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**TN Legislative Report – Education**

**To:** Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS)  
**From:** Angie Sanders, Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C.  
**Date:** March 27, 2014  
**Re:** Legislative Update

**A. Update on Education Committee Meetings- Week of 3/24/14**

• **House Education Committee:**

**Calendar:**

**1. [\\*HJR0551](#) by \*Forgety, \*Marsh, \*Lollar, \*Womick, \*White M, \*White D, \*Brooks H, \*Kane, \*Moody.**

General Assembly, Directed Studies - Directs the department of education to conduct another stakeholder survey that permits stakeholders to express their honest and frank opinions about the Teacher Educator Acceleration Model (TEAM) and to suggest additional changes and refinements to TEAM to improve the evaluation model. -

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee.**

**2. [\\*HJR0543](#) by \*Pitts, \*Johnson C, \*Tidwell.**

General Assembly, Directed Studies - Requests the department of education to study and report on ways local education agencies are implementing the requirements of TCA 49-6-1021, which requires 90 minutes of physical activity per week. -

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

**3. [\\*HJR0683](#) by \*Watson, \*McCormick.**

General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment - Allison Chancey, state board of education. -

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**4. [\\*HB1658](#) by \*Brooks K. ([\\*SB1760](#) by \*Ketron.)**

Education - As introduced, prohibits counting walking to and from class towards the minimum of 90 minutes per week of required physical activity for public school students. - Amends TCA Section 49-6-1021.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**5. [\\*HB1654](#) by \*Coley. ([\\*SB1786](#) by \*Tate.)**

Students - As introduced, requires an LEA in which a student is transferring to another school to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the school to which the student transfers; requires an LEA from which a student is transferring to another LEA to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the LEA to which the student transfers; requires LEAs in transferring records to comply with FERPA. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

**6. [\\*HB1871](#) by \*Coley, \*Williams R. ([\\*SB1940](#) by \*Johnson.)**

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, requires every LEA required to provide family life curriculum to provide the department of education and the state board of education with a list of the specific curriculum used to teach the family life curriculum; requires the report to include the contact information of every individual, non-LEA employee or organization authorized to teach the family life curriculum. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**7. [\\*HB2249](#) by \*Casada, \*Womick, \*Butt, \*Dunn, \*Sargent, \*White D, \*Matheny, \*Evans. ([\\*SB1602](#) by \*Bell, \*Gresham, \*Stevens, \*Yager, \*Johnson, \*Tracy, \*Hensley, \*Crowe, \*Tate, \*Ketron, \*Campfield, \*Haile.)**

Textbooks - As introduced, restructures the textbook commission and the textbook selection process. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to government operations committee. Amendment changes number of appointments to 5 by governor and 2 each for speaker of the house and speaker of the senate.**

**8. [\\*HB1857](#) by \*Williams R, \*Jernigan, \*Pitts, \*Dunn, \*Brooks H, \*DeBerry J, \*Roach, \*Akbari, \*White M, \*Coley, \*Kane. ([\\*SB1692](#) by \*Massey, \*Gardenhire, \*Tate, \*Burks, \*Crowe.)**

Tennessee Higher Education Commission - As introduced, expands the duties of the executive director of THEC to ensure institutions develop and use electronic instructional materials and related information technology accessible to individuals with disabilities; creates the Accessibility Task Force to establish conformity with the director's new duties. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

**9. [\\*HB1777](#) by \*Williams R. ([\\*SB2535](#) by \*Burks.)**

Employees, Employers - As introduced, creates the Go Build Fund to attract students towards careers in the construction industry. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 49 and Title 50.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**10. [\\*HB2049](#) by \*Gilmore, \*DeBerry J, \*Casada, \*Shepard. ([\\*SB2246](#) by \*Hensley.)**

Education - As introduced, requires schools and LEAs to encourage various measures to limit students' exposure to harmful substances while at school. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

**11. [\\*HB2115](#) by \*Brooks H, \*White D, \*White M. ([\\*SB2423](#) by \*Henry, \*Summerville.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, prohibits the board of regents and the University of Tennessee's board of trustees from adopting policies that substantially burden students' free exercise of religion. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment applies bill to all higher education institutions).**

**12. [\\*HB2116](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB1834](#) by \*Gresham, \*Niceley.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, limits courses state employees can take free of charge at public institutions of higher education under the state employees' fee waiver to 4 credit hours or 120 clock hours courses; allows the use of the fee waiver as partial payment for courses of more than 4 credit hours or 120 clock hours. - Amends TCA Section 8-50-114.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to budget sub-committee.**

**13. [\\*HB2122](#) by \*White M, \*Ragan, \*White D. ([\\*SB2354](#) by \*Gresham, \*Ketron, \*McNally.)**

Education - As introduced, revises the provisions governing harassment, intimidation, bullying and cyber-bullying in elementary and secondary education, including requiring the LEA to update the anti-bullying policy annually; mandating the parents and students sign the policy; and requiring the posting of the anti-bullying policy in classrooms, cafeterias restrooms and school buses. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 45.

**Status: Rolled to final calendar.**

**14. [\\*HB2246](#) by \*Forgety. ([\\*SB2362](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, regulates transfer pathways for transfer between public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

**15. [\\*HB1375](#) by \*Forgety, \*Rogers, \*Marsh, \*Lollar, \*Womick, \*White M, \*Brooks H, \*Moody, \*Kane, \*White D. ([\\*SB2240](#) by \*Tracy.)**

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, requires the state board of education to adopt rules, rather than policies, governing the issuance of educator licenses; prohibits an educator's license from being non-renewed or revoked based solely on

student growth data. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment removes the word “solely”).)**

**16. [\\*HB1381](#) by \*Forgety, \*Rogers, \*Marsh, \*Lollar, \*Womick, \*McCormick, \*Pitts, \*Shepard, \*Shaw, \*Gilmore, \*Camper, \*Powell, \*Johnson G, \*Towns, \*Cooper, \*Favors, \*Miller, \*Mitchell, \*Fitzhugh, \*Turner M, \*Armstrong, \*Jernigan, \*Tidwell, \*Stewart, \*Parkinson, \*Keisling, \*White M, \*White D, \*Brooks H, \*Kane, \*Moody, \*Swann. ([SB1856](#) by \*Crowe.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the state board of education, with the assistance of the department of education, to promulgate by rule a salary schedule for licensed educators based on years of service and educational training. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to government operations committee. (Amendment makes it permissive for LEA to adopt salary schedule of their choosing between 2012 schedule, 2013 schedules or alternative schedule.)**

**17. [\\*HB1793](#) by \*Kane. ([SB1949](#) by \*Campfield.)**

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to promulgate rules that set the frequency for special exemptions, for the purpose of conducting infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers, for food or beverages that do not meet certain federal nutrition standards. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Tolloed 1 week.**

**18. [\\*HB2434](#) by \*Carr J. ([SB2552](#) by \*Hensley.)**

Education - As introduced, allows LEAs to promote a student who has missed the maximum number of school days pursuant to the LEA's attendance policy to be promoted to the next grade if the student successfully completes all academic course work. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to budget sub-committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Prohibits an LEA from holding back a student if that student has completed all course work and other requirements but has excused absences which exceed the amount allowed by policy.)**

**19. [\\*HB2313](#) by \*Ragan, \*Rogers, \*Powers, \*Butt, \*Calfee, \*Keisling. ([SB2473](#) by \*Norris.)**

University of Tennessee - As introduced, requires the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at the university to perform a study on the economic feasibility of creating and utilizing a statewide comprehensive energy policy. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11; Title 49; Title 60; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 68.

**Status: Passed as amended, referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources committee.**

**20. [HB2133](#) by \*Ragan, \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2311](#) by \*McNally.)**

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, allows LEA employees who are not teachers, but who accrue sick leave, to participate in the LEA's teacher sick leave bank. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 7 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 8.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**21. [HB1558](#) by \*Ragan. ([\\*SB1453](#) by \*McNally.)**

Education - As introduced, removes requirement that the BEP review committee consider whether to include English as second language teachers in the BEP funding formula, because the review committee has recommended that such teachers be included in the formula and the senate and house of representatives have approved the inclusion. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**22. [HB2263](#) by \*Hill M, \*Spivey, \*Hill T, \*VanHuss, \*Holt, \*Kane, \*Hawk, \*Casada, \*Coley, \*Carr D, \*Moody, \*Forgety, \*Goins, \*Hall, \*Watson, \*Harrison, \*Matlock, \*Rogers, \*Carter, \*Matheny, \*Faison, \*Lollar, \*Dennis, \*Travis, \*Alexander, \*Rich, \*Keisling, \*Eldridge, \*Powers, \*Floyd, \*Sexton, \*McManus, \*Swann, \*Williams K, \*Dean, \*Mitchell, \*Sanderson, \*Sparks, \*Roach, \*Wirgau, \*Evans, \*DeBerry J, \*Tidwell, \*Windle, \*Miller, \*Jones, \*Jernigan, \*Marsh, \*Parkinson, \*Love, \*Pitts, \*Fitzhugh, \*Cooper, \*Johnson G, \*Odom, \*Shepard, \*Powell, \*McDaniel, \*Camper, \*Towns, \*Armstrong, \*Bailey, \*Calfee, \*Womick, \*Pody, \*Ramsey, \*Butt, \*Littleton, \*Farmer, \*Johnson C, \*Lundberg, \*Doss, \*Shaw, \*Hardaway, \*Favors, \*Turner J, \*Akbari, \*Halford, \*White D, \*Shipley. ([\\*SB2047](#) by \*Bell, \*Crowe, \*Niceley, \*Ford.)**

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, enacts the "Educator Respect and Accountability Act of 2014." - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**23. [\\*HB2331](#) by \*Farmer. ([SB2491](#) by \*Dickerson.)**

Schools, Charter - As introduced, allows a charter management organization to conduct meetings of its board of directors by electronic communication, if a physical quorum is not present at the meeting location without the determination that a necessity exists. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 13.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**24. [HB1693](#) by \*DeBerry J, \*Brooks H, \*White M. ([\\*SB1684](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Schools, Charter - As introduced, allows charter schools to contract with for-profit managers or operators. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

25. [\\*HB1959](#) by \*DeBerry J, \*Kane, \*Brooks K, \*Moody, \*White M. ([\\*SB2338](#) by \*Kelsey.)

Education - As introduced, allows parents to petition for restructuring of a school through the transformation or turnaround model subject to certain conditions. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

26. [\\*HB1978](#) by \*Pitts. ([\\*SB2101](#) by \*Finney .)

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department of education to provide a fiscal note detailing the financial impact of any proposed rule or policy. - Amends TCA Title 3 and Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

27. [\\*HB2125](#) by \*Pitts. ([\\*SB2370](#) by \*Tate.)

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, specifies that the provisions regarding suspensions imposed by the director of schools for three days or less apply to suspensions of teachers. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

28. [\\*HB2042](#) by \*White M, \*Brooks K, \*Casada. ([\\*SB2197](#) by \*Ketron.)

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, allows credit for a local government, that appropriates funds for education for a nonrecurring expenditure evidenced by a written agreement with the LEA, when determining compliance with the local government's maintenance of local education funding requirements. - Amends TCA Section 49-3-314(c).

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

29. [\\*HB2369](#) by \*White M, \*Love, \*Gilmore. ([\\*SB2509](#) by \*Tate.)

Education - As introduced, requires the director of schools to serve as chair of the LEA's community pre-k advisory council, instead of permitting the director to serve or designate a person to serve as chair; requires child advocacy organizations to be represented on the community pre-k advisory council. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

30. [\\*HB1285](#) by \*Holt, \*Matlock, \*Hall, \*Brooks K, \*DeBerry J, \*Shipley, \*Johnson C, \*Powers, \*Rogers, \*Casada, \*Lynn, \*Durham, \*McManus, \*Lundberg, \*Dennis, \*Floyd, \*Sparks, \*Sargent, \*Matheny, \*Goins, \*Carr J, \*Spivey, \*Pody, \*Butt, \*Evans. ([\\*SB1358](#) by \*Johnson, \*Gardenhire.)

Education - As introduced, requires all driver education courses to instruct students of the dangers and criminal penalties for texting while driving. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**31. [HB2121](#) by \*Dunn, \*Moody, \*Forgety, \*Kane, \*Brooks H, \*White D, \*White M. ([\\*SB2257](#) by \*Massey, \*Burks.)**

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, provides that duty-free teacher time for instructional planning shall be allocated on an individual basis. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**32. [\\*HB2052](#) by \*Womick. ([SB2193](#) by \*Ketron.)**

Education - As introduced, attributes the data from TCAPs and end of course exams of a student transferring from one LEA to another or from one school to another to the school at which the student was in attendance for the greatest number of days. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

- **House Education Sub-Committee:**

**FINAL CALENDAR  
COMMITTEE CLOSED**

**1. [\\*HB2055](#) by \*Womick. ([\\*SB2527](#) by \*Bell.)**

Education - As introduced, requires a standardized testing system to be in place for at least three school years before using the student test results in teacher and school evaluations. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**2. [\\*HB1696](#) by \*Butt. ([\\*SB1882](#) by \*Niceley, \*Summerville.)**

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, mandates that the state board of education and department of education shall immediately withdraw from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and common core state standards. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 10; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5; Title 49, Chapter 6 and Title 49, Chapter 60.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**3. [\\*HB2167](#) by \*Butt. ([\\*SB2404](#) by \*Hensley.)**

Education - As introduced, requires dissemination by the department of education and LEAs to parents of information concerning state and LEA mandated tests. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee.**

**4. [\\*HB2333](#) by \*Butt. ([\\*SB2410](#) by \*Hensley, \*Beavers, \*Summerville.)**

Education - As introduced, directs the comptroller of the treasury to audit the funding for the implementation of common core state standards and all components of PARCC, with cooperation from the department of education and the state board of education; requires the comptroller to audit the race to the top funding; requires a report of findings and recommendations to the education committees by July 1, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**5. [\\*HB2290](#) by \*Spivey, \*Carr J, \*Hill M, \*Carr D, \*Farmer, \*Faison, \*Shipley, \*Womick, \*Matlock, \*Calfee, \*Matheny, \*Williams K, \*Sanderson, \*Lollar, \*Tidwell, \*Doss, \*Butt, \*Lynn, \*Hill T, \*Lamberth, \*Watson, \*Holt, \*Dunn, \*Durham, \*Goins, \*Bailey, \*Pitts, \*Weaver, \*Forgety, \*VanHuss, \*Rogers, \*Alexander, \*Jernigan, \*Sexton, \*Floyd, \*Casada, \*Swann, \*Travis, \*Pody, \*Hawk, \*Sparks, \*Moody, \*Fitzhugh, \*Shaw, \*Favors, \*Shepard, \*Johnson G, \*Hardaway, \*Cooper, \*Akbari, \*Turner J, \*Miller, \*Jones, \*Stewart, \*Mitchell, \*Turner M.**

**([\\*SB2057](#) by \*Niceley.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the department of education to reimburse LEAs for the costs of implementing and the ongoing costs to use common core state standards and PARCC assessments. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee.**

6. [HB0927](#) by \*Camper, \*Pitts, \*Odom, \*Gilmore, \*Fitzhugh, \*Turner M, \*Jernigan, \*Jones, \*Johnson G, \*Love, \*Stewart, \*Powell, \*Mitchell, \*Ramsey, \*Hardaway, \*Akbari. ([SB1124](#) by \*Kyle, \*Burks, \*Ford, \*Crowe.)

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, expands definition of harassment and bullying in schools to include conduct based on actual or perceived demographic traits, requires review of anti-bullying policies at least once every three years, clarifies that such policies apply to students, school staff and volunteers. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Creates study with the council on children and youth with the state board of education and department of education on bullying. Report findings to legislature and recommend any legislation).**

7. [HB2328](#) by \*Camper, \*Akbari. ([SB2067](#) by \*Tate.)

Education, Higher - As introduced, creates a pilot project for in-state tuition being available at board of regents higher education institutions in Shelby County for certain immigrants. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 58; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

8. [HB1700](#) by \*Dunn. ([SB1964](#) by \*Bell.)

Education, State Board of - As introduced, requires development of non-textbook rating guidelines for required reading materials. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

9. [HB2497](#) by \*Holt. ([SB2501](#) by \*Stevens.)

Students - As introduced, revises the provisions governing the student code of acceptable behavior and discipline. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. States LEA will adopt an incremental disciplinary procedure. Will not apply to zero tolerance offenses. Criteria to include whether the child acted in self defense, the disciplinary history of the child and the intent or lack thereof.)**

10. [HB1841](#) by \*Johnson G, \*Faison, \*Fitzhugh, \*Jernigan, \*Pitts, \*Womick, \*Rogers, \*Mitchell. ([SB2221](#) by \*Kyle.)

Education - As introduced, allows parents to opt their children out of high stakes testing. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

11. [HB1842](#) by \*Johnson G. ([SB2220](#) by \*Kyle.)

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the dangers of texting while driving and the penalty therefor. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

12. [HB1846](#) by \*Johnson G, \*Jernigan, \*Fitzhugh, \*Pitts, \*Jones. ([\\*SB1924](#) by \*Finney .)

Education - As introduced, authorizes and encourages the creation of community schools.  
- Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (Modeled after Knox County “community school” programs)**

13. [HB1849](#) by \*Johnson G, \*Faison, \*Fitzhugh, \*Jernigan, \*Pitts, \*Jones, \*Womick, \*Sparks. ([\\*SB1928](#) by \*Finney .)

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, requires that evaluations of teachers be based on student performance only in subjects that were tested and in which the teacher taught the students. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2, and Title 49, Chapter 3.

**Status: Failed.**

14. [HB2112](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2357](#) by \*Gresham.)

Education, Higher - As introduced, requires the board of regents and UT board of trustees to report to the house and senate education committees whether instruction aimed at increasing the awareness and prevention of hate crime offenses, sexual battery, sexual harassment, and date rape are being offered to all entering freshmen during orientation or introductory studies at each of their respective institutions. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 8, Chapter 50 and Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

15. [HB2111](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2358](#) by \*Gresham.)

Education - As introduced, creates a special joint legislative study committee to consider, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the state authorization reciprocity agreements (SARA); specifies that the committee consist of three house members and three senate members, appointed by their respective speaker. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

16. [HB2127](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2352](#) by \*Gresham.)

Education, Higher - As introduced, clarifies that both public and private institutions only offering preschool through twelfth grade education are exempt from the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974. - Amends TCA Section 49-7-2004.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment states that independent non-profit schools from out of state must be treated the same as those in-state institutions).**

17. [HB2114](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2202](#) by \*Johnson.)

Education - As introduced, requires posting of a proposed memorandum of understanding reached by the management personnel of a local board of education and the professional employees on the LEA's web site; requires the approval and the date of the approval to be included once the memorandum is approved by the local board of education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**18. [HB2113](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2201](#) by \*Johnson.)**

Education - As introduced, specifies how and when notice must be given for collaborative conferencing sessions to enable attendance by professional employees who are not on the panel and the public. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**19. [HB2108](#) by \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB2250](#) by \*Massey.)**

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, permits teachers and principals to select the student achievement measures that represent 15 percent of their evaluations, if they can not agree with their evaluators on what should be used. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment states that when there is a disagreement over what measure to use for the 15% of teacher/principal evaluation, the teacher/principal's choice shall control and will be verified by the department of education as an appropriate measure).**

**20. [\\*HB2336](#) by \*Mitchell. ([SB2456](#) by \*Ford.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the state to reimburse LEAs for the costs or debt incurred to become technologically sufficient to administer the state-mandated Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**21. [HB1705](#) by \*Faison. ([\\*SB1469](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Education - As introduced, prohibits collection or reporting of certain student individual data without parental consent or consent of the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**22. [\\*HB2376](#) by \*Armstrong, \*Camper, \*Akbari. ([SB2519](#) by \*Massey, \*Tate.)**

Education - As introduced, requires LEAs to survey students as to the availability of Internet in their homes and report results to the department of education; the department will report the results to the governor and the education committees of the house and senate. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment provides that survey shall be one-time survey).**

**23. [HB2071](#) by \*Farmer. ([\\*SB1737](#) by \*Niceley.)**

Death - As introduced, requires that any body farm located in this state shall be owned and operated by a state-supported university, community college, or a private college or university. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 4.

**Status: Failed.**

**24. [\\*HB2077](#) by \*Forgety. ([SB2359](#) by \*Gresham, \*Ketron.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, requires the disclosure concerning transferability of credits that institutions authorized to operate by THEC must make to potential students to be in 18-point bold type rather than 16-point type. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8 and Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**25. [HB2237](#) by \*Alexander, \*Carr D, \*Keisling, \*Spivey, \*Hall, \*Sexton, \*Lollar, \*Brooks K, \*Casada, \*Windle. ([\\*SB2153](#) by \*Niceley.)**

Education, State Board of - As introduced, requires members of the board to be elected by congressional district for four-year term as current terms expire and vacancies arise. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**26. [HB2086](#) by \*VanHuss, \*Johnson G, \*Eldridge, \*Hill M, \*Hill T, \*Mitchell, \*Matheny, \*Todd, \*Shipley, \*Jernigan, \*Pitts, \*Spivey, \*Goins, \*Hall, \*Womick, \*McManus, \*Turner J, \*Keisling. ([\\*SB2030](#) by \*Hensley.)**

Education, State Board of - As introduced, requires certain successive appointments to the board to have at least five years of teaching experience in public schools in grades K-12; mandates, after April 1, 2018, the board to be composed of at least five members with at least five years of teaching experience in public schools in grades K-12. - Amends TCA Section 49-1-301.

**Status: Failed.**

**27. [HB2162](#) by \*Matheny, \*DeBerry J, \*Kane. ([\\*SB1963](#) by \*Bell.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, defines "college" and regulates the use of the word "college" in the name of a postsecondary educational institution. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee.**

**28. [\\*HB2032](#) by \*DeBerry J. ([SB2294](#) by \*Haile.)**

Human Rights - As introduced, makes certain discriminations against a student or a student organization by a postsecondary educational institution a discriminatory practice under the human rights statute. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21 and Title 49.

**Status: Rolled to next calendar (next year)**

**29. [HB1185](#) by \*DeBerry J, \*Womick, \*Butt, \*Durham, \*Dunn, \*Matlock, \*Holt, \*Carr J, \*Matheny, \*Lollar, \*Rich, \*Brooks K, \*Weaver, \*Floyd, \*VanHuss, \*Doss, \*Hill T, \*Hill M, \*Carter, \*Rogers, \*Keisling, \*Alexander, \*Spivey, \*Eldridge, \*Lamberth, \*Ragan, \*Powers, \*Williams R, \*McCormick, \*Casada, \*Johnson C, \*Evans, \*Littleton, \*Dennis, \*Lundberg. ([\\*SB0514](#) by \*Hensley, \*Summerville.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, prohibits public institutions of higher education from disciplining or discriminating against a student in a counseling, social work, or psychology program because the student refuses to counsel or serve a client as to goals, outcomes, or behaviors that conflict with a sincerely held religious belief of the student, if the student refers the client to a counselor who will provide the counseling or services. -

Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49.

**Status: Sent back to the clerk's desk.**

**30. [\\*HB1502](#) by \*DeBerry J. ([SB2396](#) by \*Harper.)**

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, allows LEAs, with approval from the state board of education, to establish community schools, which are schools that partner with the community for additional resources for students and families. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**31. [\\*HB1960](#) by \*DeBerry J.**

School Vouchers - As introduced, establishes a voucher program for students assigned to or enrolled in schools in the achievement school district. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**32. [\\*HB1908](#) by \*DeBerry J. ([SB2025](#) by \*Kelsey, \*Gresham, \*Ramsey.)**

School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act". - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Rolled to next calendar (next year)**

**33. [HB1998](#) by \*White M. ([\\*SB1456](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, deletes unused definitions in the lottery scholarship program. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**34. [HB1999](#) by \*White M. ([\\*SB1455](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, removes obsolete language concerning the terms of the public members of the board of regents; clarifies confusing language resulting from the change of name of the Tennessee technology centers to Tennessee colleges of applied technology. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**35. [HB2450](#) by \*Matlock. ([\\*SB2493](#) by \*Campfield.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, prohibits use of institutional revenues, including student activity fees, to engage visiting or guest speakers for events at public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**36. [HB1514](#) by \*Carr D, \*Farmer. ([\\*SB1472](#) by \*Overbey.)**

Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, requires the state to provide sufficient funding so that each LEA will receive no less than a 65% state share of funding in the BEP instructional components. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice. To be referred to BEP task force.**

**37. [HB1824](#) by \*Keisling, \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB1702](#) by \*Niceley.)**

Education - As introduced, provides for re-establishment of elected office of school superintendent for county or city school systems upon two-thirds vote of county or city governing body and approval in an election on the question by the voters in ten LEAs as a pilot program to allow the department to study the relevant procedures of re-establishing the office; provides for qualifications of candidates; adjusts duties of the local board of education in county or city school systems electing superintendents. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**38. [\\*HB0571](#) by \*Windle, \*Brooks H. ([SB1071](#) by \*Burks.)**

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, provides for re-establishment of elected office of school superintendent for counties or cities upon two-thirds vote of governing body; any such ordinance or resolution once approved is not operative until approved in an election; provides for qualifications of candidates. - Amends TCA Section 49-2-203 and Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 3.

**Status: Failed.**

**39. [HB1306](#) by \*Windle, \*Camper, \*Matheny, \*Carr D, \*Lundberg, \*Keisling, \*Hawk, \*Sparks, \*Swann, \*Miller, \*Parkinson, \*Odom, \*Johnson G. ([\\*SB1369](#) by \*Tate, \*Bowling, \*Southerland.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, requires UT and TBR institutions to provide free parking to employees who earn less than the average state employee salary; permits other employees to be charged for parking on a tiered scale based on salary. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee.**

**40. [HB1893](#) by \*Stewart. ([\\*SB1957](#) by \*Burks.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the department of education to submit to the governor and general assembly findings and recommendations concerning the efficiency and effectiveness of the model teen learning centers prior to December 15, rather than January 15. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**41. [HB1973](#) by \*Pitts. ([\\*SB2006](#) by \*Green.)**

Students - As introduced, requires the department of education to maintain the unique personal identification numbers of students of active duty military parents or guardians in a separate database to identify and track these students if the students move to different schools across the state and country. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment requires parental consent to include student in the database. State board to create rules).**

**42. [HB2102](#) by \*Coley, \*Love. ([\\*SB2069](#) by \*Tate.)**

Schools, Charter - As introduced, removes a provision that created a task force to study and evaluate the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002, under the facilitation of the comptroller of the treasury, and to report to the general assembly by February 2, 2011. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Requires 1.75% withholding fee charged by LEA to charter schools to cover charter authorization and oversight costs. Adds 2 year sunset for bill to be reevaluated.)**

**43. [HB2082](#) by \*Love. ([\\*SB1863](#) by \*Tate.)**

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, amends the number of days in which a student must be present in the classroom before the students TCAP scores are attributed to the specific teacher or school where the student is enrolled. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee.**

**44. [HB2160](#) by \*Roach. ([\\*SB1874](#) by \*Overbey.)**

Schools, Charter - As introduced, changes from 90 to 75 the number of days prior to opening a charter school by which the commissioner of education must verify that the information contained in the charter application has not changed. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Rolled 1 week.**

**45. [HB1845](#) by \*Johnson G. ([\\*SB1923](#) by \*Finney .)**

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires an annual charter school report to be posted on the web site of the department. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**46. [\\*HB2370](#) by \*White M. ([SB2508](#) by \*Tate.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the achievement school district (ASD) to develop standards for parental involvement for schools in the ASD and to include in the state report each school's compliance with the standards beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**47. [\\*HB2079](#) by \*Powell. ([SB2356](#) by \*Dickerson.)**

Education - As introduced, requires LEAs to submit their policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying to the commissioner of education by January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter; requires LEAs to transmit any revisions of the policy to the commissioner with the revisions highlighted. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Adds more offenses and jurisdictions to school vendor background checks).**

**48. [HB1932](#) by \*White M. ([\\*SB2043](#) by \*Kelsey.)**

Schools, Charter - As introduced, requires the department of education to adopt and publish, by August 1, 2014, uniform guidelines to be used by local education agencies in which a charter school operates in submitting their annual reports listing underutilized and vacant properties. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (Caption bill).**

**49. [\\*HB2453](#) by \*Matheny, \*Holt, \*Dunn, \*Hill M, \*Moody, \*Butt, \*Womick, \*Casada, \*Faison, \*Carr J, \*Matlock, \*Shipley, \*White D, \*Carter, \*Doss, \*Pody, \*Weaver, \*Kane, \*Williams R, \*DeBerry J, \*Alexander, \*Spivey. ([SB2559](#) by \*Bowling, \*Hensley, \*Bell, \*Tate, \*Green, \*Dickerson, \*Burks, \*Crowe, \*Gardenhire.)**

Education - As introduced, requires every LEA to allow parents to review all instructional materials used in the classroom of the parent's child; mandates the LEA to allow parents access to review all surveys and evaluations administered to the parent's child. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 70.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee.**

**50. [HB1969](#) by \*Pitts. ([\\*SB2093](#) by \*Green, \*Ketrone.)**

Children - As introduced, makes the children of armed services personnel who were killed or reported missing in action eligible to attend pilot pre-kindergarten programs and requires licensed child care agencies to prioritize such children on any waiting list for admission. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 71.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee.**

**51. [HB1791](#) by \*Kane. ([\\*SB1745](#) by \*Kelsey.)**

Education - As introduced, permits a local board of education to refuse to accept federal funding for an education program without a penalty being assessed by a state agency or state official. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (LEA's cannot pull out of IDEA or Title 9.)**

**52. [\\*HB2311](#) by \*Parkinson. ([SB2576](#) by \*Kyle.)**

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to provide an annual report on the status of any drug testing programs implemented by an LEA to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house and the education committees of the senate and house. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50 and Title 71.

**Status: Failed.**

**53. [HB2318](#) by \*Powers. ([\\*SB2104](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, requires members of both the state and county boards of education to have a high school diploma or GED and at least two years of postsecondary education; current members may fulfill their terms and seek re-election. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Effective Jan 1, 2014.**

**Grandfathers in current school board members. Only affects future elections).**

**54. [HB2493](#) by \*Mitchell, \*Hardaway. ([\\*SB2208](#) by \*Ford.)**

Education - As introduced, creates a study committee of interested legislators from the majority and minority parties to study the BEP funding formula and its application and submit findings and recommendations to the education committees and speakers of the house of representatives and senate by January 15, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**55. [\\*HB2335](#) by \*Mitchell, \*Powell. ([SB2572](#) by \*Kyle.)**

Veterans - As introduced, establishes that veterans are eligible to pay in-state tuition and fees at any state institution of higher education upon presenting a DD-214 form and Tennessee driver license or other specified documentation. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**56. [\\*HB2423](#) by \*Mitchell. ([SB2534](#) by \*Burks.)**

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, increases the semester hours required to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship from 120 semester hours to 132 semester hours and from 136 semester hours to 148 semester hours. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**57. [HB2378](#) by \*Lynn. ([\\*SB1608](#) by \*Campfield, \*Summerville.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, requires student fees for student organizations' paid speakers to be distributed proportionally based on membership to student organizations requesting such funding. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**58. [HB2439](#) by \*Lynn. ([\\*SB1969](#) by \*Bell.)**

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, permits public schools to inform students about the history of traditional winter celebrations; allows LEAs to use traditional winter holiday greetings and display winter holiday symbols on school property, as long as more than one religion and a secular symbol are displayed. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**59. [\\*HB2414](#) by \*Roach. ([\\*SB2533](#) by \*Burks.)**

Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, increases from 50 percent to 60 percent the level of funding allocated by the BEP formula for medical insurance premiums for instructional positions and provides that such funding must be used solely for such purpose. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**60. [\\*HB1992](#) by \*Floyd, \*Powell, \*McCormick. ([\\*SB1951](#) by \*Gardenhire.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, permits undocumented alien students who are Tennessee residents, who meet the academic requirements of HOPE scholarship and attend Tennessee schools for five years prior to graduating from high school, be charged in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**61. [\\*HB2428](#) by \*Sargent. ([\\*SB2455](#) by \*Gresham.)**

School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice and Opportunity Scholarship Act". - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**62. [\\*HB2436](#) by \*Travis. ([\\*SB1586](#) by \*Bell.)**

Tennessee Higher Education Commission - As introduced, allows designees of named members of THEC to serve in members' places. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**63. [\\*HB2437](#) by \*Sparks.**

Education, Higher - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Parents' and Students' Tuition Relief Act" to study the impact of providing a 25 percent tuition discount to parents and dependents of parents who simultaneously attend any state college or university within the state. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**64. [\\*HJR0542](#) by \*Pitts, \*Johnson C, \*Tidwell.**

Memorials, Congress - Urges Congress to revise No Child Left Behind standards relative to special education students and graduation rates. -

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee.**

**65. [\\*HB1975](#) by \*Pitts, \*Mitchell. ([\\*SB2102](#) by \*Finney.)**

Education - As introduced, prohibits the test scores from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers to be used in evaluating LEAs during the 2014-2015 school year. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (Amendment will be brought in full committee re: hold harmless year for PARCC results).**

**66. [\\*HB2295](#) by \*Pitts, \*Tidwell. ([SB2460](#) by \*Finney .)**

Education - As introduced, requires a biennial survey of LEAs and public charter schools by the department of education to find programs that encourage and support the study of STEM fields by pre-K-12 students. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Designates August “Women in STEM” month.)**

**67. [\\*HB2076](#) by \*Forgety. ([SB2355](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Education - As introduced, requires the state board of education to report on the use of the scholarship fund for deaf students graduating from the Tennessee school for the deaf and the amount of moneys in the fund and expended for scholarships by November 1, 2014, with an update of the report by November 1 every year thereafter. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Allows Shelby County Schools to address salaries of non-teaching positions via a compensation study in order to level with other positions after consolidation.)**

**68. [HB1216](#) by \*Dunn. ([\\*SB1265](#) by \*Niceley, \*Burks, \*Crowe.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, allows any child of a public school teacher who is enrolled in a state institution of higher learning and receiving a tuition discount to continue to receive that discount if their parent retires after 30 years of full-time creditable service while the child is enrolled. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee. (Amendment makes the bill. States health care professionals who are full time employees of the LEA qualify for the discount).**

**69. [HB1292](#) by \*Lollar, \*Todd, \*McManus, \*White M, \*Coley, \*Brooks H. ([\\*SB1356](#) by \*Norris.)**

Driver Education - As introduced, requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the danger and crime of texting while driving. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**70. [HB1557](#) by \*Matlock. ([\\*SB1454](#) by \*Gresham.)**

Education - As introduced, rewrites the section to conform the language to proper style and removes language, which is no longer needed, concerning the reasons for the uniform grading system for students in grades 9-12 and a report that has been done by the comptroller. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**71. [HB1848](#) by \*Johnson G, \*Fitzhugh, \*Jernigan, \*Pitts, \*Jones, \*Brooks H, \*Womick, \*Marsh, \*Shaw, \*Sparks, \*Rogers. ([\\*SB1927](#) by \*Finney .)**

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, creates the Tennessee rural teachers scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

**Status: Passed. Sent to full committee. (HOPE scholarship to students pursuing teaching degrees, agree to return to rural county to teach for at least four years after graduation).**

**72. [HB2198](#) by \*Turner M. ([\\*SB2142](#) by \*Tate.)**

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, permits a Tennessee HOPE scholarship recipient to omit the grades from one semester from the recipient's HOPE cumulative grade point average without penalty. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

**Status: Taken off notice.**

**73. [\\*HB2147](#) by \*Parkinson, \*McManus. ([SB2511](#) by \*Tate.)**

Education, Higher - As introduced, creates the student athlete trust fund to provide a source of funding for one-time payments to eligible student athletes who graduate from a public institution of higher education in Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to full committee.**

- **Senate Education Committee:**

**FINAL CALENDAR  
COMMITTEE CLOSED**

1. **SB 1611** \*Green (HB 1977 by \*Pitts, Mitchell, Rogers)

Education - As introduced, requires any waiver of rules, regulations or policies granted by the Department of Education to be posted on the department's web site within five business days of approval; requires a rationale of the waiver to be included on the web site. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

2. **SB 2007** \*Green (HB 1839 by \*Tidwell, Pitts)

Students - As introduced, permits an LEA, after three documented attempts to locate a student, to remove the student from the LEA's enrollment records so the student is not counted as a dropout. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

3. **SB 2093** \*Green, Ketron (HB 1969 by \*Pitts)

Children - As introduced, makes the children of armed services personnel who were killed or reported missing in action eligible to attend pilot pre-kindergarten programs and requires licensed child care agencies to prioritize such children on any waiting list for admission. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 71.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

4. **SB 1458** \*Green (HB 1976 by \*Pitts)

Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, requires BEP funding to be based on the average of equally weighted ADMs reported for periods 2 and 3. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

5. **SB 2006** \*Green (HB 1973 by \*Pitts)

Students - As introduced, requires the department of education to maintain the unique personal identification numbers of students of active duty military parents or guardians in a separate database to identify and track these students if the students move to different schools across the state and country. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment re: parent consent removed).**

6. **SB 2311** \*McNally (HB 2133 by \*Ragan, Brooks H)

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, allows LEA employees who are not teachers, but who accrue sick leave, to participate in the LEA's teacher sick leave bank. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 7 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 8.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

7. [SB 1453](#) \*McNally (HB 1558 by \*Ragan)

Education - As introduced, removes requirement that the BEP review committee consider whether to include English as second language teachers in the BEP funding formula, because the review committee has recommended that such teachers be included in the formula and the senate and house of representatives have approved the inclusion. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment changes law back to prior-2013, takes provision out that states vote of the Board is required to disburse funds from the education account.)**

8. [SB 0196](#) \*Norris, Kelsey, Summerville (HB 0190 by \*McCormick, Dunn, Ragan)

School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act". - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee. (Amendment states that if caps are not met, vouchers will open up to students in districts in the bottom 10% of schools who are on free and reduced price lunch.)**

9. [SB 1356](#) \*Norris (HB 1292 by \*Lollar, Todd, McManus, White M, Coley, Brooks H)

Driver Education - As introduced, requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the danger and crime of texting while driving. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

10. [SB 2473](#) \*Norris (HB 2313 by \*Ragan, Rogers, Powers, Butt, Calfee, Keisling)

University of Tennessee - As introduced, requires the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at the university to perform a study on the economic feasibility of creating and utilizing a statewide comprehensive energy policy. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11; Title 49; Title 60; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 68.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee.**

11. [SB 1112](#) \*Kyle (HB 1179 by \*Towns, Cooper)

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires department to utilize scale of 100 percent when reporting progress in the Tennessee report card for schools beginning with the report for the 2013-2014 school year. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment states that State board will develop uniform grading policy for grades K-8. Permissive on LEA's whether or not to adopt the state board's policy.)**

12. [SB 1124](#) \*Kyle, Burks, Ford, Crowe (HB 0927 by \*Camper, Pitts, Odom, Gilmore, Fitzhugh, Turner M, Jernigan, Jones, Johnson G, Love, Stewart, Powell, Mitchell, Ramsey, Hardaway, Akbari)

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, expands definition of harassment and bullying in schools to include conduct based on actual or perceived demographic traits, requires review of anti-bullying policies at least once every three years, clarifies that such policies apply to students, school staff and volunteers. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

13. [SB 2576](#) \*Kyle (HB 2311 by \*Parkinson)

Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to provide an annual report on the status of any drug testing programs implemented by an LEA to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house and the education committees of the senate and house. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50 and Title 71.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

14. [SB 2221](#) \*Kyle (HB 1841 by \*Johnson G, Faison, Fitzhugh, Jernigan, Pitts, Womick, Rogers, Mitchell)

Education - As introduced, allows parents to opt their children out of high stakes testing. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Failed.**

15. [SB 2561](#) \*Kyle (HB 2479 by \*Akbari, Camper, Hardaway, Cooper, Armstrong, Miller, Pitts, Fitzhugh)

Education - As introduced, requires the state board of education, department of education and the office of research and education accountability to confer with other stakeholders and determine the best means of establishing a best practices clearinghouse that shall identify, develop and share best practices from models of education reform with K-12 public schools. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

16. [SB 2405](#) \*Beavers (HB 2332 by \*Womick, Carr J, Watson, Weaver, Dean, Rogers, Casada, Brooks K, Todd, Matheny)

Education - As introduced, discontinues use of common core state standards. – Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 10; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

17. [SB 0262](#) \*Finney L (HB 0291 by \*Fitzhugh, Jones, Akbari, Camper, Johnson G, Shaw, Cooper, Stewart, Turner J, Powell, Hardaway, Jernigan)

Education - As introduced, eliminates outdated 1977 travel reimbursement of 15 cents per mile for high school counselors serving more than one school that originally only applied to Monroe County. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

18. [SB 1924](#) \*Finney (HB 1846 by \*Johnson G, Jernigan, Fitzhugh, Pitts, Jones)

Education - As introduced, authorizes and encourages the creation of community schools. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to finance committee. (Modeled after community school programs in Knox County).**

19. [SB 1927](#) \*Finney (HB 1848 by \*Johnson G, Fitzhugh, Jernigan, Pitts, Jones, Brooks H, Womick, Marsh, Shaw, Sparks, Rogers)  
Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, creates the Tennessee rural teachers scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.  
**Status: Passed. Sent to finance committee.**

20. [SB 1928](#) \*Finney (HB 1849 by \*Johnson G, Faison, Fitzhugh, Jernigan, Pitts, Jones, Womick, Sparks)  
Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, requires that evaluations of teachers be based on student performance only in subjects that were tested and in which the teacher taught the students. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2, and Title 49, Chapter 3.  
**Status: Sent to general sub.**

21. [SB 2102](#) \*Finney (HB 1975 by \*Pitts, Mitchell)  
Education - As introduced, prohibits the test scores from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers to be used in evaluating LEAs during the 2014-2015 school year. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6.  
**Status: Sent to general sub.**

22. [SB 2460](#) \*Finney (HB 2295 by \*Pitts, Tidwell)  
Education - As introduced, requires a biennial survey of LEAs and public charter schools by the department of education to find programs that encourage and support the study of STEM fields by pre-K-12 students. - Amends TCA Title 49.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee. (Amendment makes the bill and designates August as “Women in STEM” month).**

23. [SB 2362](#) \*Gresham (HB 2246 by \*Forgety)  
Education, Higher - As introduced, regulates transfer pathways for transfer between public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

24. [SB 1887](#) \*Gresham (HB 1780 by \*DeBerry J, White M)  
Schools, Charter - As introduced, creates a 30 day application period for students eligible for the achievement school district to enroll in the charter school; allows additional students to enroll in the charter school as long as the student enrollment does not exceed the school's capacity. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (After all eligible students enroll in an ASD charter school, the school may accept students from outside the ASD that are not proficient in reading or math, on free and reduced price lunch, or from a low performing school. Amendment limits outside enrollment to 25% of the ASD charter school’s enrollment).**

25. [SB 2354](#) \*Gresham, Ketron, McNally (HB 2122 by \*White M, Ragan, White D)  
Education - As introduced, revises the provisions governing harassment, intimidation, bullying and cyber-bullying in elementary and secondary education, including requiring the LEA to update the anti-bullying policy annually; mandating the parents and students sign the policy; and requiring the posting of the anti-bullying policy in classrooms, cafeterias restrooms and school buses. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 45.  
**Status: Sent to general sub.**

26. [SB 2455](#) \*Gresham (HB 2428 by \*Sargent)  
School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice and Opportunity Scholarship Act". - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.  
**Status: Sent to general sub.**

27. [SB 2355](#) \*Gresham (HB 2076 by \*Forgety)  
Education - As introduced, requires the state board of education to report on the use of the scholarship fund for deaf students graduating from the Tennessee school for the deaf and the amount of moneys in the fund and expended for scholarships by November 1, 2014, with an update of the report by November 1 every year thereafter. - Amends TCA Title 49.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment allows a study on salary schedules for those non-teachers employed by Shelby County's new consolidated school system).**

28. [SB 2352](#) \*Gresham (HB 2127 by \*Brooks H)  
Education, Higher - As introduced, clarifies that both public and private institutions only offering preschool through twelfth grade education are exempt from the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974. - Amends TCA Section 49-7-2004.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

29. [SB 2104](#) \*Gresham (HB 2318 by \*Powers)  
Local Education Agencies - As introduced, requires members of both the state and county boards of education to have a high school diploma or GED and at least two years of postsecondary education; current members may fulfill their terms and seek reelection. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2.  
**Status: Failed.**

30. [SB 1834](#) \*Gresham, Niceley (HB 2116 by \*Brooks H)  
Education, Higher - As introduced, limits courses state employees can take free of charge at public institutions of higher education under the state employees' fee waiver to 4 credit hours or 120 clock hours courses; allows the use of the fee waiver as partial payment for courses of more than 4 credit hours or 120 clock hours. - Amends TCA Section 8-50-114.  
**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee.**

31. [SB 1745](#) \*Kelsey (HB 1791 by \*Kane)

Education - As introduced, permits a local board of education to refuse to accept federal funding for an education program without a penalty being assessed by a state agency or state official. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment states that LEA cannot refuse funds if they will cause loss of funds for all other participating LEA's. Requires prior notification to the Dept. of Ed. of intention to refuse federal funding.)**

32. [SB 2025](#) \*Kelsey, Gresham, Ramsey (HB 1908 by \*DeBerry J)

School Vouchers - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act". - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

33. [SB 2043](#) \*Kelsey (HB 1932 by \*White M)

Schools, Charter - As introduced, requires the department of education to adopt and publish, by August 1, 2014, uniform guidelines to be used by local education agencies in which a charter school operates in submitting their annual reports listing underutilized and vacant properties. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

34. [SB 2338](#) \*Kelsey (HB 1959 by \*DeBerry J, Kane, Brooks K, Moody, White M)

Education - As introduced, allows parents to petition for restructuring of a school through the transformation or turnaround model subject to certain conditions. – Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to finance committee. (Applies to schools in bottom 10%. 51% of parents must vote to convert the school under a turnaround model).**

35. [SB 2030](#) \*Hensley (HB 2086 by \*Van Huss, Johnson G, Eldridge, Hill M, Hill T, Mitchell, Matheny, Todd, Shipley, Jernigan, Pitts, Spivey, Goins, Hall, Womick, McManus, Turner J, Keisling)

Education, State Board of - As introduced, requires certain successive appointments to the board to have at least five years of teaching experience in public schools in grades K-12; mandates, after April 1, 2018, the board to be composed of at least five members with at least five years of teaching experience in public schools in grades K-12. - Amends TCA Section 49-1-301.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

36. [SB 2404](#) \*Hensley (HB 2167 by \*Butt)

Education - As introduced, requires dissemination by the department of education and LEAs to parents of information concerning state and LEA mandated tests. – Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

37. [SB 2552](#) \*Hensley (HB 2434 by \*Carr J)

Education - As introduced, allows LEAs to promote a student who has missed the maximum number of school days pursuant to the LEA's attendance policy to be promoted to the next grade if the student successfully completes all academic course work. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30.

**Status: Failed.**

38. [SB 1951](#) \*Gardenhire (HB 1992 by \*Floyd, Powell, McCormick)

Education, Higher - As introduced, permits undocumented alien students who are Tennessee residents, who meet the academic requirements of HOPE scholarship and attend Tennessee schools for five years prior to graduating from high school, be charged in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

39. [SB 2356](#) \*Dickerson (HB 2079 by \*Powell)

Education - As introduced, requires LEAs to submit their policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying to the commissioner of education by January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter; requires LEAs to transmit any revisions of the policy to the commissioner with the revisions highlighted. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Adds additional offenses and jurisdictions to vendor background checks).**

40. [SB 1608](#) \*Campfield, Summerville (HB 2378 by \*Lynn)

Education, Higher - As introduced, requires student fees for student organizations' paid speakers to be distributed proportionally based on membership to student organizations requesting such funding. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

41. [SB 2493](#) \*Campfield (HB 2450 by \*Matlock)

Education, Higher - As introduced, prohibits use of institutional revenues, including student activity fees, to engage visiting or guest speakers for events at public institutions of higher education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

42. [SB 1681](#) \*Tate (HB 1660 by \*Shaw, Shepard, Love, Gilmore)

Labor and Workforce Development, Dept. of - As introduced, creates a voucher program for payment of approved testing costs for adult education students. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14 and Title 49.

**Status: Failed.**

43. [SB 1786](#) \*Tate (HB 1654 by \*Coley)

Students - As introduced, requires an LEA in which a student is transferring to another school to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the school to which the student transfers; requires an LEA from which a student is transferring to another

LEA to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the LEA to which the student transfers; requires LEAs in transferring records to comply with FERPA. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

44. [SB 1863](#) \*Tate (HB 2082 by \*Love)

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, amends the number of days in which a student must be present in the classroom before the students TCAP scores are attributed to the specific teacher or school where the student is enrolled. – Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Send to calendar committee.**

45. [SB 1864](#) \*Tate (HB 2083 by \*Love, Gilmore)

Education - As introduced, requires the department of education to report the number of student referrals by the LEAs to the juvenile court by schools, local school districts, gender and race in the department's annual report. - Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 5; Title 37, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 6; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 1.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

46. [SB 2069](#) \*Tate (HB 2102 by \*Coley, Love)

Schools, Charter - As introduced, removes a provision that created a task force to study and evaluate the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002, under the facilitation of the comptroller of the treasury, and to report to the general assembly by February 2, 2011. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13.

**Status: Sent to general sub. (Asking Office of Research Education Accountability to do study on amount of payment from charter schools to LEA's for authorization costs).**

47. [SB 2067](#) \*Tate (HB 2328 by \*Camper, Akbari)

Education, Higher - As introduced, creates a pilot project for in-state tuition being available at board of regents higher education institutions in Shelby County for certain immigrants. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 58; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

48. [SB 2142](#) \*Tate (HB 2198 by \*Turner M)

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, permits a Tennessee HOPE scholarship recipient to omit the grades from one semester from the recipient's HOPE cumulative grade point average without penalty. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

49. [SB 2511](#) \*Tate (HB 2147 by \*Parkinson, McManus)

Education, Higher - As introduced, creates the student athlete trust fund to provide a source of funding for one-time payments to eligible student athletes who graduate from a public institution of higher education in Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Failed.**

50. [SB 1957](#) \*Burks (HB 1893 by \*Stewart)

Education - As introduced, requires the department of education to submit to the governor and general assembly findings and recommendations concerning the efficiency and effectiveness of the model teen learning centers prior to December 15, rather than January 15. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

51. [SB 2533](#) \*Burks (HB 2414 by \*Roach)

Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, increases from 50 percent to 60 percent the level of funding allocated by the BEP formula for medical insurance premiums for instructional positions and provides that such funding must be used solely for such purpose. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

52. [SB 2534](#) \*Burks (HB 2423 by \*Mitchell)

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, increases the semester hours required to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship from 120 semester hours to 132 semester hours and from 136 semester hours to 148 semester hours. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

53. [SB 2423](#) \*Henry, Summerville (HB 2115 by \*Brooks H, White D, White M)

Education, Higher - As introduced, prohibits the board of regents and the University of Tennessee's board of trustees from adopting policies that substantially burden students' free exercise of religion. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

54. [HJR 0634](#) \*McDaniel

General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position - Encourages high schools to have read aloud a statement about the 200th anniversary of the National Anthem before the playing of the National Anthem at sporting or other school-sponsored events occurring on September 12, 2014.

**Status: Passed. Sent to calendar committee.**

55. [SB 2559](#) \*Bowling, Hensley, Bell, Tate, Green, Dickerson, Burks, Crowe, Gardenhire (HB 2453 by \*Matheny, Holt, Dunn, Hill M, Moody, Butt, Womick, Casada, Faison, Carr J, Matlock, Shipley, White D, Carter, Doss, Pody, Weaver, Kane, Williams R, DeBerry J, Alexander, Spivey)

Education - As introduced, requires every LEA to allow parents to review all instructional materials used in the classroom of the parent's child; mandates the LEA to

allow parents access to review all surveys and evaluations administered to the parent's child. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 70.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Exempts TCAP from tests that can be reviewed.)**

56. [SB 2501](#) \*Stevens (HB 2497 by \*Holt)

Students - As introduced, revises the provisions governing the student code of acceptable behavior and discipline. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee. (Amendment makes the bill. Required adoption of graduated discipline plan. Does not affect zero tolerance offenses.)**

57. [SB 2294](#) \*Haile (HB 2032 by \*DeBerry J)

Human Rights - As introduced, makes certain discriminations against a student or a student organization by a postsecondary educational institution a discriminatory practice under the human rights statute. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21 and Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

58. [SB 2201](#) \*Johnson (HB 2113 by \*Brooks H)

Education - As introduced, specifies how and when notice must be given for collaborative conferencing sessions to enable attendance by professional employees who are not on the panel and the public. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

59. [SB 2202](#) \*Johnson (HB 2114 by \*Brooks H)

Education - As introduced, requires posting of a proposed memorandum of understanding reached by the management personnel of a local board of education and the professional employees on the LEA's web site; requires the approval and the date of the approval to be included once the memorandum is approved by the local board of education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

60. [SB 2197](#) \*Ketron (HB 2042 by \*White M, Brooks K, Casada)

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, allows credit for a local government, that appropriates funds for education for a nonrecurring expenditure evidenced by a written agreement with the LEA, when determining compliance with the local government's maintenance of local education funding requirements. - Amends TCA Section 49-3-314(c).

**Status: Sent to general sub. (Education committee chair will appoint committee to study this issue).**

61. [SB 2057](#) \*Niceley (HB 2290 by \*Spivey, Carr J, Hill M, Carr D, Farmer, Faison, Shipley, Womick, Matlock, Calfee, Matheny, Williams K, Sanderson, Lollar, Tidwell, Doss, Butt, Lynn, Hill T, Lamberth, Watson, Holt, Dunn, Durham, Goins, Bailey, Pitts, Weaver, Forgety, Van Huss, Rogers, Alexander, Jernigan, Sexton, Floyd, Casada, Swann,

Travis, Pody, Hawk, Sparks, Moody, Fitzhugh, Shaw, Favors, Shepard, Johnson G, Hardaway, Cooper, Akbari, Turner J, Miller, Jones, Stewart, Mitchell, Turner M) Education - As introduced, requires the department of education to reimburse LEAs for the costs of implementing and the ongoing costs to use common core state standards and PARCC assessments. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

62. [SB 2131](#) \*Johnson (HB 2248 by \*Casada, Butt)

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, prohibits LEAs from including information on the Affordable Care Act in mailings to families of students concerning TennCare and CHIP. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Sent to general sub.**

63. [SB 2342](#) \*Bowling (HB 2264 by \*Hawk, Brooks H, Brooks K, Eldridge, Dunn)

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel - As introduced, prohibits the establishment of any rules, policies or guidelines to require the results from classroom observation evaluations to correlate with TVAAS statistical data. - Amends TCA Title 49.

**Status: Passed as amended. Sent to calendar committee.**

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