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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Below is a legislative update which includes legislation of interest to public education and TPA. If no companion bill is listed, one has not been filed. Hyperlinks to the full text of each bill were added for your convenience. To utilize this feature, hold down the “control” key while clicking on the link with your mouse. This update is current through February 5, 2010. *Note: Since this is the first such report of the legislative session, all introduced bills pertaining to education have been included for your review. In future reports, only bills scheduled for consideration during the upcoming week will be included. Bill captions and content are subject to change.*

Highlights for the Week of February 1, 2010

Regular Session Preview

On Monday, February 1, Governor Bredesen gave his State of the State Address and released the details of his proposed 2010-2011 Budget. The Governor has called for an overall budget decrease of around five percent, with federal reductions – nonrecurring stimulus dollars - representing the bulk of the cuts. State appropriations are actually increased by almost two percent but that takes into account the use of reserves and one-time funding. When looking at reductions to recurring state dollars, appropriations are cut by nearly \$400 million, with TennCare reductions representing about half of the total amount. In terms of education, teachers, principals and other licensed employees in school systems receive a one-time three percent bonus in the Budget, although it’s important to realize that this does not translate into an actual three percent, as only the state Basic Education Program (BEP) portion of the raise is distributed and the money must be spread out among all licensed employees, not just those funded through the BEP. Also of note is the continued funding of the Extended Contract and Coordinated School Health programs, which was set to expire. As proposed, these programs would be extended another two years, although this could certainly be revisited by the next governor. While much of the normal BEP growth is funded in the proposal, about \$27 million, which represents the money it would take to fund the growth within capital outlay component, is not.

In other matters, legislation has been introduced at a rapid pace and several education-related bills will be up for consideration during the legislative session. Once all of the bills have been compiled, TPA will have a listing and description of those affecting our principals, teachers, schools and students.

Special Session Wrap-Up

Tempted by the possibility of \$500 million from the federal government, and, at the urging of Governor Bredesen, education groups and other stakeholders, the General Assembly adopted sweeping education reforms during the recently completed Extraordinary, or Special, Session.

At issue was the federal Race to the Top Fund, a competitive grant program offered to states in return for innovative education measures and the implementation of major reforms focusing on teacher evaluation, turning around poor-performing schools and overall student achievement.

With the immense amount of teacher effect (Value Added/TVAAS) data collected by Tennessee over the past several years, the state was primed to receive approval for the first round of Race to the Top awards, which will be announced in the Spring. However, without changes to how Tennessee uses the data, the state likely would have found itself on the outside looking in. Understanding this scenario and looking at a strict federal application deadline, Governor Bredesen called legislators into a special session and asked them to enact the necessary reforms in a week's time.

Answering the call, legislators adopted the Tennessee First to the Top Act. The Act will have a tremendous impact on K-12 education, most notably in the area of teacher and principal evaluations. As adopted, the Act establishes a Teacher Evaluation Advisory Committee, which shall develop and recommend to the State Board of Education guidelines and criteria for the annual evaluation of teachers and principals, with such evaluations a factor in employment decisions, including the awarding of tenure. Fifty percent of the evaluation criteria will be composed of student achievement data – 35 percent based on student growth data as represented by TVAAS and the other 15 percent based on other measures of student achievement. For teachers without TVAAS data, such as K-2, art, music, etc., some other comparable measure of student growth, as developed and recommended by the Teacher Evaluation Advisory Committee, will be used. One of the significant points of this particular evaluation piece is the use of TVAAS data in tenure decisions. To date, teacher effect data could not be used until three years worth of data was complete. However, because tenure decisions have to be made prior to this time, the TVAAS data was not incorporated into the evaluation.

Obviously, the guidelines and criteria developed by the Teacher Evaluation Advisory Committee will be extremely important. Fortunately, the legislation specifies that two principals will serve on the committee. The committee will total 15 members with most of the members appointed by Governor Bredesen. The TPA is working with the Administration and key legislators to ensure members of TPA are included in the process.

Other key components of the First to the Top Act are:

1. The creation of an Achievement School District, whereby the state can place failing schools under the jurisdiction of a “state” district run by a management entity through a contract between the entity and the Commissioner of Education.
2. The ability of a school district to establish its own salary schedule – one not strictly based on years of experience and education attainment, with the caveat that no existing teacher or principal could receive a pay cut.
3. A new uniform procedure for dismissal of tenured teachers, whereby an impartial hearing officer (Administrative Law Judge) will preside over teacher dismissal hearings and issue a decision, which can be appealed by either the teacher or the director of schools.

To view the Tennessee First to the Top Act, go to the following website:

<http://tennessee.gov/sos/acts/106/pub/pc0002EOS.pdf>

To view Tennessee’s Race to the Top Application, as well as other information related to federal funding, visit the following site:

<http://www.state.tn.us/education/recovery.shtml#RTTT>

Bill Introductions – Education Legislation 2010

CRIMINAL LAW

SB 3207*
HB 3493
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Threats of bodily injury to school employees. Creates Class B misdemeanor punishable by maximum imprisonment of 30 days for communicating a threat concerning a school employee.

TCA Secs. 39-00-000; 39-13-0114

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status: Referred to House Judiciary Criminal Practice Subcommittee.

SB 3246*
HB 3874
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Requirements for parents of truant children. Authorizes prosecutors to allow guardians of children violating truancy laws to attend parent education training and parent-teacher conferences as an alternative to criminal prosecution.

TCA Secs. 49-06-3000; 49-06-3009

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

EDUCATION

SB 2416*
HB 3130
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Code of ethics for public school teachers. Requires the state board of education to establish and adopt a code of ethics for public school teachers in order to define conduct that is unbecoming to a teacher.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0300; 49-01-0302; 49-05-0000; 49-05-0501

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Referred to House Government Operations.

SB 2475
HB 2451*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

New physical activity programs in LEAs. Encourages LEAs that have implemented new physical activity programs to report annually to the department of education on the actions taken by the LEAs and the effectiveness of the programs based on the BMI-for-age results. Requires LEAs to review and report upon the long-term health effects of students participating in structured and intramural sports.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-1404

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2480*
HB 3105

Classroom assignment of multiple birth siblings. Requires the local boards of education to give preference to parent's request for classroom placement in regard to

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multiple birth siblings.

TCA Sec. 49-06-3102

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2482*
HB 3737
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Annual report on pre-K program to be posted on Internet. Requires the office of early learning in the department of education to post its annual report on the voluntary pre-K program on its Web site.

TCA Secs. 49-03-0000; 49-06-0100; 49-06-0108

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Coley)

SB 2489*
HB 7016
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Access to value-added assessment data for principals. Requires principals and teachers to be given access to value-added assessment data for students in their schools and classrooms respectively.

TCA Sec. 49-01-0600

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2505*
HB 3250
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Automated external defibrillators in schools. Requires each LEA to place automated external defibrillator devices in each school.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 68-140-0700; 49-02-0100

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2517
HB 2538*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

School students: allows physical restraints for protection. Allows the use of locked isolation rooms and physical restraints upon a student receiving special education to protect faculty, staff, or other pupils from harm. Prevents school resource officers from taking a special education student into custody.

TCA Secs. 49-10-1300; 49-10-1304; 49-10-1305

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/10/2010.

SB 2621*
HB 3200
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Extracurricular students: random drug testing. Establishes that students participating in extracurricular activities may randomly be tested for illegal drugs without individualized reasonable suspicion as long as previous legal requirements are

followed. Requires LEAs testing students for drugs to create policies and procedures for assisting and counseling students testing positive for illegal drug use.

TCA Sec. 49-06-4213

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2630*
HB 3107
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Teachers' personal leave. Requires approval of director of schools or designee or local board of education for teacher to take personal leave on any day scheduled for professional development, in-service training, or parent-teacher conferences.

TCA Secs. 49-05-0700; 49-05-0711

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2657*
HB 2834
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Excess funds for operation of trustee's office. Requires the county trustee to return commissions in excess of amount needed to operate the trustee's office to the school fund to the extent the excess commissions do not exceed the amount received by the trustee from the school fund.

TCA Sec. 08-11-0110

Senate Status: Referred to Senate State & Local Government.

House Status: Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

SB 2693
HB 2490*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Collecting data on undocumented public school students. Requires the department of education to collect data on students who cannot prove lawful residence in the United States and to issue an annual report concerning the adverse impact of public school enrollment of such students and the cost of public school education for such students.

TCA Sec. 49-01-0200

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Government Operations.

SB 2741*
HB 3688
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Parental Choice Scholarship Act. Creates the parental choice scholarship to be awarded to eligible elementary or secondary students in order to allow the students to attend a participating school. Requires that this act be implemented first as a pilot program in the school district with the greatest number of schools failing to make adequate yearly progress. Specifies that one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school shall be chosen to participate in the program with the school chosen in each of the three categories being the school in that category that failed to make adequate yearly progress for the greatest number of years. Specifies that a student is eligible if he or she is a member of a household whose total annual income is less than

2.5 times the income standard used to qualify for reduced price lunch under federal law, was eligible to attend a public school in the preceding semester or is starting school in TN for the first time, and resides in TN while receiving the scholarship. Specifies that a participating school may be either a public school in the resident school district, a public charter school, or a nonpublic school that provides education to elementary or secondary students or both and has notified the department of education of its intention to enroll parental scholarship students. Sets different scholarship amounts depending on the income of the eligible student's household. (Please NOTE that this bill contains the same language as SB 7016, filed during special session, except for the following: includes public charter schools; changes the provisions for the pilot project; adds language specifying that if this bill/part will prevail if any of its language conflicts with the TN First to the Top Act of 2010, if it becomes law.)

TCA Sec. 49-06-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education. House Government Operations will review if recommended.

SB 2749*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

High school personal finance course requirement. Requires that each high school student complete at least one semester course in personal finance in order to receive a high school diploma.

TCA Sec. 49-06-1200

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

SB 2783*
HB 3028
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Background checks required for coaching positions. Requires all member schools in the TN School Athletic Association to perform a background check on any person applying for a position as an athletic coach or coaching assistant. Requires the applicant to such position to pay for the costs incurred by TBI in conducting the investigation.

TCA Secs. 49-05-0000; 49-06-0000; 49-06-0400

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2788*
HB 2958
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Time frame for giving TCAP tests. Prohibits the administration of the TCAP test prior to May 1 of each school year.

TCA Secs. 49-06-6000; 49-06-6002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2789*

Staff at certain schools to be certified in CPR. Requires all staff members at the TN

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school for the blind, the TN school for the deaf, and the West TN school for the deaf to obtain and maintain certification in CPR.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 68-00-0000; 49-50-1001

Senate Status: Set for Senate Education Committee 02/10/2010.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2791*
HB 2957
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Student's grade affected by TCAP score. Requires a student's score on the TCAP test to be used as a percentage of the student's final grade in the subject tested. Requires such percentage to be determined by the department of education, but to be at least 15 percent.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0600; 49-06-6000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2805*
HB 2939
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Notification to LEAs regarding reports on pre-K, K-12. Requires the department of education to notify electronically each LEA when the office of research and education accountability publishes a report pertaining to pre-K-12 education in order that the LEAs may disseminate the report to certificated staff.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-0201

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2808*
HB 2937
[\(Full Text\)](#)

State BOE annual report. Removes the duty of the state board of education to include in its annual report to the governor its analysis of evaluations for individual teachers.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0300; 49-01-0302

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 2819*
HB 3546
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Submission of salary ratings. Requires the director of schools to submit salary ratings to the commissioner of education by November 1 rather than December 1 of the school year for which the personnel are elected.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-05-0402

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 2834*

Individualized disciplinary plans for students. Requires an individualized education

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disciplinary and accountability program developed by a teacher, guidance counselor, and parent/guardian for each K-12 student in TN public schools. Requires personnel to consult the individualized plan when a student commits a disciplinary violation.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-4000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

SB 2848*
HB 3290
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Membership of textbook commission. Establishes that at least one member of the textbook commission must be an employee from a LEA that consistently ranks in the top five LEAs based on student enrollment.

TCA Secs. 04-00-0000; 49-06-0000; 49-06-2201

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2889*
HB 3030
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Report on standards of parental involvement in school. Requires the department of education to submit a report on the standards developed for parental involvement in public schools to the chairs of the senate and house education committees by November 1, 2010.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-0208

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 2936*
HB 3217
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Creation of electronic high school. Enacts the "Tennessee Electronic High School Act" which establishes a program by which courses in grades nine through twelve are delivered over the Internet. Create an electronic high school. - Amends TCA Title 49.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-50-1001; 49-50-1002; 49-50-1003

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education. House Government Operations will review if recommended.

SB 2938*
HB 3590
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEAs can convert to special school district. Permits any local education agency to convert to a special school district.

TCA Sec. 49-02-0501

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 2939*

Medicaid Administrative Claim program. Requires the commissioner of education

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and the bureau of TennCare to develop find services eligible for federal financial remuneration under the Medicaid Administrative Claim program. Mandates the reporting of such findings to certain committees quarterly until approval for securing the funds has been given.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-0200; 71-00-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

SB 2990
HB 2967*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Individualizes disciplinary plan for students. Requires each student to receive an individualized education disciplinary and accountability program developed by a teacher of the student, a guidance counselor, and a parent or guardian of the student.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-4000

Senate Status: Senate companion bill introduced. (S: Berke)

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3029*
HB 3118
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Schools placed in achievement school district. Allows the commissioner to contract any individual or entity, in lieu of any governmental or nonprofit entity, to manage the day to day operations of schools in the achievement school district.

TCA Sec. 49-01-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3031*
HB 3100
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Extending of school day by LEAs. Allows LEAs greater flexibility in extending the school day in order to offset days used for professional development, serious outbreaks of illness, and weather-related closings.

TCA Sec. 49-06-3004

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/28/2010

SB 3037*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Adjustments to number of school days. Authorizes the commissioner to make adjustments to the one-half-hour extension of the school day and the corresponding accumulation of 13 days.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-3004

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

SB 3038*

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TCA Sec. 49-06-3004

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

SB 3053*
HB 3133
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Copies of report cards for parents. Prohibits a parent whose parental rights have been terminated from being eligible to receive child's report card, notice of school attendance and other information from school concerning child.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-0902

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3054*
HB 3233
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Technical correction to the TCA. Deletes a repetitive provision of the code that is already and more appropriately addressed elsewhere.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-1002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3063
HB 2419*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Physical activity required for students. Requires elementary and secondary school students to receive 60 minutes of physical activity per day and 90 minutes of physical activity instruction per week.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-1021; 68-00-0000

Senate Status: Senate companion bill introduced. (S: Woodson)

House Status: Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/10/2010.

SB 3068
HB 2934*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Filing deadline for application to operate charter school. Changes the deadline for the filing of public charter school application from on or before October 1 of the preceding year of proposed operation to on or before October 15 of the preceding year of proposed operation.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-13-0107

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 3070
HB 2754*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Construction management services - school buildings. Specifies which duties are to be performed by licensed general contractors, architects, and engineers when performing construction management agent or advisor services for the construction of

school buildings or additions to existing buildings. Current law states only that such contract manager be licensed in this state as a contractor.

TCA Sec. 49-02-0203

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

House Status: Introduced 1/25/2010

SB 3088
HB 2996*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Changes to school start dates. States that LEAs are required to start the school year no earlier than the fourth Monday in August, unless the LEAs board has decided to establish a year-round calendar. Makes certain changes to administration of TCAP for non-proficient students, and the reporting of such results.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-0600; 49-06-0600; 49-06-3004; 49-06-6000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education. House Government Operations will review if recommended.

SB 3106
HB 3109*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Pay for teachers supervising extracurricular activities. Requires a teacher be paid for supervision of extracurricular activities at an hourly rate equivalent to the teacher's salary.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-05-0200

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3124
HB 3148*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Collection of student drop out and graduation information. Allows LEAs to use reasonably obtainable information in determining whether a student who dropped out of school enrolled elsewhere. Allows LEAs to include GEDs in calculating graduation rates for all purposes other than those in which such inclusion is prohibited by federal law.

TCA Secs. 01-03-0118; 49-00-0000; 49-06-3000; 49-06-6001

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3147
HB 3205*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Development of coordinated school health program. Requires the commissioner of education to consider the costs and benefits for local schools with certain existing health programs when formulating coordinated school health programs. (Broadly captioned).

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-1002; 71-00-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 3208
HB 2820*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Schoolchildren age changes: kindergarten and preschool. Changes the requirements that children must be at least five years old by August 1 to enter kindergarten of the current year and that children must be at least four years old by August 1 to enter preschool or pre-kindergarten of the current year.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-0101; 49-06-0201; 49-06-3001

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3230
HB 3332*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEA to operate innovative educational programs. Directs all LEAs to operate innovative educational programs instead of only 24 school systems. Further allows principals implementing a plan for such programs to do so without consulting with faculty beforehand.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0207

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3234
HB 3334*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Establishes financial literacy program. Requires the department of the treasury to develop and administer a financial literacy program for the purpose of improving the financial literacy and education of the state's citizens.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-07-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate State & Local Government.
House Status: Referred to House Education. House Government Operations will review if recommended.

SB 3252*
HB 3870
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Pilot project to mandate attendance for expelled students. Authorizes LEA in Memphis to establish a pilot project of mandated attendance in an alternative school for students who have been expelled. Clarifies that the pilot project will be subject to alternative school staffing and space availability.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-3402

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3253*
HB 3869
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Free or reduced-lunch students and charter schools. Permits students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch to attend charter schools.

TCA Sec. 49-13-0106

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3254*
HB 3868
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Charter school governing board members training sessions. Requires all charter school governing board members to attend an annual training session or face potential removal from such board.

TCA Secs. 49-13-0000; 49-13-0111

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3255*
HB 3867
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEA policy pamphlets updates. Requires that LEAs shall update their policy pamphlets every two years, rather than annually.

TCA Secs. 49-02-0000; 49-02-0207

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3257*
HB 3875
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Charter school task force findings report deadline. Defers the date by which the comptroller shall report the charter school task force's findings and recommendations to the general assembly to February 2, 2011 from the original date of February 2, 2010.

TCA Sec. 49-13-0129

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3258*
HB 3873
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Convert certain public schools into charter schools. Authorizes an LEA to convert certain public schools into public charter schools. Permits the local board of education to serve as the governing body of such a charter school.

TCA Secs. 49-13-0000; 49-13-0106

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3259*
HB 3872
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Group insurance plans for charter school teachers. Enables certain employees at charter schools to participate in a government group insurance plan or an LEA self-funded group insurance plan instead of having the government group insurance plan as the only option. Specifies that if a charter school chooses to participate in a LEA self-funded group insurance plan the charter school shall fully fund its employees other post

employee benefits (OPEB) on a annual basis.

TCA Secs. 08-27-0000; 49-13-0000; 49-13-0119

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3260*
HB 3871
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Allocation of funds to charter school. Clarifies that for purposes of a local board of education's allocation to a charter school, local education funds shall not include LEA investment, interest, or rental earnings.

TCA Sec. 49-13-0112

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Jones U.)

SB 3262*
HB 3528
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Lottery funded early intervention program. Establishes accounts for a lottery-funded early intervention program. Creates grant program to be administered by the department of education.

TCA Secs. 04-51-0000; 04-51-0111; 49-06-0000; 49-06-0100; 49-06-0108; 49-06-0110

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education. House Government Operations will review if recommended.

SB 3265
HB 3406*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Scheduling of athletics and commencement ceremonies. Directs TSSAA to develop a policy prohibiting athletic events from being scheduled contiguously with commencement ceremonies of any public state secondary school.

TCA Sec. 49-00-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3275
HB 3414*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Report on school disciplinary actions. Requires the commissioner of education to provide a report on disciplinary actions in Tennessee schools to the select oversight committee on education, the education committees of the senate and the house, and the select committee on children and youth.

TCA Secs. 37-00-0000; 49-00-0000; 49-06-3401

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 3276

Scheduling of parent-teacher meetings. Urges LEAs to consider the work schedules

HB 3411*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

and needs of working parents when scheduling parent-teacher meetings.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-7002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3288
HB 3134*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Commissioner of education: findings reported to new parties. Requires the commissioner of education to report findings and recommendations concerning the system of competitive grants and technical assistance to the chairs of the education and finance, ways and means committees of the house of representatives and the senate, in addition to the previously required parties. Broadly captioned.

TCA Secs. 04-51-0000; 49-04-0000; 49-06-0100; 49-06-0700; 49-06-0703; 49-17-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 3292*
HB 3866
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Increases mileage allowed for operation of school buses. Reduces the amount of time a conventional school bus may be in service after the initial 12 years to one additional year in lieu of five. Places Class D school buses on a year-to-year basis after the initial 15. Increases the maximum amount of mileage from 200,000 miles to 250,000 miles. Allows the department of safety to collect a fee for additional inspections in any year of service.

TCA Secs. 49-06-2100; 49-06-2109

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Shaw)

SB 3304
HB 2947*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Requires each public institution of higher education that offers freshman-level courses to adopt and implement a policy to grant at least 24 semester credit hours in appropriate subject areas to entering freshmen for successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Allows an institution to grant fewer than 24 semester credit hours if a student received a score of less than four on an examination administered as part of the diploma program. Establishes institutional policy for granting course credit. Creates within the state treasury an account to be administered by the department of education and to be known as TN International Baccalaureate Incentive account.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0200; 49-02-0000; 49-03-0000; 49-05-0000; 49-06-0000; 49-07-0100

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/27/2010

SB 3309*
HB 3710
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Promotion of students. Prohibits a student from being promoted to the next grade level unless the student has shown an understanding of the curriculum and the ability to perform the skills required for the current grade level as demonstrated by the student's grades or standardized testing scores.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-06-1000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3311*
HB 3711
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Students allowed to take textbooks home. Requires students to be permitted to take textbooks specifically issued to the student home in order to study.

TCA Sec. 49-06-2200

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3312
HB 2493*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Task force on truancy. Requires any parent of a truant student to attend counseling, mentoring, or parenting classes. Requires truant students to receive counseling or mentoring. Creates task force on truancy and establishes guidelines, procedures and membership for such task force.

TCA Secs. 49-06-3000; 49-06-3007

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/12/2010

SB 3320
HB 3415*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Survey of extended learning programs. Requires the dissemination of surveys from LEAs concerning extended learning programs to all LEAs electronically so that effective programs may be reproduced.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0211; 49-02-0000; 49-03-0000; 49-06-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3321
HB 3416*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Commissioner to encourage LEAP programs. Requires the commissioner of education to encourage lottery-funded after-school programs to provide extended learning to reflect the school curriculum.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-02-0000; 49-03-0000; 49-06-0000; 49-06-0702

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3343*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Energy Efficient School funds transfer to lottery fund. Deletes the energy efficient schools initiative and transfers remaining amounts in the energy efficient schools council fund to the lottery for education account.

TCA Secs. 04-51-0100; 49-00-0000; 49-04-0940; 49-17-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

SB 3354
HB 2645*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Payment of licensing tests for certain adult students. Requires the department of labor and workforce development, in conjunction with the department of education, to develop and implement a program for payment of licensing test costs for adult students who received a high school diploma or GED through a career and technical education program.

TCA Secs. 04-03-1400; 49-11-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

House Status: Introduced 1/25/2010

SB 3365
HB 3474*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Funding of special school districts. Authorizes city and special school district with boundaries contiguous with the city limits to specify by contract that funding from the city to the district shall be used half for operations of the district and half for bond issue for maintenance and construction at existing schools.

TCA Sec. 49-03-0300

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3387*
HB 3884
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Services available for disabled children - notification. Requires LEAs to notify parents and guardians of disabled children of services available to such children, including those services and interventions that may be provided in the child's home.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-10-0100

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Kernell)

SB 3425
HB 3544*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Donation of school computers to low-income families. Permits LEAs to donate computers removed from school inventories to low-income families in the school district. Requires memory on hard drives of such computers to be sanitized.

TCA Secs. 49-06-2000; 49-06-2007

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3427
HB 3545*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

TCAP test score as percentage of student's final grade. Establishes that 20 percent of a student's TCAP score shall be used for the student's final grade for the tested subject.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-01-0600

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3432*
HB 3762
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Civic classes to be taught in high school. Requires the course of instruction in all public schools on the high school level to contain courses and content to educate children in the United States government.

TCA Sec. 49-06-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 2/4/2010

SB 3438
HB 3336*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Fines related to truancy. Authorizes a judge to assess a penalty including a \$100 fine and ten hours of community service instead of a \$50 fine and five hours of community service against the parents or legal guardians of a student that is adjudicated as unruly under truancy.

TCA Secs. 37-00-0000; 49-00-0000; 49-06-3007

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

SB 3441
HB 3517*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEAs encouraged to study STEP program. Encourages all LEAs to study the STEP program instituted in Memphis and Shelby County in order to consider replication.

TCA Sec. 49-00-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3449
HB 3149*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Notification regarding consolidation of school systems. Requires the department of education to notify the general assembly within 60 days of the consolidation of school systems. Permits notification to be made electronically.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-02-1200

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 3453
HB 3484*

Lunch period for students and teachers. Requires LEAs to provide 30 minute lunch period for elementary and secondary students. Requires the duty-free lunch period for

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all teachers to be at least the length of the student's lunch period.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-02-0100

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3482
HB 2441*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Energy conservation methods as required curriculum. Requires public school curriculum for grades K-12 to include content on energy conservation, including instruction on how to conduct an energy audit in the student's home.

TCA Sec. 49-06-1000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3485*
HB 3745
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Extracurricular athletic activities for home schoolers. Permits a home schooled child, who would be eligible to enroll in a public school, to participate in the extracurricular athletic activity of the public school for which the child would otherwise be zoned.

TCA Secs. 49-06-3000; 49-06-3050

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 2/4/2010

SB 3487
HB 2886*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Applications for charter schools. Requires sponsor seeking to establish a public charter school to include on the application, in addition to the names and addresses of the members of the governing body, a telephone number or email address for each member.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-02-0000; 49-03-0000; 49-13-0000; 49-13-0107

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3505
HB 3617*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Contracts of director of schools. Limits renewal period for contract of director of schools to one year in length.

TCA Secs. 49-00-00000; 49-02-0203

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3507
HB 3616*

Contracts with director of schools. Allows the employment of a director of schools with a written contract that shall not extend longer than 12 months after the next

[\(Full Text\)](#)

regularly scheduled board of education election and then may be renewed.

TCA Secs. 49-02-0200; 49-02-0203

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education K-12 Subcommittee.

SB 3541*
HB 3918
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Pilot project to provide laptops. Requires the department of education to establish a grant for a pilot project to provide laptop or netbook computers to seventh grade public school students to be used by such students as supplemental learning tool through twelfth grade. Requires the pilot project to be conducted for at least five years in one LEA.

TCA Sec. 49-06-0400

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Carr)

SB 3583
HB 3161
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Offenses by student receiving special education. Removes the requirement that a school resource officer shall only take a special education student into custody if a law enforcement agency and not a school official pay the officer.

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/28/2010

SB 3595
HB 2954*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Short school day program. Allows the local board of education to develop a short school day program for high school seniors that only need three or fewer classes to fulfill the graduation requirements to attend only the classes that are needed without being required to remain on campus for the full day.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-02-0203

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/10/2010.

SB 3600
HB 2955*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Directors of schools duties: student's disciplinary records. Requires each director of schools to send certain disciplinary and delinquency records to the transferring student's new school or school district.

TCA Secs. 37-00-0000; 49-00-0000; 49-02-0301

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/10/2010.

SB 3630
HB 3693*

Report on system of competitive grants. State Summary: Education - As introduced, requires the commissioner of education to report findings and recommendations on the

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system of competitive grants and technical assistance to the chairs of the education and finance, ways and means committees. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 51 and Title 49.

TCA Secs. 04-51-0000; 49-00-0000; 49-06-0703

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SB 3661*

HB 3720

[\(Full Text\)](#)

Study of statewide replication of Carroll Academy. Creates a task force to study of the feasibility of statewide replication and implementation of Carroll Academy in Huntingdon and to report to the general assembly by February 1, 2011.

TCA Secs. 37-00-0000; 49-00-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Government Operations.

House Status: Introduced 2/3/2010

SB 3713*

HB 3733

[\(Full Text\)](#)

Pilot program for class size limits. Extends for one year, to January 1, 2011, the pilot program for career and technical education class sizes.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0100; 49-01-0104

Senate Status: Set for Senate Education Committee 02/10/2010.

House Status: Introduced 2/3/2010

SB 3761

HB 2722*

[\(Full Text\)](#)

Computer distribution to low income students. Authorizes the commissioner of correction to utilize inmate labor to refurbish computers for low income students who do not have computers in their homes. Allows a LEA to distribute surplus and refurbished computer equipment to low income students.

TCA Secs. 41-22-0100; 49-06-2000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/25/2010

SB 3796

HB 3011*

[\(Full Text\)](#)

TCAP given no earlier than the 1st of May. Prohibits the administration of TCAP prior to May 1 of each school year.

TCA Secs. 49-06-6000; 49-06-6002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 02/10/2010.

SB 3830*

HB 3820

[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEA must provide report card copy to parent or guardian. Clarifies that a copy of the student's report card must be provided by LEA to the student's parent or legal guardian.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-0901

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Turner M.)

SB 3836*
HB 3839
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEAs authorized: develop assessments & screening procedures. Authorizes LEAs to develop diagnostic assessments and screening procedures for students in early childhood programs and grades kindergarten through two.

TCA Secs. 49-06-0000; 49-06-6002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Turner M.)

SB 3838*
HB 3845
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Commissioner of education: state's special schools budget. Authorizes the commissioner of education, instead of the board of education, to modify the state's special schools budget and carry over a maximum of ten percent of the total appropriated funds for operation of the state special schools system.

TCA Secs. 49-50-0000; 49-50-1002

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Turner M.)

SB 3845*
HB 3838
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Value added assessment system. Changes the requirement for subject matter tests for secondary schools to reflect "the complete range of content covered within the state approved curriculum standards for that subject" instead of "the complete range of topics covered within the list of state approved textbooks for that subject".

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0608

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: House companion bill introduced. (H: Turner M.)

SB 3875*
HB 3794
[\(Full Text\)](#)

LEA textbook requirements - broad caption. State Summary: Education - As introduced, changes the date by which the director of schools and the chair of the board of each LEA must certify to the commissioner that all children enrolled in that LEA have been furnished all required textbooks; and requires the "parent" instead of the "mother" of a child enrolled within a model teen learning center to participate in the center's program of child care and instruction. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0205; 49-01-0506; 49-02-0000; 49-03-0000; 49-03-0310; 49-05-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Introduced 2/4/2010

SB 3878*
HB 3798
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Creates Tennessee STEM advisory council. Establishes the Tennessee STEM advisory council, which is to be attached to the department of education, to coordinate and schedule STEM initiatives.

TCA Secs. 49-01-0000; 49-01-0506

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Introduced 2/4/2010

SB 3892
HB 3723*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Public charter school educational facilities financing. Directs office of education accountability in comptroller's office to study the capital needs of public charter schools and the financing methods that best address such needs and to submit report by January 15, 2011. Broadly captioned.

TCA Secs. 09-00-0000; 49-00-0000; 49-13-0000

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Introduced 2/3/2010

SB 7004
HB 7014*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Salary schedule posted on teacher licensing web page. Requires the department of education to post state salary schedule for teachers or a link thereto on its teacher licensing web page. Requires LEAs to post local salary schedule on their web sites.

TCA Secs. 49-00-0000; 49-03-0306

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

SB 7005
HB 7010*
[\(Full Text\)](#)
[Public Chapter \(PDF\)](#)

TN First to the Top Act of 2010. *(See Report Above)*

Senate Status: Senate 01/15/2010 passed with amendments 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, and 17. Set for Senate message calendar 01/15/2010. Senate 01/15/2010 returned to House. Senate 01/14/2010 concurred in House amendments 15, 19, and 23.

House Status: House 01/15/2010 passed with amendments 15 and 19. House 01/15/2010 adopted motion to reconsider and adopted motion to lift from table. House passed with amendment 23.

Other Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 7002 (effective 01/16/2010).

SB 7016*
HB 7022
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Parental Choice Scholarship Act. Creates the parental choice scholarship to be awarded to eligible elementary or secondary students in order to allow the students to attend a participating school. Requires that this act be implemented first as a pilot program in the school district with the greatest number of schools failing to make adequate yearly progress with the pilot program available to students in the 10 schools

in the district that have failed to make adequate yearly progress for the greatest number of years. Specifies that a student is eligible if he or she is a member of a household whose total annual income is less than 2.5 times the income standard used to qualify for reduced price lunch under federal law, was eligible to attend a public school in the preceding semester or is starting school in TN for the first time, and resides in TN while receiving the scholarship. Specifies that a participating school may be either a public school in a resident school district or a nonpublic school that provides education to elementary or secondary students or both and has notified the department of education of its intention to enroll parental scholarship students. Sets different scholarship amounts depending on the income of the eligible student's household.

Amendment: Senate Education amendment 2 limits the pilot program to one school instead of 10.

TCA Sec. 49-06-0000

Senate Status: Senate Finance, Ways & Means deferred to the first calendar of the regular session.

House Status: Referred to House Education.

HB 3498*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Conversion to a special school district. Allows any local education agency to convert to a special school district.

TCA Sec. 49-02-0501

House Status: Referred to House Education.

SJR 0688
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Interstate compact on reciprocal licensing of teachers. Urges the state board of education to initiate a dialogue with other states' education agencies to formulate an agreement that can be adopted by states as an interstate compact on reciprocal licensing of teachers.

Senate Status: Introduced 1/12/2010

HJR 0767
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Study of "green cleaning" practices in public schools. Directs TN department of education to study "green cleaning" practices in public schools in TN.

House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

FAMILY LAW

SB 3444
HB 2443*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Change in physical custody of child at school. Requires a school official to verify identity of person seeking physical custody of a child at school or day care when presented with such person's certified copy of a valid court order before releasing the child to his or her custody.

TCA Secs. 36-06-0100; 36-06-0105

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Status: Referred to House Family Justice Subcommittee.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

SB 2908
HB 2975*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Long-term care benefits program for education employees. Requires the state insurance committee to provide opportunity for eligible local education employees to participate in the long-term care benefits program.

TCA Secs. 08-27-0000; 08-27-0210

Senate Status: Referred to Senate State & Local Government.

House Status: Introduced 1/27/2010

SB 2921*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Retirement benefits for certain public employees. Increases retirement benefits of certain Tennessee public employees, including retired teachers, wildlife officers, state police officers, firefighters, police officers and general employees, effective January 1, 2011.

TCA Secs. 08-36-0000; 08-36-0715

Senate Status: Introduced 1/27/2010

SB 3125
HB 3193*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Group medical health insurance - LEA support staff. Authorizes group medical health insurance for support staff employees of LEAs, beginning January 1, 2011.

TCA Secs. 08-27-0300; 08-27-0302; 08-27-0303

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.

House Status: Introduced 1/28/2010

SB 3396
HB 3486*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Improving retirement benefits for certain public employees. Increases the retirement benefits of TN retired public teachers, wildlife officers, state police officers, firefighters, police officers and general employees by specified percentages, ranging from 0.3 percent for such employee who retired prior to 7/2/87-7/1/89 up to 10 percent for such employee who retired prior to 7/2/75. Specifies that increases are in addition to any other increase, are effective 1/1/11, and would not be paid retroactively.

TCA Secs. 08-36-0000; 08-36-0700

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.

House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

SB 3403

Group health insurance for special education teachers. Permits certain special

HB 3530*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

education teachers the opportunity to enroll in teachers' group health insurance during a 30-day period, beginning July 1, 2010, provided the employing LEA agrees to pay any additional costs of providing the coverage.

TCA Secs. 08-27-0300; 08-27-0304

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Education.
House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

SB 3456
HB 3490*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

TCRS - reemployment of retired member. Permits retired member of the TCRS to be reemployed after retirement and earn a salary of up to 60 percent of such person's preretirement income during a 12 month period while continuing to draw such person's retirement allowance.

TCA Secs. 08-36-0800; 08-36-0805

Senate Status: Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.
House Status: Introduced 2/1/2010

SB 3510
HB 2426*
[\(Full Text\)](#)

Sick leave days for members. Allows a member to receive reasonable leave exceeding 90 days, if the sick bank trustees determine the leave is in good cause.

TCA Secs. 08-50-0000; 08-50-0907

Senate Status: Referred to Senate State & Local Government.
House Status: Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Calendars of Interest

Week of February 8, 2010

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

House Education K-12 Subcommittee -- Wednesday at 10:00 am -- LP 16

MEMBERS: Chair Winningham (D), Vice Chair Lollar (R), Barker (D), Brown (D), Dunn (R), Harwell (R), Hawk (R), Hensley (R), U. Jones (D), Maddox (D), J. Turner (D), Weaver (R).

1. HB [3011](#) Harwell **EDUCATION: TCAP given no earlier than the 1st of May.** Prohibits the administration of TCAP prior to May 1 of each school year. (SENATE: SB 3796, Bunch; Referred to Senate Education.)
2. HB [2772](#) Montgomery **EDUCATION: Notification regarding dismissal of a teacher.** Changes the date by which teachers must be notified in writing of their dismissal or failure of reelection for the next school year from April 15 to May 15. (SENATE: SB 3067, Woodson; Senate companion bill introduced. (S: Woodson))
3. HB [2538](#) Casada **EDUCATION: School students: allows physical restraints for protection.** Allows the use of locked isolation rooms and physical restraints upon a student receiving special education to protect faculty, staff, or other pupils from harm. Prevents school resource officers from taking a special education student into custody. (SENATE: SB 2517, Johnson J.; Referred to Senate Education.) FISCAL NOTE: Dated: January 22, 2010 Minimal.
4. HB [2954](#) Coley **EDUCATION: Short school day program.** Allows the local board of education to develop a short school day program for high school seniors that only need three or fewer classes to fulfill the graduation requirements to attend only the classes that are needed without being required to remain on campus for the full day. (SENATE: SB 3595, Ketron; Referred to Senate Education.)
5. HB [2955](#) Coley **EDUCATION: Directors of schools duties: student's disciplinary records.** Requires each director of schools to send certain disciplinary and delinquency records to the transferring student's new school or school district. (SENATE: SB 3600, Ketron; Referred to Senate Education.)
6. HB [2419](#) Turner M. **EDUCATION: Physical activity required for students.** Requires elementary and secondary school students to receive 60 minutes of physical activity per day and 90 minutes of physical activity instruction per week. (SENATE: SB 3063, Woodson; Senate companion bill introduced. (S: Woodson))

House Education Committee -- Wednesday at 11:00 am -- LP 16

Presentation from Nicholas Stutzman, Regional Director of Operations, Education Program for Gifted Youth, Stanford University. MEMBERS: Chair H. Brooks (R), Vice Chair Winningham (D), Secretary Coley (R), Barker (D), K. Brooks (R), Brown (D), Cooper (D), J. DeBerry (D), Dunn (R), Harwell (R), Hawk (R), Haynes (R), Hensley (R), Hill (R), U. Jones (D), Lollar (R), Maddox (D), Pitts (D), Towns (D), J. Turner (D), Weaver

(R), Windle (D).

1. HB [0549](#) **EDUCATION: Funding for special school district.** Prohibits a city in which there is located a special school district with ADM of 10,000 or more students and 75 percent of the students are eligible for free and reduced price lunch from reducing funding, excluding capital outlay and debt service, below the amount of funding provided by the governing body in the previous fiscal year as adjusted for inflation based on the local government price deflator used to adjust the BEP. (SENATE: SB 1355, Tate; Referred to Senate Education.) FISCAL NOTE: Dated: February 27, 2009 Increase Local Expenditures - \$9,458,700.
Hardaway
2. HB [0376](#) **EDUCATION: Comparative education programs for teachers.** Urges institutions of higher education to offer programs in comparative education that study and examine teaching practices and learning outcomes in other countries. (SENATE: SB 1743, Marrero; Taken off notice in Senate Education 05/05/2009.) FISCAL NOTE: Dated: March 10, 2009 Increase state expenditures - \$230,400.
Coley
3. HB [2535](#) **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Dissolution of the select oversight committee on education.** Terminates the select oversight committee on education and deletes all mention of such committee in the Tennessee Code Annotated. Transfers duties and responsibilities to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives. Refers all studies and reviews that have not been completed by the oversight committee on education before July 1, 2010, to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives. (SENATE: SB 2408, Gresham; Senate Education 02/03/2010 recommended with amendment. Sent to Senate Finance, Ways & Means.) FISCAL NOTE: Dated: January 7, 2010 Decrease state expenditures - \$25,200.
Harwell

Senate Education Committee -- Wednesday at 1:00 pm -- LP 12

The committee will receive the following presentations: Tennessee Board of Regents Laptop Project with Dr. Raylean Henry, Associate Vice Chancellor for Regents On-line Campus Collaborative, Tennessee Board of Regents; David Gregory, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Tennessee Board of Regents, and Will Burns, Associate Executive Director, THEC; Stanford University Collaboration in Memphis City Schools, Nicholas C. Stutzman, Regional Director of Operations, Education Program for Gifted Youth at Stanford University. MEMBERS: Chair Gresham (R), Vice Chair Tate (D), Secretary Berke (D), Burks (D), Crowe (R), J. Haynes (D), Ketron (R), Tracy (R), Woodson (R).

1. SB [3713](#) **EDUCATION: Pilot program for class size limits.** Extends for one year, to January 1, 2011, the pilot program for career and technical education class sizes. (HOUSE: HB 3733, Gilmore;)
Haynes J.
2. SB [2789](#) **EDUCATION: Staff at certain schools to be certified in CPR.** Requires all staff members at the TN school for the blind, the TN school for the deaf, and the West TN school for the deaf to obtain and maintain certification in CPR. (HOUSE: HB 3499, Hensley; Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.)
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