



TSBA Position: SUPPORT

Bill	Abstract
HB 1303 by Brooks, K SB 1134 by Bowling	As introduced, allows each municipality operating an electric plant to provide services outside its electric system service area.
HB 1453 by Byrd SB 2242 by Hensley	As introduced, institutes a two-year waiver of the use of student growth data from the TNReady assessment in teacher evaluations; requires the state board, in consultation with the department of education, to study, and to provide a written report on, the TNReady assessment to the education committees of the senate and the house.
HB 1477 by Brooks, H SB 1653 by Tracy	As introduced, requires, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each LEA to offer students in each of its high schools the opportunity to take at least six early postsecondary credit courses.
HB 1481 by Smith SB 1599 by Massey	As introduced, grants a tenured teacher a \$5,000 bonus, to be paid from the education trust fund, if the teacher receives a performance evaluation of "above expectations" or better for at least four years during any five-year period after the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year; excludes supervisors, principals, and directors of schools from eligibility for such bonus.
HB 1484 by Smith SB 1596 by Massey	As introduced, broadens the scope of the offense regarding a school bus driver using certain electronic devices while operating a bus with a child on board and increases the penalty for the offense.
HB 1485 by White, M SB 1899 by Dickerson	As introduced, makes certain changes to the requirements for voluntary pre-k programs to ensure that the programs are high quality and coordinated with instruction beyond the pre-k level.
HB 1498 by Brooks, H SB 1652 by Tracy	As introduced, requires the state board of education to promulgate a rule permitting the length of the school term to be calculated by instructional hours as well as the current number of instructional days.
HB 1537 by McCormick SB 2540 by Norris	As introduced, permits parents and teachers access to their students' questions and answers on state-required summative assessments; requires LEAs to communicate to stakeholders the purpose of locally required standardized assessments and how the local assessments differ from required state assessments; eliminates two state-required examinations, one in the eighth grade and one in the tenth grade; makes other changes with respect to student assessment.
HB 1629 by Pitts SB 1615 by Green	As introduced, authorizes local governments to enter cooperative purchasing agreements with federal agencies.

HB 1691 by Alexander SB 2603 by Norris	As introduced, extends certain alternative distribution provisions concerning liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds to local governments.
HB 1753 by Love SB 1739 by Dickerson	As introduced, requires the department of education, for purposes of determining overall student growth and achievement for a school under the jurisdiction of the ASD, to only consider the achievement growth of students originally zoned to the school prior to the school's placement under the jurisdiction of the ASD.
HB 1787 by Parkinson SB 1797 by Niceley	As introduced, abolishes the ASD at the close of the 2015-2016 school year; requires, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, all schools that perform in the bottom 2.5 percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards of the state board to be governed under an innovation zone.
HB 1832 by Brooks, H SB 2500 by Gresham	As introduced, creates a franchise and excise tax credit for donation of funds to LEAs and public schools to fund certain educational expenditures.
HB 1976 by Ramsey SB 2002 by Ketron	As introduced, makes various revisions to an LEA's policies on harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying, such as requiring the principal or principal's designee to initiate an investigation and determine the appropriate intervention within 20 days of the incident.
HB 2015 by Cooper SB 2299 by Kyle	As introduced, requires that the state and local per pupil share of funding for a charter school student who returns to an LEA-operated school be withheld from future payments to the charter school.
HB 2020 by Beck SB 1812 by Yarbro	As introduced, prohibits a school assigned to the ASD from serving grades other than those served by the school before its assignment to the ASD; if a school is assigned to the ASD, prohibits the ASD from recruiting students zoned for another school.
HB 2071 by Littleton SB 1992 by Roberts	As introduced, requires the department of education to develop materials for training school personnel about suicide prevention; requires the department to establish a model policy on suicide prevention; requires an LEA to adopt its own policy or the model policy on suicide prevention.
HB 2087 by Keisling SB 2128 by Bailey	As introduced, requires the state treasurer to make the annual report of the educational incentives paid to each county available in an electronic format.
HB 2200 by Dunn SB 2351 by Dickerson	As introduced, makes various revisions to the ASD, including requiring schools assigned to the ASD on or after July 1, 2016, be in the bottom 2.5 percent of schools.

HB 2247 by Van Huss SB 1909 by Gardenhire	As introduced, allows governmental entities to publish notices on their web sites in lieu of other methods of publication.
HB 2260 by Forgety SB 2118 by Tracy	As introduced, requires referees or officiates of interscholastic athletic events to submit to a criminal background investigation and provide a fingerprint sample.
HB 2327 by Cooper SB 2638 by Harper	As introduced, requires the department of the treasury and the department of education to determine the liability of LEAs, in which there are charter schools, for retirement benefits for employees not covered under the TCRS; permits an LEA, in which there is a charter school, to withhold from the per student expenditure the amount necessary to fund retirement benefits for those employees not under TCRS for which the LEA bears the financial obligation for retirement benefits.
HB 2466 by Camper SB 2638 by Tate	As introduced, creates a board of trustees for the achievement school district.
HB 2488 by Akbari SB 2178 by Tate	As introduced, requires a charter school operator to demonstrate certain student achievement levels before a charter school operator is authorized to operate any other public charter school within either the ASD or an LEA.
HB 2517 by Lynn SB 2513 by Gresham	As introduced, allows LEAs to use funds obtained by selling unusable or replaced textbooks for technology in addition to textbooks and instructional materials.
HB 2562 by McCormick SB 2495 by Watson	As introduced, requires a defendant convicted of knowingly failing to report child sexual abuse to pay a minimum fine of \$2,500 if the defendant was in a position of trust or had supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the defendant's legal, professional, or occupational status.
HB 2574 by McCormick SB 2565 by Norris	As introduced, eliminates an obsolete provision of Tennessee Code Annotated concerning the BEP.
HB 2616 by Pitts SB 2635 by Gresham	As introduced, requires an LEA to screen K-2 students for dyslexia with a program provided by the department of education; creates the dyslexia advisory council.
SJR 0441	Memorials, Recognition - Tennessee Digital Learning Project



TSBA Position: OPPOSE

Bill	Abstract
HB 0294 by Kane SB 0151 by Gresham	As introduced, urges the department of education to include the proper use and positioning of bicycle helmets in its pilot bicycle safety curriculum. AMENDMENT #1 rewrites this bill to enact the "Fair Access to Collection of Teacher Support (FACTS) Act."
HB 1418 by Butt SB 1439 by Hensley	As introduced, prohibits the state board from including religious doctrine in the curriculum standards for grades prior to grades 10 through 12.
HB1425 by Sparks SB 2633 by Green	As introduced, prohibits the local board of education from increasing the salary or compensation for the director of schools, unless the board approves a raise for teachers.
HB1433 by Sexton, C SB1452 by Bailey	As introduced, requires candidates and appointees for elective offices to annually disclose credit score range.
HB1562 by Sparks SB 1569 by Beavers	As introduced, prohibits legal counsel for a school district from holding any other position with the school district; prohibits legal counsel for a county or city school district from holding a position with the county or city government.
HB 1568 by Moody SB 1735 by Gresham	As introduced, allows a student attending a Tennessee school for the first time rather than attending a Tennessee public school for the first time to be eligible for an individualized education account, if the student also meets other requirements; allows the department of education to remit funds to individualized education accounts at least quarterly rather than quarterly.
HB 1638 by Brooks, H SB 1598 by Massey	As introduced, establishes manner of funding for regional schools created by LEAs.
HB 1737 by Holt SB 1570 by Beavers	As introduced, requires the local board of education to hire legal counsel, finance staff, and communications staff for the LEA; prohibits the director of schools from controlling or managing such staff.
HB 1751 by Byrd SB 2249 by Hensley	As introduced, permits each LEA and each school board for private schools to determine whether someone with a Tennessee-issued handgun carry permit may carry a handgun while on the property of the public or private school and while traveling on school functions with students.

HB 1755 by Love SB 1687 by Tate	As introduced, allows a student to enroll and complete one computer science class to satisfy the fine arts requirement for high school graduation as set by the state board of education.
HB 1794 by Byrd SB 2030 by Briggs	As introduced, expands eligibility for tenure to include a teacher who has been rated "at expectations or above," instead of the levels of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations."
HB 1831 by Keisling SB 1822 by Bailey	As introduced, requires LEAs to set the school calendar for the next school year by December 31 each year and post the school calendar to the LEA's web site by the following January 15.
HB 1879 by Kane SB 2497 by Gresham	As introduced, enacts the "Course Access Program Act."
HB 1905 by Hill, M SB 2186 by Bell	As introduced, requires each local school board to adopt a policy on the use of religion in curriculum and instructional materials; requires each LEA to create a syllabus to be made public for grades six through 12 on social studies, science, math, and English language arts courses.
HB 1968 by Powers SB 1606 by Niceley	As introduced, enacts the "Local School District Empowerment Act," which 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; adjusts duties of local boards of education in systems in which the office of elected school superintendent is reestablished.
HB 2033 by Faison SB 1736 by Gresham	As introduced, establishes that if a person or entity posts to prohibit the possession of firearms on the property, the posting entity, for purposes of liability, assumes custodial responsibility for the safety and defense of any handgun carry permit holder harmed while on the posted property.
HB 2184 by Hill, T SB 1894 by Niceley	As introduced, mandates the state board return to the standards for the study of comparative world religions in the sixth and seventh grades to those in place during the 2013–2014 school year.
HB 2229 by Spivey SB 1707 by Gresham	As introduced, prohibits school districts and state special schools from paying through payroll deduction their professional employees' dues to a professional employee association.
HB 2360 by Stewart SB 2044 by Harris	As introduced, prohibits virtual schools.
HB 2378 by Van Huss SB 2336 by Niceley	As introduced, limits the number of days a student may be administered standardized tests to 15 school days per school year.

HB 2442 by Gilmore SB 2440 by Kyle	As introduced, prohibits a state employer from inquiring about an applicant's criminal history on an initial application form for employment under certain circumstances.
HB 2462 by Camper SB 2159 by Tate	As introduced, prohibits LEAs from requiring high school students to take any standardized test that is not state-mandated or a college admissions test; permits parents of certain students to opt the students out of state-mandated standardized test; requires the office of research and education accountability to update a 2002 report on testing.
HB 2489 by Akbari SB 1864 by Tate	As introduced, authorizes the commissioner of education to promulgate rules to allow a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to enter a school to teach kindergarten through third-grade students various subjects.
HB 2490 by Akbari SB 2165 by Tate	As introduced, changes the date by which the department of education must submit its annual report on virtual schools, from July 1 to September 1.
HB 2503 by Brooks, K SB 2525 by Dickerson	As introduced, enacts the "Protection of Teachers Act"; creates preference for retaining tenured teachers over nontenured teachers during a reduction of force; prohibits the dismissal of a tenured teacher in a reduction of force if another position is available in the system; prohibits the hiring of a nontenured teacher if a tenured teacher remains on the reemployment list.
HB 2521 by Armstrong SB 2163 by Tate	As introduced, raises the age of students, from age 12 and over to age 16 and over, for whom boards of education may establish and maintain night schools.
HB 2533 by Brooks, K SB 1898 by Dickerson	As introduced, creates preference for retaining tenured teachers over nontenured teachers during a reduction of force; prohibits the dismissal of a tenured teacher in a reduction of force if another position is available in the system; prohibits the hiring of a nontenured teacher if a tenured teacher remains on the reemployment list.
SJR 0461 by Kelsey	Proposes an amendment to Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee to affirm the general assembly's full discretion to determine the funding and eligibility for public schools.
HJR 0493 by Dunn	Proposes an amendment to Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee to affirm the general assembly's sole discretion in the establishment of a system of public schools.