

**Legislative Report**  
**Council on Children's Mental Health**  
**February 24, 2022**

**CORRECTIONS**

**SB2171/HB2748 Telephone services provided to inmates.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Requires youth correctional and jail facilities to utilize no less than two telephone vendors for inmate telephone usage. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**SB2502/HB2255 Juvenile offenders - phone calls with parents and clergy.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Requires youth development centers, jails, and the department of correction to provide a juvenile offender with good behavior a total of 50 minutes of free outgoing telephone calls each week between the juvenile and the juvenile's parent or guardian or a member of the clergy.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Corrections Subcommittee 02/22/22.

**SB2505/HB1947 Access to support person for pregnant prisoner.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Requires correctional institutions to provide access to a support person for all pregnant prisoners or detainees, including those who have given birth in the six weeks prior to July 1, 2022. Requires the correctional institution to provide appropriate facility access and to allow the support person to attend, in person, prenatal and postpartum care appointments and the labor and delivery. Defines support person and labor.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/22 - Referred to House Corrections Subcommittee.

**CRIMINAL LAW**

**SB1786/HB1922 Restrictions on sexual offenders.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Hicks, Tim

*Summary:* Prohibits a sexual offender, violent sexual offender, or a violent juvenile sexual offender from knowingly renting or offering to rent a swimming pool, hot tub, or other body of water to be used for swimming that is owned by the offender. Specifies that a violation of the prohibition a Class A misdemeanor. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/22/22.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Committee 02/23/22.

**SB1891/HB1905 Drug overdose reporting requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Expands reportable injury requirements to include drug overdose. Requires hospitals, clinics, and persons, including doctors and nurses, who are called upon to render aid to a person suffering from the effects of drug overdose to report it immediately to the appropriate chief of police or sheriff and district attorney general.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/26/22 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB2013/HB1646 Joker's Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hall, Mark

*Summary:* Enacts "Joker's Law," which increases the penalty of knowingly and unlawfully killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without the owner's effective consent from a Class E felony based on the value of the animal to a Class B felony. Adds provisions regarding knowingly and unlawfully causing serious injury to such an animal. Allows transfer of juveniles charged with the offense to adult criminal court.

*Amendment Summary:* House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (012809) creates a Class B felony offense for knowingly and unlawfully killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without the owner's effective consent.

*Senate Status:* 02/02/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2131/HB2415 Mandatory minimum fines for harassment, stalking, and aggravated stalking.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Smith, Robin

*Summary:* Creates a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000 for Class A misdemeanor harassment and a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000 for Class A misdemeanor stalking. Defines Class E felony aggravated stalking as an offense committed by a person who was registered as or required to register as a sexual offender or violent juvenile sexual offender and adds a \$2500 mandatory fine for the same. Requires a court to order a child adjudicated delinquent for an act that, if committed by an adult, would constitute the offense of harassment, stalking, or aggravated stalking to perform 12 hours of community service and allows the court to order up to 40 hours of community service for a second or subsequent adjudication of delinquent.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2170/HB2087 Offense to store firearms in vehicle.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Creates an offense for a person to store a firearm or firearm ammunition in a motor vehicle or boat in the absence of the person, unless the firearm or ammunition is safely locked away and out of view. Requires the person who owns the firearm to report the loss or theft of the firearm to law enforcement within 24 hours of the discovery. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for violation of this section, punishable by completion of a court-approved gun-safety course. Disallows fines or incarceration as punishment.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2172/HB2307 Report addressing statewide data collection in the juvenile justice system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Requires the administrative office of the courts, the department of children's services, and the commission on children and youth to jointly submit a report addressing statewide data collection in the juvenile justice system, on or before January 1, 2024, to the governor, speaker of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB2211/HB2620 Offense of recklessly storing a firearm.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Harris, Torrey

*Summary:* Creates the offense of recklessly storing a firearm in a manner that the person knows or reasonably should know will allow a child under 18 years of age to access the firearm and the child brings to the firearm to a school. Specifies that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2233/HB2236 Expands definition of child abuse.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Expands the definition of child abuse to include persons under age 18 who have witnessed domestic abuse of an adult or a minor or the abuse of another child in their immediate family or household.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2303/HB2234 Eligibility for expunction - victims of human trafficking.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Removes the requirement for at least one conviction for prostitution in the expunction of public records of a human trafficking victim. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB2400/HB2147 Human trafficking offenses.**

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

*Summary:* Changes the age from 13 to 18 that person is allowed to testify outside of the courtroom in human trafficking cases and includes proven human trafficking allegations as a circumstance a court must extend a protection order to the victim for a definite period of time. Expands child human trafficking victim's recourses and prohibits an underage victim to be charged with prostitution. Prohibits the defense of ignorance or a mistake regarding defendant's previous knowledge of a victims age. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB2439/HB2441 Sexual offenders prohibited from engaging in certain community service or volunteer work.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Farmer, Andrew

*Summary:* Prohibits child sexual offenders from engaging in volunteer work or professions that would knowingly cause them to be in direct contact with a minor. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB2601/HB2756 Juvenile court scheduling order requirement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Requires a juvenile court to enter a scheduling order at an initial appearance after the filing of a petition or citation. Requires that a matter filed in juvenile court be heard within six months unless waived by the responding party. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB2652/HB2799 Increases age juveniles can be tried as an adult.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Increases the age from 16 to 17 that a juvenile can be transferred to a criminal court and tried as an adult for a criminal offence.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**SB2739/HB2591 Resources for victims of child sex trafficking.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Rudder, Iris

*Summary:* Requires DCS in conjunction with the department of human services to work with private, nonprofit community partners, to provide care and establish a network of resource centers to support persons 18-24 who are victims of child sex trafficking. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB2740/HB2592 Providing of services to children who have been sexually abused or trafficked.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Rudder, Iris

*Summary:* Requires DCS, human trafficking advisory council, joint task force on children's justice and child sexual abuse, and the council of juvenile and family court judges to work together with other appropriate public and private groups, including Tennessee Counter Trafficking Alliance agencies, to develop a mechanism to identify and provide services to children involved with the juvenile justice system who have been sexually abused or trafficked for commercial sex acts. Services must be accessible to a child identified as a victim, regardless of status of the proceedings in the juvenile court. Services must not be contingent on the child's participation in another program. The plan for establishing services must be included in the comprehensive state plan. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB2742/HB2589 Training for police officers on child abuse and child sexual abuse identification.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Rudder, Iris

*Summary:* Requires full-time police officers to receive an annual in-service video training on common signs of child abuse and child sexual abuse. Includes that training shall educate how to identify children at risk for abuse and the reporting requirements. Requires POST commission to choose a nonprofit charitable organization to present the training.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

**EDUCATION**

**SB1670/HB2341 Training for school personnel on human trafficking.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carringer, Michele  
*Summary:* Requires that all school personnel, not only teachers, be trained at least once every three years on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is a child.  
*Senate Status:* 02/14/22 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/22/22.

**SB1818/HB1836 Time to begin classroom instruction each day for high school and middle school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Clemmons, John  
*Summary:* Requires each public high school to begin classroom instruction no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and each public middle school to begin classroom instruction no earlier than 8:00 a.m. beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.  
*Senate Status:* 01/24/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/25/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2102/HB2017 Mental health screenings for minors in a school setting.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Increases from under 16 years of age to under 18 years of age, the age of a minor for whom a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or caregiver under the Power of Attorney for Care of a Minor Child Act must give written, active, informed and voluntarily signed consent in order for universal mental health or socioemotional screening in a school setting to be permitted for the minor. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/31/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB2173/HB2258 Discipline of students in pre- kindergarten through grade two.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Harris, Torrey  
*Summary:* Prohibits an LEA from suspending or expelling a child in grades pre-K through two unless the child's behavior endangers other students or school personnel. Authorizes a suspension if the child's behavior is deemed dangerous to others in the school but, suspension must be less than 3 days and requires a school official to have a conversation with the child and parents.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2179/HB2201 Supplemental funding for voluntary pre-kindergarten.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Alexander, Rebecca  
*Summary:* Redirects 80% of the privilege tax collected from sports wagering licensees from the lottery for education account to a new account created to provide supplemental funding for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs. Requires the department of education to implement a grant program to provide LEAs operating a voluntary pre-K program with supplemental funding using privilege taxes collected from sports wagering licensees.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2212/HB2297 BEP funding of full-time school social worker positions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Requires BEP funding formula to fund one full-time school social worker position for each 250 students or one full-time position for each LEA, whichever is greater.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2221/HB2253 Salary of school nurses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Requires LEAs to classify school nurses as licensed personnel for salary purposes. Requires an LEA to pay a school nurse the base salary established for licensed teachers for the respective school year if the school nurse holds a valid license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse with zero years of experience. Requires an LEA to pay a school nurse more or less than the established base salary per school year if the nurse has more or less training and experience than that required for the base salary.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2239/HB2582 Contact information for LEA's child abuse coordinator.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Eldridge, Rick  
*Summary:* Requires LEA's and public charter schools to submit the contact information of the school's child abuse coordinator and alternate child abuse coordinator to the department of children's services at the start of each school year. Permits people to report alleged abuse from those employed or affiliated to the school directly to law enforcement and the department rather than reporting internally to the school.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Education Committee amendment 1 (013761) requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to submit the contact information of the LEA's or public charter school's child abuse coordinator and alternative child abuse coordinator to the Department of Children's Services (DCS). Authorizes a person receiving information about possible child abuse involving someone affiliated with a school to report the information directly to DCS and law enforcement prior to notifying the school child abuse coordinator. Declares that such authorization does not relieve a school teacher, school official, or other school personnel from the duty to report alleged abuse under federal law.  
*Senate Status:* 02/16/22 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (013761). Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2268/HB2089 Handle With Care Program confidentiality.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. White, Mark  
*Summary:* Requires that records generated from the Handle With Care Program are confidential and must not be released. States the program is in effect until July 2027.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Public Service Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2539/HB2577 Denial of driver license for student not making satisfactory progress in high school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Dixie, Vincent  
*Summary:* Prohibits a minor from being denied their drivers license or learners permit for not making satisfactory academic progress in school. Applies to those enrolled in schools.  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/22 - Introduced in the House

**SB2543/HB2788 BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions increased.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Increases number of BEP funded full-time public school nurses from one for every 3,000 students, to one for every 750 students to adequately serve schools.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2568/HB1939 Funding positions in K-12 schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Requires the department of human services, in consultation with the department of education, to administer a grant program, using TANF program funds, for LEAs to create certain positions, including public school nurses, public school psychologists, English language learner teachers for a public school, English language learner translators for a public school or public school social workers. Requires the department of human services to ensure that grant recipients are eligible for TANF.

*Senate Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for Senate Education Committee 02/23/22.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/22/22.

**SB2578/HB1863 BEP - increases number of funded full-time public school nurse positions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Darby, Tandy

*Summary:* Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one per 3,000 students to one per 750 students. Increases the number of full-time public school nurses considered sufficient for the public school nurse program to adequately provide services from one nurse per 3,000 students to one nurse per 750 students. Requires the BEP formula to fund full-time school counselor positions at a ratio of one per 250 students or one full-time school counselor position for each LEA, whichever is greater.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 01/25/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2579/HB2139 Student withdrawal from school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Prohibits a parent or guardian from withdrawing a student from a public school if that student has accumulated five or more unexcused absences in a school year and who is subject to tier three of the LEA's truancy plan. Allows exceptions in cases in which a student's place of residency changes, the student enrolls in a nonpublic school or the student transfers to another school in the same or another LEA.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/22/22.

**SB2595/HB2709 Voluntary pre-kindergarten program eligibility.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Haston, Kirk

*Summary:* Allows an LEA to establish a voluntary pre-kindergarten program that serves at risk children, age four, living in the designated geographic area. Deletes the pilot pre-kindergarten program.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House K-12 Subcommittee 02/22/22.

**SB2815/HB2021 Annual child abuse training required for all public school personnel.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Clarifies that child abuse training must be completed annually in accordance with DCS guidelines by all school personnel and employees, not just teachers.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/01/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**SB2824/HB2530 Automated external defibrillator device training for school bus drivers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

*Summary:* Encourages schools to offer AED training to school bus drivers. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House K-12 Subcommittee.

**FAMILY LAW**

**SB1900/HB1974 Staffing of case managers by department of children's services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Campbell, Heidi , Rep. Johnson, Gloria

*Summary:* Requires department of children's services staff appropriate numbers of case managers so caseloads do not exceed an average of 12 cases relating to initial assessments including allegations of child abuse or neglect, 12 children monitored in active cases relating to ongoing in-home services, and 13 children in active cases with out-of-home placement per case manager.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/31/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB1984/HB2046 Members of child protective team.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Walley, Page , Rep. Bricken, Rush

*Summary:* Establishes that each child protective team may include an appropriately credentialed medical provider and a mental health representative.

*Senate Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/22/22.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - House Civil Justice Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

**SB2098/HB2453 Destruction of records of an investigation by DCS.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Requires the TN Department of Children's Services to purge all records related to an investigation that finds an individual without probable cause of neglecting a child dependent on them. All records must be eradicated within 90 days following the case's closure. Does not apply to active, ongoing investigations. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/15/22 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/01/22.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee 02/23/22.

**SB2232/HB2235 Preparation of permanency plan - allegations of abuse or neglect.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Requires, in cases of child abuse, the agency preparing the plan and the court developing or approving that plan to consider whether allegations of abuse or neglect warrant supervision of



any visitation between the child and the abusing or neglecting parent, and whether it is in the child's best interest that supervision be required ongoing. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**SB2244/HB2658 Annual report by department of children's services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Littleton, Mary

*Summary:* Changes the date by which the commissioner of the department of children's services must publish the annual report of the department from January 31 to March 1. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB2398/HB2145 Foster care system transitioning program.**

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

*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to reimburse relative caregivers to provide financial support for the child's care. Permits a relative caregiver to received payment equal to 50 percent of the full foster care board rate under certain conditions. Establishes income and other financial parameters relative to these payments. Prohibits the child's parent from living in the relative caregiver's home and stipulates that the relative caregiver be at least 21 years of age and be awarded custody of the child by a final order of a court. Defines relative caregiver. Allows the department of children's services to implement an extension of the foster care program to provide transitioning services for youth moving from state custody to adulthood and sets guidelines for the same. Permits the department of children's services to seek federal funding for this program. Part of Administration Package.

*Senate Status:* 02/15/22 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 02/23/22.

**SB2530/HB1637 The Community Accountability for Juvenile Justice and Violence Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Shifts the deadline by which the commission on children and youth must make recommendations for the state budget from September 1 to August 1 annually. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/12/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB2741/HB2702 Information required to be provided in writing to foster parents by DCS.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Expands the information required to be provided in writing to foster parents by the department of children's services to include all information available to the department regarding the child's education status, mental health history and status, behavioral history, and physical disabilities. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/08/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

**JUDICIARY**

**SB2241/HB2333 Referral of matters to a safe baby court program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
*Summary:* Requires a court that refers a matter to a safe baby court program to do so within 30 days of the case coming before the referring court. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/22/22.  
*House Status:* 02/03/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

## **LABOR LAW**

### **SB2426/HB2176 Youth apprenticeships.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Removes youth apprentices from being considered apprenticeships for the Tennessee Registered Apprenticeship Program Act. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.  
*Senate Status:* 02/15/22 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/22/22 - House Commerce Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

## **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

### **SB2413/HB2163 DSC to calculate the average caseloads of case managers monthly.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to calculate the average caseload of case managers at least monthly. Part of Administration Package.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 02/23/22.

## **TAXES SALES**

### **SB1972/HB2059 Exemption - sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Exempts gun safe and gun safety device purchases from the sales and use tax.  
*Senate Status:* 02/22/22 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.  
*House Status:* 02/02/22 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

### **SB2799/HB1738 Sales tax holiday for retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Extends the sales tax holiday for the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices until June 30, 2023.  
*Senate Status:* 02/22/22 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.  
*House Status:* 01/24/22 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

## **TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

### **SB2176/HB2037 Driver licenses for minors.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Jernigan, Darren  
*Summary:* Revokes the department of safeties' ability to prevent a minor from getting their license due to lack of academic progress or poor grades. Exceptions still apply surrounding a minor not being enrolled in school.  
*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

*House Status:* 02/16/22 - Set for House Transportation Subcommittee 02/22/22.

## **WELFARE**

### **SB1901/HB1931 Pilot program to provide childcare payments to eligible relative caregivers.**

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

*Summary:* Establishes a five-year pilot program to provide childcare payments to eligible relative caregivers. Requires the department of children's services to publish an annual report and to make recommendations for statewide expansion to the judiciary committee of the senate and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives after the third year. Defines "relative caregiver" and requires that the 2020 federal census be the basis for the program's population requirements. Outlines program participant requirements. Stipulates that no funds should be expended unless specifically funded by the general appropriations act.

*Senate Status:* 01/27/22 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 01/28/22 - Referred to House Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee.

### **SB2423/HB2173 Electronic submission of families first community advisory board report.**

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

*Summary:* Allows the families first community advisory board to electronically submit its final report on the Tennessee opportunity pilot program, which is due on December 31, 2025. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

*Senate Status:* 02/03/22 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/03/22 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

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