art  
*Summary:* Prohibits colored, steady-burning lights at the front of a vehicle other than white or amber. Also prohibits colored, flashing lights at the front of a vehicle. Exempts law enforcement, emergency, emergency equipment company, security vehicles, school buses, mail carriers, and other vehicles authorized to display steady-burning or flashing lights in certain colors.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/02/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB209/HB165 LABOR LAW: Veteran hiring preferences.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Pitts, Joe  
*Summary:* Authorizes private employers to give hiring preference to honorably discharged veterans, spouses of a veteran with a service-connected disability, unmarried widows or widowers of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability, and unmarried widows or widowers of a member of the military who died in the line of duty.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/28/17.  
*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House Consumer & Human Resources Committee 03/01/17.

**SB215/HB973 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Revises provisions concerning elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, aerial tramways, and amusement devices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Carr, Dale  
*Summary:* Amends language to clarify that a "qualified inspector" is a member of, and certified by, the Amusement Industry Manufacturing and Suppliers and meets the qualifications established by the elevator and amusement device safety board. Establishes a five member subcommittee of the elevator and amusement device safety board, whose focus shall be related to issues concerning elevator safety. The subcommittee shall act as an advisory committee to the board concerning elevator safety and report all findings and recommendations to the board concerning all issues related to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and aerial passenger tramways. Requires owners/operators of an amusement device to report any accident involving serious physical injury resulting from the operation of an amusement device to the commissioner, either orally or in writing, within twenty-four hours and contact a qualified inspector deemed by the commissioner.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/16/17 - House sponsor changed from Gravitt to Carr.

**SB245/HB112 EDUCATION: Career and technical education - soft skills.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John  
*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to develop standards for a one-semester elective course in career and technical education in soft skills, needed for the workplace for students in grades nine through twelve. Soft skills means attributes that enable a person to build effective interpersonal relationships and to interact successfully with others in the business community. Requires each LEA to include an elective soft skills course in its career and technical education program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Students outside of the career and technical education program can enroll in the soft skill course, if space is available.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/09/17 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB251/HB66 PUBLIC FINANCE: Appropriations - transportation road projects for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Smith, Eddie  
*Summary:* Appropriates \$120 million from excess state tax revenues over-collected in fiscal year 2016-2017 to the department of transportation to be used for transportation road projects and specifies that \$20 million is to be earmarked to fund the planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, improvement, and rehabilitation of roads and bridges on the state-aid highway system.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2017) Increase State Revenue - \$120,000,000/One-Time/Highway Fund Increase State Expenditures - \$120,000,000/One-Time/General Fund Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent local governments permissively elect to expend in the aggregate \$6,666,700 of local funding for planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, improvement, and rehabilitation of roads and bridges on the state-aid highway system, which equates to the required 25 percent local match pursuant Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-4-404(b), then the \$20,000,000 earmarked in the Highway Fund could be expended by the state and drawn down by the respective local governments to finance project costs totaling \$26,666,700.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB261/HB939 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Appeals of workers' compensation cases.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Carter, Mike

*Summary:* Amends language requiring the workers' compensation board no later than forty-five calendar days, to issue a written decision affirming, reversing, modifying a compensation order and/or remanding a case. Any party dissatisfied or aggrieved by a final judgment of the workers' compensation appeals board may appeal to the supreme court by filing an application for permission to appeal. If the judgement or decree is appealed by the supreme court, interest on the judgment or decree shall be computed from the date that the judgment is entered by the court of workers' compensation claims at an annual rate equal to two percent less than the formula rate per year published by the commissioner of financial institutions. When calculating the accrual interest, the average prime loan rate on the day the judgment or decree is entered shall be used. Total judgment awarded is computed by the total number of weeks multiplied by the benefit rate without any reduction. The decision of the workers' compensation judge shall become final thirty days after the workers' compensation judge enters a compensation order, unless the compensation order is timely appealed to the workers' compensation appeals board within thirty calendar days after issuance of a compensation order.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/28/17.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

## **SB262/HB180 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Local government requirements on employee scheduling.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lynn, Susan

*Summary:* Prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, regulation, resolution, policy, or any other legal requirement that regulates or imposes a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Commerce & Labor Committee Amendment 1 (003719) adds language to the original bill that clarifies local governments may regulate or impose a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling when necessary to avoid creating a public or private nuisance.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/01/17, H: 02/01/17

*Senate Status:* 02/24/17 - Set for Senate Floor 02/27/17.

*House Status:* 02/17/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

## **SB291/HB352 TAXES FUEL: Allocation of revenue from increase in gasoline tax.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Directs one-third of revenue from any increase in gasoline tax to be deposited in the highway fund and used solely for public transportation.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/02/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

## **SB295/HB362 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Permits issued by the department of environment and conservation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from issuing any permit that has not first been reviewed by the general assembly in the same manner as a rule under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/02/17, H: 02/02/17

*Senate Status:* 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

## **SB297/HB666 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Revises various provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Creates a new subsection that authorizes the system of utilization review established by the administrator to be available only to evaluate the necessity, appropriateness, efficiency, and quality of medical care services that meet or exceed a cost threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars as listed on the comprehensive medical fee schedule. Adds language that states the employee has the right to file a petition for benefit determination to toll the statute of limitations at any time after the occurrence of an injury but before the expiration of the period for which benefits are sought. An injured employee shall accept medical benefits, provided that in any case when the employee has suffered an injury and expressed a need for medical care, the employer shall designate a group of three or more independent reputable physicians, surgeons, or chiropractors or specialty practice groups not associated in practice together if available in the injured employee's community. If three or more independent reputable physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, or specialty practice groups not associated in practice together are not available in the employee's community, the employer shall provide a list of three independent reputable physicians, surgeons, or chiropractors not associated in practice together, within a one hundred mile radius of the employee's county of residence. Amends language to include the liability of the employer for the services provided to the employee shall be limited to the maximum allowable fees that are established in the applicable medical fee schedule. In case death results from the injury or occupational disease, the employer shall pay the burial expenses of the deceased employee not exceeding ten thousand dollars. If at the time, the period of compensation ends, and the employee has not returned to work with the pre-injury employer, or has returned to work and is receiving wages or a salary that is less than one hundred percent of the wages or salary the employee received from the employee's pre-injury employer on the date of injury; the injured employee may file a claim for increased benefits.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/02/17, H: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

## **SB299/HB187 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Creates the "Express Transportation Act."**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Rogers, Courtney

*Summary:* Specifies that an existing HOV lane may be developed and operated as a tollway. Permits the commissioner of transportation to set tolls for the use of tollways or toll facilities. Prohibits TDOT to impose tolls on emergency or high occupancy vehicles that use managed/toll lanes. Authorizes TDOT to impose tolls on low-emission and energy-efficient vehicles and single occupancy vehicles that use managed/toll lanes on interstates. Dedicates use of toll revenue to maintenance of managed/toll lanes.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – Based on information provided by TDOT, a previous study of the proposed pilot project was completed; therefore, the direct fiscal impact is not significant. To the extent TDOT proceeds with any such project, there would be

additional costs incurred for analysis, construction, operation, and enforcement which could be funded with a combination of federal, state, and local funds depending on the specifics of the project. In addition, and to the extent toll revenue is collected for maintenance, management, and enhancement of such system, total costs or portions thereof, may be recaptured. The General Assembly will have to approve any such project as provided within current law prior to development of the project.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/02/17, H: 02/01/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/22/17 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee

**SB318/HB103 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Increase in time allotted to owners of utility facilities to respond to the department of transportation when issued notices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Doss, Barry  
*Summary:* Increases the time in which a recipient of a second notice from the department of transportation has to confirm being the owner of utility facilities from 10 to 30 days. Also increases the time in which the owner of utility facilities has to file a reservation of rights notice to the department following the issuance of a notice to proceed by the department from 10 to 30 days.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB329/HB597 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Licensure of engineers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Williams, Ryan  
*Summary:* Specifies that a person who holds a master's degree in engineering from an approved institution, has a record of at least four years of progressive experience on certain engineering projects, and has obtained certification as an engineer intern must be registered as an engineer upon passage of a minimum eight-hour written examination prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/08/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB345/HB53 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Funding of priority transportation projects.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Contingent upon monthly surplus state tax revenues exceeding \$5 million, allocates 25 percent of the surplus revenues to the priority transportation project fund to be used for transportation projects. Requires commissioner of transportation to recommend the top 100 projects to be funded and authorizes general assembly to appropriate from fund to implement all or part of the projects recommended. Specifies that any balance remaining unexpended at the end of a fiscal year in the priority transportation project fund cannot revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2017) Other Fiscal Impact – An increase in revenue to the Priority Transportation Project Fund, when surplus state tax revenue exceeds \$5,000,000 in any month, and a corresponding decrease in revenue to other state funds, including but not limited to the state General Fund, based on established statutory allocation requirements. Due to multiple unknown factors, the extent and timing of any such impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. However, any such impacts would be incurred FY16-17 through FY20-21.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 03/01/17.

**SB355/HB906 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Changes to contractor monetary limits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Wirgau, Tim  
*Summary:* Increases the monetary limit that triggers requirement that review of the financial statement of an applicant for a contractor's license be attested by the reviewing accountant from \$1.5 million to \$3 million. Increases maximum value of buildings that small commercial building contractors may build for use and occupancy by the general public from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House Business & Utilities Committee 03/01/17.

**SB383/HB700 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Storm water user's fee exemptions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Brooks, Kevin  
*Summary:* Exempts LEAs from paying graduated storm water user's fee.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB426/HB399 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Employees of the state building commission transferred.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Brooks, Kevin  
*Summary:* Transfers employees of the state building commission from the department of finance and administration to the department of treasury.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/28/17.  
*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House State Government Committee 02/28/17.

**SB456/HB806 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Construction inspection services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
*Summary:* Increases the number of days for a building inspector to inspect a building for compliance with safety standards and to still be considered a timely inspection from three days to four days.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB457/HB805 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Elevator and amusement device safety board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Specifies that reports by the elevator and amusement device safety board be transmitted to the commissioner of labor and workforce development within ten business days of their completion.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 17, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB473/HB979 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Freedom to Prosper Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Calfee, Kent  
*Summary:* Enacts the "Freedom to Prosper Act" to limit the authority of political subdivisions of the state to create new occupational licensing requirements.  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB503/HB100 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: State funds for roadways.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Beavers, Mae , Rep. Weaver, Terri  
*Summary:* Allows funds allocated for the state-aid highway system to be expended for other roadway purposes, including Class II and Class III roads and highways and other road related projects that are not a part of the state-aid highway system.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB507/HB687 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Local commitment to assist US in enforcement of all criminal and immigration laws.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. VanHuss, James  
*Summary:* Requires the mayor and chief law enforcement officer of a municipality to submit an oath to the comptroller of the treasury committing to assist the United States in the enforcement of all criminal and immigration laws in order to receive its allocation of the state sales tax.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB527/HB724 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Membership of regional solid waste boards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Gilmore, Brenda  
*Summary:* Increases the minimum number of members appointed to serve on regional solid waste boards from five to seven. Requires the two additional members to be elected officials from local governmental entities located within the region served by a board.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB559/HB1374 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Creates state office dedicated to providing local governments assistance with public-private initiatives to develop transportation facilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Sargent, Charles  
*Summary:* Creates the office of transportation public-private partnership, which provides a mechanism to facilitate collaboration between public and private entities in transportation facility development, redevelopment, and operation, and to otherwise assist public entities in the implementation of this chapter.  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB578/HB75 EDUCATION: Notice for construction of or additions to school buildings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger  
*Summary:* Changes the number of days' notice that must be given by an LEA before accepting bids for construction of or additions to school buildings from 10 days to 10 business days.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB589/HB1392 COMMERCIAL LAW: Contracts for alarm services revised.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Allows an owner of residential property to cancel a contract with an alarms system when the term of the contract is longer than two years by giving thirty days written notice after the initial two years if the owner has to sell the property for medical reasons.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB606/HB562 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Limited Licensed HVAC Contractors' Act.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Swann, Art

Summary: Restricts contractors from performing HVAC work without being licensed under a municipality or under this new state license.

Intro Dates: S: 02/08/17, H: 02/08/17

Senate Status: 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

House Status: 02/14/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

**SB660/HB1269 EDUCATION: Indoor air quality for schools.**

Sponsors: Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

Summary: Each LEA shall conduct an annual inspection and evaluation program, such as the environmental protection agency's indoor air quality tools for schools program, for its facilities between September 1 and December 31 each year. The LEA shall, by January 15 of each year, submit evaluation results to the Tennessee Energy Efficient Schools Council (EESC) for review so that the correction of deficiencies may receive a high priority for available funding. Program shall include creating strategies for providing adequate outdoor air, testing for radon; separating students and staff from construction and renovation areas; providing adequate ventilation from dangerous chemicals and maintaining appropriate humidity levels during hot and humid summers.

Intro Dates: S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**SB681/HB981 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Bonds for public works projects.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Calfee, Kent

Summary: Clarifies that the statutory amount of the bond required from contractors on all public works contracts in excess of \$100,000 is the minimum amount for the bond.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 23, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

Senate Status: 02/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 02/28/17.

House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB851/HB618 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Hearing to determine the prevailing wage rate for state highway construction projects.**

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Staples, Rick

Summary: Extends the period by which the prevailing wage commission is required to give notice of its determination after a hearing to determine the prevailing wage rate for state highway construction projects from 10 days to 14 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/09/17, H: 02/08/17

Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB884/HB1036 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Threshold for contract requiring surety payment and performance bond.**

Sponsors: Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Curcio , Michael

Summary: Increases amount of contract for when the execution of a good and solvent corporate surety payment and performance bond is required from in excess of \$100,000 to in excess of \$200,000.

Intro Dates: S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB899/HB1017 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Scheduling conference for a hearing concerning a violation of the Water Quality Control Act of 1977.**

Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Increases the time within which an administrative judge must hold a scheduling conference for a hearing concerning a violation of the Water Quality Control Act of 1977 from 30 days to 35 days.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB917/HB1359 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Construction of a gas compressor near park or school.**

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Prohibits the construction of a gas compressor on land that is located within one mile of a public park or public school.

Intro Dates: S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17

Senate Status: 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status: 02/17/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB956/HB77 INSURANCE AUTOMOBILES: Insurance requirements applicable to off-highway vehicles.**

Sponsors: Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Kane, Roger

Summary: Clarifies that off-highway vehicles operated on public roads are covered under the definition of "uninsured motor vehicle" for purposes of being covered under an uninsured motorist policy.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 01/30/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/21/17 - House Insurance & Banking Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

**SB959/HB792 LABOR LAW: Disqualification for unemployment benefits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Includes conscious disregard for the rights or interests of the employer's business to the actions of the employee that may constitute misconduct and disqualify them from receiving unemployment benefits.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB963/HB1012 TAXES SALES: Report on revenue generated from sales tax on food.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of revenue to annually report the amount of revenue generated from the tax on the sale of food to the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 03/01/17.

**SB971/HB1087 UTILITIES: Requirement of notice of construction of a municipal improvement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Sexton, Jerry  
*Summary:* Extends from seven to 10 days the period by which notice of a hearing regarding construction of a municipal improvement must be published in a local newspaper and at the office of municipal government.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

**SB1052/HB554 CONSTRUCTION: Movements of mobile cranes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Matheny, Judd  
*Summary:* Exempts mobile cranes from movement restrictions between the hours of six o'clock a.m. to nine o'clock a.m. and three o'clock p.m. to six o'clock p.m. Monday through Friday in Davidson, Hamilton, Shelby, Knox, and Rutherford counties. Allows the commissioner of transportation to authorize a single permit for the movement of multiple mobile cranes owned or operated by an applicant. The single permit shall be issued in the same manner, and be subject to the same restrictions, as if the department had issued separate permits for each individual mobile crane.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/08/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1061/HB1408 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Competitive bidding for design and consultant contracts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Weaver, Terri  
*Summary:* Removes the exemption from the competitive bidding requirement for design and consultant contracts entered into by the department of transportation.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1094/HB1309 LABOR LAW: Notice to employee - rescinding of a previously approved 30-minute break waiver.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Turner, Johnnie  
*Summary:* Changes from seven days to 10 days the amount of notice that must be provided by an employer or employee specializing in food or beverage service of the rescinding of a previously approved 30-minute break waiver. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1095/HB129 LABOR LAW: Raising the minimum wage of tipped employees from \$2.13 to \$2.50.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne  
*Summary:* Raises the minimum wage paid to tipped employees from \$2.13 to \$2.50 per hour. Authorizes an employer to take a tip credit toward its minimum wage obligations up to the amount permitted by federal law.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17, H: 02/01/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1105/HB477 LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pay Equality Transparency Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Prohibits an employer from punitive actions against employees inquiring about the wages of other employees. Requires employers

wishing to prohibit wage discussions to acquire a signed document from their employees that forfeits their right to such a discussion. Specifies that the bill does not require employers to disclose their wages to their employees.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

### SB1106/HB1246 **LABOR LAW: Tennessee Pay Equality Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Authorizes employees of a company from inquiring into the wages of their fellow employees. Prohibits employers from penalizing employees who do so. Prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee by providing lower wages simply because of their sex.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

### SB1122/HB1060 **LABOR LAW: Tennessee Minimum Wage Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Deberry Jr., John  
*Summary:* Establishes a minimum wage that increases annually on July 1. Provides a minimum wage for employees in the service industry who receive tips and employees that are compensated solely by gratuities. Authorizes the department of labor and workforce development to promulgate rules in compliance with federal law.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

### SB1141/HB1184 **LABOR LAW: Leave from employment for adoption, pregnancy, childbirth, or nursing an infant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Powell, Jason  
*Summary:* Requires that all employers give their employees six weeks of paid leave for adoption, pregnancy, childbirth, or nursing an infant.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

### SB1167/HB539 **CONSTRUCTION: Building construction safety standards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doss, Barry  
*Summary:* Allows the owner of a building, structure, or premises located in a county or municipality that has opted out of statewide safety codes for one-family and two-family dwellings, to request that the state fire marshal inspect the building, structure, or premises to determine whether the building, structure, or premises meets statewide safety codes. If an owner requests an inspection, the inspection must be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. Upon completion of the inspection, if the state fire marshal determines that the owner's building, structure, or premises meets the statewide codes, the state fire marshal must issue documentation to the owner evidencing such.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

### SB1214/HB325 **WORKERS COMPENSATION: Sole proprietors and partners included under the Workers' Compensation Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Removes the requirement that sole proprietors and partners must provide notice to the bureau of workers' compensation when electing to be included under the workers' compensation law. Renames the second injury fund to subsequent injury and vocational recovery fund and authorizes the bureau to use money from the fund to provide vocational recovery assistance to employees with certain limitations. Revises various other provisions regarding appeals of workers' compensation orders. Part of Administration Package.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 19, 2017) Increase State Revenue – \$5,000/Uninsured Employers Fund/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – \$50,000/Subsequent Injury and Vocational Recovery Fund/FY17-18 \$100,000/Subsequent Injury and Vocational Recovery Fund/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Recurring appropriations of \$50,000 is included in the Governor's Recommended Budget Document for FY17-18 (page A-38).  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/28/17.  
*House Status:* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

### SB1217/HB326 **GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - rules that may constitute unreasonable restraints of trade.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Summary:* Authorizes commissioners and chief executive officers of administrative departments under which regulatory boards operate to review and either approve or veto rules that may constitute unreasonable restraints of trade.  
*Amendment Summary:* Amendment 1 (003940) Senate Government Operations- Deletes and rewrites the original bill such that the only substantive change authorizes the Government Operations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate to conduct a hearing regarding any vetoed rule at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Committees.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 02/02/17  
*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/01/17.  
*House Status:* 02/22/17 - House Government Operations Committee deferred to 03/08/17 after adopting amendment 1 (003940).



**SB1220/HB533 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Maintenance of public access roads and creation of High Priority Bridge Replacement Program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Authorizes the department of transportation to maintain public access roads within the boundaries of the state parts administered by the department of environment and conservation. Specifies the limits to the maintenance work by the department of transportation. Also specifies which facilities remain the responsibility of the department of environment and conservation. Requires the department of transportation to develop and maintain an inventory of public access roads within each state park that are eligible for maintenance by the department of transportation in coordination with the department of environment and conservation. Authorizes the department of transportation to use state highway funds to fund the maintenance work. Creates the High Priority Bridge Replacement Program. Specifies eligibility requirements for the program. Requires the commissioner of transportation to establish criteria for the selection of projects to be funded under the program. Requires funding for the program to be separate from funding for the state bridge grant program. Mandates any project within the program must be maintained by the local government whose jurisdiction the project lies. Part of Administration Package.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1221/HB534 TAXES FUEL: Returned revenue related to liquefied gas used.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Changes to July 20 from July 25 the date by which a commercial user of a vehicle propelled by liquefied gas or compressed natural gas must submit the report of miles traveled and tax due for that year. Part of Administration Package.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

*House Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 03/01/17.

**SB1222/HB1165 CONSTRUCTION: Construction projects on state-owned property.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Alexander, David

*Summary:* Requires the governor to include with the governor's inventory of state-owned property a description of each active construction project on state-owned property. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB1231/HB445 EDUCATION: Labor Education Alignment Program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Gant, Ron

*Summary:* Establishes "work-based learning" credits for secondary or postsecondary curriculum which includes, but is not limited to, job shadowing, internships, clinicals, practicums, apprenticeships, co-ops, and industry-led service learning projects, is incorporated into coursework or related to a specific field of study, integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with the practical application and development of technical skills and proficiencies in a professional work setting, and may or may not include wages, salary, or other compensation to the student. The board of regents, in consultation with the higher education commission, shall coordinate curriculum development by the faculty and related resource materials to assist educators, employers, and students with workplace training and placement. The curriculum and materials shall define courses and work-based learning experiences that are necessary for each technical career field that may lead to a postsecondary credential. An employer who accepts a student in a college of applied technology or a community college to participate in work-based learning, shall not be liable for actions relating to that student unless the employer acted willfully or with gross negligence.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17

*Senate Status:* 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/01/17.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**SB1237/HB451 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Rights to recovery.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Eldridge, Jimmy

*Summary:* Permits a court to apportion fault to an employer who covered an employee under workers' compensation when such employee brings an action against a third-party tortfeasor and reduces the employer's subrogation recovery to the extent such employer has allocated fault.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1242/HB486 HEALTH CARE: Changes to the underground storage tanks and solid waste disposal control board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Lollar, Ron

*Summary:* Increases the membership of the underground storage tanks and solid waste disposal control board from 14 to 16 members. Requires the speaker of each chamber of the general assembly to appoint a consumer member to the board.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/09/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1250/HB438 ENERGY & MINING: Tennessee energy policy council.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Baugh, John  
**Summary:** Creates the Tennessee Energy Policy Council to make recommendations to the governor and general assembly on how to manage energy resources in the state.  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/14/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1349/HB907 TAXES FUEL: Eliminates authorization of commissioner of transportation to consider a northern route for Interstate 840 in certain counties.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Wirgau, Tim  
**Summary:** Eliminates authorization of commissioner of transportation to consider a northern route for Interstate 840 in Wilson, Montgomery, Robertson, Cheatham, Dickson and Sumner counties.  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
**House Status:** 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1351/HB1187 TAXES UNEMPLOYMENT: Changes the due date for reporting and remitting severance liabilities.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Ragan, John  
**Summary:** Changes the due date for reporting and remitting severance liabilities from the 20th to the 19th of the month. Broadly captioned.  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1352/HB812 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Permits for movements of overweight and overdimensional vehicles.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
**Summary:** Allows vehicles that have obtained an annual permit, to obtain a supplement to that annual permit, for any additional width, height, or length, or any additional weight covered by the annual permit according to the fees established in section 55-7-205(h). Prohibits a special permit issued by the commissioner, from allowing movement of vehicles requiring an escort on the interstate system of highways between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) to nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) and four o'clock p.m. (4:00 p.m.) to six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.) from Monday through Friday in Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties. Clarifies that a vehicle transporting fluid milk products is considered a non-divisible load. Prohibits vehicles that are controlled and operated by a farmer or nursery worker that are used to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm or nursery, and are not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier, from being considered commercial motor vehicles. Removes the one hundred fifty-mile restriction and the associated ten dollar (\$10.00) fine.  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17, H: 02/09/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
**House Status:** 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**SB1371/HB1405 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Decreases number of publications required of air quality regulations.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
**Summary:** Decreases the number of copies from three to two of any air quality regulations adopted by a local government through reference in the local government's ordinance or resolution that must be filed in the office of the county clerk for inspection by the public.  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1374/HB1317 TAXES SALES: Reporting of administrative costs.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
**Summary:** Requires the commissioner of revenue to report to the governor and the general assembly the state administrative costs for remitting sales and use taxes back to local governments in this state, no later than February 1, 2018.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 14, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/23/17 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 03/01/17.  
**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.

**SB1395/HB1119 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Permits electronic submission of report on certain businesses.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Miller, Larry  
**Summary:** Requires the chief procurement officer to annually report, on or before each December 31, to the governor and to each member of the general assembly concerning the awarding of purchases to minority-owned business, woman-owned business, service-disabled veteran-owned business, or small business and the total value of awards made during the preceding fiscal year. Allows the report to be delivered in paper or electronic form.  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/13/17  
**Senate Status:** 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
**House Status:** 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

**SB1411/HB80 LABOR LAW: TN Minimum Wage Act.**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act." Establishes a minimum wage of \$15.00 as of July 1, 2017. Provides a minimum wage for employees in the service industry who receive tips and employees that are compensated solely by gratuities. Defines a "service or tipped employee" to mean any employee engaged in an occupation which the employee customarily and regularly receives more than \$30.00 a month in tips. Authorizes the department of labor and workforce development to promulgate rules in compliance with federal law.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17, H: 01/30/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**SB1421/HB1329 LABOR LAW: Wage theft.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Stewart, Mike

*Summary:* Amends language that requires an employer who fails to pay the full wages due and owed to an employee, to pay the employee the unpaid wages due, including any interest, and an additional amount equal to two (2) times the unpaid wages due. Allows an employee to file a complaint with the department of labor and workforce development, upon filing a complaint, the department shall investigate whether the employee is entitled to remedies. Adds language to the "Tennessee Wage Protection Act" to specify that "The general assembly finds as a matter of public policy that it is necessary to declare the theft of wages and the denial of fair compensation for work completed to be against the laws and policies of this state. An employee who is the victim of theft of wages or the denial of fair compensation may seek redress pursuant to § 50-2-103."

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/13/17

*Senate Status:* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

**HB443 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Expansion of the Tennessee Yellow DOT Program and added requirements for the department of transportation.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Halford, Curtis

*Summary:* Expands the Tennessee Yellow DOT Program to include traffic stops and welfare checks by law enforcement officers. Requires the department of transportation and the governor's highway safety office to develop training materials and take reasonable measures to publicize the program, including to cooperate with veterans services. Authorizes law enforcement officer, upon receiving consent from the driver or passenger, to review any yellow dot folder or folders present in the vehicle if the officer reasonably believes the driver or passenger has a medical condition that is impacting the officer's encounter with the driver or passenger.

*House Status:* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

**HJR24 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Convention of the states to propose a balanced budget amendment.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Calls for a convention of the states to plan for an Article V convention to propose a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution; creates a balanced budget amendment convention committee.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*House Status:* 02/22/17 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee