



## Education Legislation Introduced in 2020

Week of February 3, 2020

### SB2087/HB2190 **Disclosure about transferability of credits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Increases from 16 to 20 point font the minimum font size that must be used by a postsecondary educational institution on a transferability of credits disclosure required to be given to a student prior to the student signing an enrollment contract. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2088/HB2461 **Child abuse reporting by schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Establishes procedures for a school teacher, school official, or other school personnel to follow in regard to reporting suspected child abuse or child sexual abuse. Requires each LEA and each public charter school to ensure all school officials and school personnel complete an annual child abuse training program. Requires each LEA and each public charter school to designate a child abuse coordinator and an alternate child abuse coordinator for each school within the LEA and public charter school. Specifies requirements for child abuse coordinator and alternate child abuse coordinator, including serving as a liaison between the school, the department of education, and law enforcement in child abuse investigations.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2089/HB2135 **LEAs required to implement a program of family life education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Smith, Robin

*Summary:* Updates requirement for the department of health, state center for health statistics, to report counties where pregnancy rates exceeded 19.5 per 1,000 in females aged 15 to 19 beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. Restricts employees, service providers, or volunteers from making abortion referrals or advocating or encouraging abortion while on school property or when present at any required local education agency (LEA) or school-sponsored event. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2097/HB2157 **Financial Aid Simplification for Tennesseans (FAST) Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Hicks, Gary

*Summary:* Enacts the "Financial Aid Simplification for Tennesseans (FAST) Act. Revises requirements for Tennessee student assistance awards from TSAC, including specifying that a student in default on a Tennessee education loan or owes a refund on a Tennessee student financial aid program is ineligible for such award. Terminates the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship program effective July 1, 2020, and specifies that all funds remaining in the program's investment principal and investment earnings account are to be added to the reserve balances held by TSAC for the student assistance award. Revises requirements for the minority teaching fellows program. Changes various definitions under the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Act, including the definition of "home school student" and the definition of "resident." Changes eligibility requirements for the Tennessee HOPE access grant, Tennessee HOPE teacher's scholarship, and the Wilder-Naifeh skills grant. Authorizes the amount of \$1,750 for a STEP UP scholarship awarded to a student attending an eligible four-year institution for full-time attendance each semester. Revises requirements for the general assembly merit scholarship and for dual enrollment grants. Removes the director of THEC and a representative for commercial lenders from the TSAC board of directors. Makes other revisions to financial aid availability for higher education (21 pp.).

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2102/HB2169 **Water bottle filling stations in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

*Summary:* Requires an LEA or the governing body of a public charter school that constructs or renovates a public school or public charter school building to install water bottle filling stations for students. Requires at least one station for every 75 students enrolled, one on each floor, one in the school food service area and one near gyms, outdoor learning areas, athletic facilities and playgrounds. Prohibits schools from denying students' ability to bring clear water bottles on campus.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2105/HB2416 **HOPE scholarship - grades earned in ROTC courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Prohibits the use of semester hours attempted in ROTC courses, including military leadership, physical training, and off-site specialty training courses, to calculate a terminating event for a HOPE scholarship. Prohibits use of grades earned in ROTC courses to calculate an ROTC student's grade point average for purposes of the HOPE scholarship

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2160/HB2229 **Literacy instruction requirements in LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Requires an LEA with students in kindergarten through second grade (K-2) to provide students in each grade with necessary instruction for students to develop reading skills that meet Tennessee's academic standards and the students' developmental expectations; phonics based instruction must be approved for use by the department of education. Requires LEAs to administer a reading diagnostic to K-2 students and to students in third grade if they are below reading level. Establishes other requirements in regards to the assessment. Creates criteria for educator preparation programs including instruction on how to implement reading instruction, on behavior management and trauma-informed practices in the classroom and how to utilize student data. Requires a candidate for an elementary school educator to pass an examine that tests the candidate's knowledge of evidence-based and scientifically-based reading instruction in order to receive a teacher license. Creates other requirements regarding literacy education in LEAs. Part of Administration Package.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

### SB2177/HB2246 **Tuition assistance for Tennessee national guard members.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Expands eligibility for tuition reimbursement provided to members of the Tennessee national guard to include technical certificates and diplomas and certain graduate programs. Requires the department of the military to pay the educational institution for 100% of the in-state tuition for the cost of the educational program the member applied. Changes limitations and conditions for eligibility for tuition reimbursement. Part of Administration Package.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2180/HB2869 Transferring of students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Requires local boards of education to admit students from outside the board's LEA if the receiving LEA has the available space at the building, grade, class, and program level. Allows local boards of education to arrange for the transfer of students residing in their district to schools located outside of their district.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2200/HB2267 Report on mental health in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Requires the department of education with the department of mental health and substance abuse services to annually report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding state-funded mental and behavioral health services and submit recommendations for improvement. Part of Administration Package.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2205 Local School District Empowerment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank ,

*Summary:* Creates a pilot program for reestablishment of the office of elected school superintendent. Requires the department of education to study the pilot program procedures for reestablishment of the office. Revises duties of local boards of education in systems in which the office of elected school superintendent is reestablished.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20

**SB2209/HB2761 Allows schools to post firearm safety curriculum online.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Ogles, Brandon

*Summary:* Allows an LEA or school that offers a firearm safety class or program to elementary school students to post the curriculum and educational materials on the school's or LEA's website.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2214/HB2425 Evaluation of K-12 teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Permits 50 percent of a teacher's annual evaluation criteria to be comprised of other measures of student achievement if excluding student growth evaluation composites generated by assessments administered in the 2020-2021 school year or in any school year thereafter results in a higher evaluation score for the teacher.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2218/HB2504 Fund to assist LEAs in complying with the ready graduate indicator.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Authorized the ready graduate fund to provide grants to assist LEAs in meeting the requirements of the ready graduate indicator in the accountability models for schools and school systems. Requires the department of education to administer the ready graduate fund and to develop procedures by which LEAs may apply for grants.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2220/HB2305 TN Promise scholarship requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Establishes rules for calculating grade point averages for TN Promise scholarship students, rather than allowing TSAC promulgate them. Allows TN Promise scholarship students to apply for retroactive funds for 2019–2020 to students who became ineligible during the 2019-2020 school year but would have qualified under the new rules set forth in this bill.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2227/HB2299 Contracts for state assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. VanHuss, James

*Summary:* Discourages the department of education from contracting with a private vendor for the provision of the TCAP tests, of which TNReady and end-of-course assessments are a part. Encourages and authorizes the department to select one or more public four-year postsecondary institutions located in this state to provide the TCAP tests administered to students in grades three through 12. Requires the department to develop an application, timeline, and process for selecting a public four-year postsecondary institution to provide TCAP tests for students.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2231/HB2880 Trespass onto a school bus or other school premises.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Requires that no unauthorized person can enter a school bus unless obtaining authorization from the bus driver. Prohibits a person without lawful or valid business to enter onto school premises. Specifies that the punishment for violating these rules can include imprisonment and/or a fine of \$500.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2234/HB2386 Reestablishment of the office of elected school superintendent.**

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

*Summary:* Allows any county or municipality operating a school system to reestablish the office of elected school superintendent by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the county or municipal legislative body.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2248/HB2274 Child care programs - failure to submit annual report to commissioner.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Carr, Dale

*Summary:* Changes from October 1 to November 1 the date by which the department of education must notify a child care program of the program's failure to submit an annual report to the commissioner. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2249/HB2755 Funding of school nurse positions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

*Summary:* Requires, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the BEP to fund one full-time public school nurse position for each school in each LEA.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2252/HB2134 Teacher's Discipline Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cepicky, Scott

*Summary:* Specifies that a teacher has the authority, consistent with LEA policy, to manage the teacher's classroom, discipline students, and refer a student to the principal or the principal's designee to maintain discipline in the classroom. Establishes a disciplinary process for students who have been removed from the classroom by the teacher. Requires the teacher to file a report with the principal describing the student's behavior in one page or less by the end of the school day on which the removal occurs or at the beginning of the next school day. Requires the principal to notify the parents or guardian about the removal of the student within one day of such action and requires the principal to send a copy of the report filed by the teacher to the parent or guardian. Requires the principal to give the student oral or written notice of the grounds for removal from class. Specifies steps for returning student to class or providing temporary placement of student in another classroom setting.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2269/HB2477 Broadens what is taught in a family life curriculum.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob

*Summary:* Requires family life curriculum provide instruction on the prevention of dating violence. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2284/HB2335 Survey regarding speech language pathologists in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to survey all LEAs, public charter schools, and state special schools to determine whether there is a sufficient number of speech language pathologists licensed by the state board of education to meet the needs of students with speech disorders in the public schools. Requires the department to also survey and collect information on the licensed speech-language pathologists' caseloads and workloads, including the number of students evaluated, observed, and assisted per week and the amount of time per week that the pathologists spend in direct contact with students, in IEP meetings, traveling between schools, and completing documentation. Requires the department to report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of by January 15, 2021.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2315/HB2399 Filing of Tennessee financial literacy commission's annual report.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee financial literacy commission's annual report on its activities to be filed with the office of research and education accountability, in addition to the general assembly. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2327/HB2354 Providing of the revised BEP funding formula to the fiscal review committee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to provide the revised BEP funding formula to the fiscal review committee, in addition to the legislature's budget analysis office, no later than January 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2338/HB2501 Keyboarding classes may exceed class size limits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Adds keyboarding to the list of classes in which class size limits may be exceeded, provided that the instructional program is not impaired. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2345/HB2409 LEAP grant requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Expands LEAP grant requirements for organizations to include the use of high-quality instructional materials. Gives preference in the award of LEAP grants to applicants offering summer programs focused on closing literacy gaps among students entering grades one through three.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2347 Meaningful incentives and rewards for schools in reward status.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to create meaningful incentives and rewards for schools in reward status. Meaningful incentives could include prioritizing grant applications, but not acts solely of recognition or celebration.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20

**SB2348/HB2408 Creates the robotics education task force.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Creates the robotics education task force to research opportunities for expansion of robotics education programs in the kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum. Requires the task force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including feedback gathered from the general public, to the chief clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate no later than January 1, 2022.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2350/HB2404 Eligibility for the work-based learning student grant program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Extends eligibility for the work-based learning student grant program to include students enrolled in a middle college program.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2358/HB2475 Notice regarding intent to withdraw from an alternative education program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cochran, Mark

*Summary:* Changes from 30 to 45, the number of days of advance notice the principal or director of schools must provide to the commissioner of education of an intent to withdraw from an alternative education program. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2359/HB2455 Electronic submission of applications for employers of work-based learning students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Authorizes nonprofit entities that have entered into an agreement with THEC to administer the work-based learning program to provide, in consultation with THEC, a method for employers of work-based learning students to submit applications electronically. Broadly captioned.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2360/HB2282 Prohibits public schools' use of public funds for certain interscholastic athletic associations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Prohibits a public school or a public charter school from using public funds to join or maintain membership in an association that regulates interscholastic athletes if an entity other than an administrative law judge employed within the administrative procedures division of the secretary of state holds hearings or sets the location, time, date and deadlines for a hearing or if an appeal is heard by an entity other than the chancery or circuit court of the student-athlete's home county.

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2369/HB2465 Regulations on school and community based youth athletic activities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie  
*Summary:* Requires school and community-based youth athletics coaches triennially complete a head injury safety training course, the first being completed within 90 days of hire. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools implement new safety standards, set by the department of health, for activities related to school and community-based youth athletics beginning July 1, 2025. Requires the department of education and the department of health develop and publish educational guidelines and materials related to cardiac health on their respective websites. Requires approval from parent or guardian for students to participate in athletic activity. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2407/HB2452 Publication of local education boards' background check procedures.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Cooper, Barbara  
*Summary:* Requires each local board of education and governing body of a charter school to post the board's or governing body's policy governing background check procedures for contract workers and volunteers to the board's or governing body's website. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2411/HB2527 Requires healthy relationship curriculum in lifetime wellness standards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf  
*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to develop standards to be implemented beginning with the 2020-2021 school year for a curriculum focusing on healthy relationships in the mental, emotional and social health component for grades six through twelve.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2414/HB2791 Reporting of state board of education's measurable goals and benchmarks.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to submit to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives new or revised measurable goals or benchmarks. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2415/HB2790 Truth in Teacher Pay Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires the state reflect in their salary schedule the increase in proportion to the amount added to the instructional salaries and wages component for fiscal years experiencing an increase to the instructional salaries and wages component of the basic education program (BEP) increasing teacher salaries. Requires a local education agency (LEA) adopting a salary schedule increase the salary schedule in proportion to the amount added to the instructional salaries and wages component. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2418/HB2165 Persons with a criminal offense in direct contact with children.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne  
*Summary:* Prohibits an employer or their employee who has a criminal offense from coming into direct contact with children on the grounds of a school or a child care program or from entering the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2437/HB2693 School discipline - civil immunity for teachers, principals, and school employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Baum, Charlie  
*Summary:* Gives teachers, principals, school employees, and school bus drivers authority to use reasonable force when necessary to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily injury or death to another person with immunity from civil liability unless the person's conduct is the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2439/HB2166 School Spending Disclosure Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne  
*Summary:* Requires governing bodies of LEAs and public charter schools to submit a report by January 15 of each year to the department of education regarding the amount of state and local funds spent to administer all standardized tests in the previous year. Establishes requirements for what information must be reported. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2446/HB2443 Driver education in Title I schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hardaway, G.A.  
*Summary:* Requires, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each Title I public high school to provide at least one driver education course for its students.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2472/HB2718 Allows nonprofits in certain counties to harvest trees owned by the University of Tennessee for firewood donation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Windle, John  
*Summary:* Allows nonprofits in counties in which the state owns fifteen percent (15%) or more of the total acreage to harvest trees from property owned by the University of Tennessee institute of agriculture if wood is to be donated as firewood.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2473/HB2542 Released time courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Powers, Dennis  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2502/HB2614 Student-oriented organizations eligible for awards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Coley, Jim  
*Summary:* Increases necessary amount of hours an organization is required to offer programs to students every week to be eligible for education grants and technical assistance from 15 to 16 hours per week. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2503/HB2601 Post-secondary student borrowing.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Requires each institution operated by the board of regents, each state university, and each campus in the University of Tennessee system to provide certain information to a student about available financial aid to the student, including loans and work study funds, to enable the student to better assess the impact of borrowing.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2512/HB2300 School grading system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Haston, Kirk  
*Summary:* Removes the requirement that the department of education annually assign an A, B, C, D, or F letter grades to schools based on student performance on TCAP or end-of-course exams and student growth as indicated by TVAS data or other measures of student growth.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2519/HB2602 Reporting on graduation rates of high schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Summary:* Requires the administrator of a recovery high school to provide the department of education and the state board of education an annual report, which includes not only the school's overall high school graduation rate but its overall graduation rate as compared to the overall graduation rate of other high schools in the state. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2545/HB2783 Reporting time frame for a breach of ethics by educator.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Hurt, Chris  
*Summary:* Changes from within 30 days to within 15 days from the date an educator discovers another educator has breached the teacher code of ethics that the educator is required to report such breach.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2546/HB2139 Recall elections for school board members.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Removes language in the statute that limited the availability of recall elections for school board members to only Madison County.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2559/HB2756 Basic Education Program funding for a mental health counselor.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Deberry Jr., John  
*Summary:* Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula to fund at least one full-time mental health counselor position for each school in an LEA.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2560/HB2595 Instruction to enhance media literacy skills.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Dixie, Vincent  
*Summary:* Requires an LEA to include instruction on media literacy skills in a character education curriculum approved by the department of education. Encourages the department of education to post media literacy resources for LEAs to the department's website.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2566/HB2781 Changes publishing date for the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Thompson, Dwayne  
*Summary:* Changes the publishing date for the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book from March 15 to April 1. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2568/HB2440 Specifies date grievance activities report must be submitted.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Requires the board of regents, each state university board, and the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee submit a report to the education committees of the house and senate summarizing grievance activities of the previous year by January 15 of each year. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2570/HB2181 Notification - teachers evaluated using a growth portfolio model of training and professional development.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Hurt, Chris  
*Summary:* Allows an LEA's notification to all teachers evaluated using a growth portfolio model of training and professional development opportunities available on growth portfolio models to be made electronically. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2574/HB2321 Annual reporting date for the commissioner of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Whitson, Sam  
*Summary:* Changes the annual reporting date for the commissioner of education from November 1 to November 15. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2583/HB2434 Reworks sex-education curriculum in LEAs and public charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Camper, Karen  
*Summary:* Requires local education agencies (LEAs) serving grades kindergarten through 12 institute an updated medically accurate and age-appropriate sex-education curriculum fitting all students despite gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation. Allows LEAs or public charter school to implement sex-education curriculum developed by the department of education, or develop their own curriculum so long as the department's requirements are fulfilled. Allows parents to excuse their children from sex-education classes without penalizing students.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**SB2584/HB2712 Revises requirements for LEAs' progressive truancy intervention plans.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Cochran, Mark  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2602/HB2780 Deletes outdated statement deadline regarding HOPE scholarships.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Sexton, Jerry  
*Summary:* Deletes obsolete requirement that, within 30 days of May 21, 2012, TSAC post a statement regarding HOPE scholarships on their website. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2604/HB2707 Encourages updates to DARE curriculum.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Hodges, Jason  
*Summary:* Encourages the state board of education and the department of safety to update the DARE curriculum as new forms of substance abuse are identified. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

**SB2607/HB2710 Extends appointment deadline to Tennessee council for career and technical education.**

<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
<i>Summary:</i>	Extends the deadline for appointing a member to the Tennessee council for career and technical education to fill a vacancy created by the death or resignation of a member from 15 to 30 days after the vacancy occurs. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2608/HB2582</b>	<b>Research concerning start times for school.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the comptroller's office of research and education accountability (OREA) survey research regarding optimal starting times for the school day for students in elementary, middle, and high school. Requires OREA report its conclusions to the education committees of the senate and house by January 15, 2021. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2609/HB2581</b>	<b>Annual report by the Tennessee financial literacy commission.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the Tennessee financial literacy commission publish their annual report to the general assembly on the activities of the previous year on the department of the treasury website. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2620/HB2841</b>	<b>Reporting of truancy.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Farmer, Andrew
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2622/HB2531</b>	<b>Basic education program calculation.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Carr, Dale
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each LEA to receive no less than a 50 percent state share in the instructional salaries and wages components, instructional benefits components, and classroom components.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2633/HB2589</b>	<b>Required amount to make purchases by competitive bids.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Eldridge, Rick
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2637/HB2572</b>	<b>Offerings of remedial or developmental courses.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Terry, Bryan
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2652/HB2766</b>	<b>Defines teacher for the purpose of state salary increase.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carter, Mike
<i>Summary:</i>	Defines the term "teacher" for purposes of state salary increases for licensed education personnel in the state budget document or included in the general appropriations bill.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2658/HB2525</b>	<b>Annual report on teacher, student, and school performance.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf
<i>Summary:</i>	Changes from February 1 to February 15 the date by which the state board of education, in association with the commissioner of education, must submit an annual report on teacher, student, and school performance to the governor and to the general assembly. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2659/HB2469</b>	<b>Notification of high performing LEAs.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Stewart, Mike
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires notification of high performing LEAs and adds the LEA to the department of education's list of high performing school districts. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2660/HB2823</b>	<b>Requires report of food insecurity among students at public institutions of higher education.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2672/HB2818</b>	<b>Contracts governing schools in cases of casualty losses or natural disasters.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2675/HB2759</b>	<b>Submission of financial reports by LEAs.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Ogles, Brandon
<i>Summary:</i>	Changes the date, from August 1 to August 15, by which each LEA must submit to the commissioner of education a correct and accurate financial report of the receipts and expenditures for all public school purposes during the school year ending on June 30. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	H: 02/06/20
<b>SB2701/HB2159</b>	<b>BEP - funding of the instructional salaries and wages component.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Hodges, Jason
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires, subject to appropriation, that the amount appropriated to the BEP to fund the instructional salaries and wages component be increased in the fiscal year immediately following a school year in which the ESA program enrolls participating students in an amount equal to the ESA funds awarded, and the costs to the state of overseeing and administering the ESA program in the immediately preceding school year or fiscal year, as applicable.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	H: 02/05/20
<b>SB2703/HB2890</b>	<b>Annual report on the status of pre-kindergarten programs.</b>
<i>Sponsors:</i>	Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Shaw, Johnny
<i>Summary:</i>	Requires the department of education's office for early learning to post its annual report on the status of pre-kindergarten programs on its website no later than November 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.
<i>Intro Dates:</i>	H: 02/06/20

**SB2704/HB2751 Creation of task force on public school teachers' working conditions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Deberry Jr., John  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2717/HB2881 Licensure requirements for school officials and teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Weaver, Terri  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2719/HB2496 State universities' advisory boards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Hawk, David  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2720/HB2324 Changes DOC reporting date on higher education opportunities for incarcerated individuals.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Powers, Dennis  
*Summary:* Changes from January 1 to February 1 the date by which the department of correction must submit a report to the education and judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives regarding higher education opportunities available to incarcerated individuals. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20

**SB2721 Requires report to the governor from the office of research and education accountability.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,  
*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability to also report its findings annually to the governor. Broadly captioned.

**SB2725/HB2648 Restricts punishments of student athletes receiving gifts from boosters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2774/HB2634 Funding of out-of-state residential mental health facilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Holt, Andy  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2781/HB2438 Prohibits discrimination based on students' political views.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Prohibits a state institution of higher education from discriminating against students based on political viewpoints. Allows students who have been discriminated against for their political viewpoints to have a cause of action against an institution for actual damages plus reasonable attorney's and court fees. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20

**SB2783/HB2406 Final decisions of four-year higher education institutions - filing petition for contested case hearing.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Ragan, John  
*Summary:* Allows persons aggrieved by a final decision of a state university board, including the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, to file a petition for a contested case hearing.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20

**SB2784/HB2462 Truancy- student withdrawals from LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. White, Mark  
*Summary:* Allows a parents or guardian to withdraw a student with five or more days of unexcused absence and subject to truancy interventions from the LEA. Prohibits withdraw in any other month unless the student meets certain criteria.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20

**SB2804/HB2649 Compensation for student athletes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2805/HB2872 Development by LEAs of adverse childhood experiences training programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Cooper, Barbara  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2820/HB2711 Extends required period for IEP meetings to convene after using isolation or restraint.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf  
*Summary:* Extends from 10 to 14 days the period within which an individual education program (IEP) meeting must be convened following the use of isolation or restraint. Broadly captioned.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2823/HB2377 Suspension, revocation or refusal to issue or renew an educator's license.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Faison, Jeremy  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20

**SB2870/HB2787 Allows for electronic submission of annual report by the advisory council for the education of students with disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
*Summary:* Allows the advisory council for the education of students with disabilities to electronically submit its annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the state board of education regarding the progress or lack of progress made in special education by the state, its agencies and institutions, and its school districts during the preceding year.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2871/HB2670 Required enrollment in social health courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Williams, Ryan  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2873/HB2735 Extends notification time frame for education officials guilty of immoral conduct.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Sexton, Cameron  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**SB2906/HB2891 Student Healthy Outcomes Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. White, Mark  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**HB2474 Establishment of teacher preparation programs to aid students' scientific literacy.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. White, Mark  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**HB2646 Deletes the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Towns Jr., Joe  
*Summary:* Deletes the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program.  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

**HB2752 Spending restrictions on LEAs receiving state funds.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Deberry Jr., John  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20