



TSEA Legislative Update March 24, 2017

Highlights of the week

House Civil Justice Committee takes aim at Department of Children Services' attempt to outsource Mt. View Youth Development Center.

On Tuesday, the Civil Justice committee called Dept. of Children's Services Commissioner, Bonnie Hommrich to speak about Mountain View Correctional Center and to have questions answered in regard to the department's plan to turn the facility over to a private vendor. TSEA assisted the committee members in crafting questions that needed to be answered. TSEA thanks the committee for taking the stance that Tennessee State Employees are best to care for the youth who find themselves on the wrong side of the law. [We encourage you all to watch the whole hearing which lasted over an hour](#) and to let the [House Civil Justice Committee](#) know how much you appreciate them by sending letters or emails praising their efforts.

House State Government Subcommittee passes two TSEA sponsored bills to the full State Government Committee.

[HB1188](#) by Representative Matthew Hill reestablishes the select oversight committees on TennCare, Children and Youth, and Corrections; and [HB1331](#) by Representative Dwayne Thompson to the full committee, which requires the administration to notify legislators prior to outsourcing any state services. HB1188 (M. Hill) was amended. We will continue to work with the House and Senate sponsors on the bill.

Fall Creek Falls Park RFP to proceed with revised oversight.

The State Building Commission will now have firmer control over building-related aspects of Republican Gov. Bill Haslam's plans for outsourcing Fall Creek Falls State Park's operations under amended rules for bidders approved on Thursday, [reports the Times-Free Press](#).

The TSEA lobby team will be working hard next week to move more bills through the committee system and we will keep watch for any plans to undermine state employees. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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This week's calendar

Tue 3/28/17 10:30am - LP 12, Senate State & Local Government Committee Regular Calendar

MEMBERS: CHAIR K. Yager (R); VICE CHAIR R. Briggs (R); P. Bailey (R); T. Gardenhire (R); J. Johnson (R); B. Ketron (R); M. Norris (R); J. Yarbro (D); E. Jackson (R)

[SB649](#) **CORRECTIONS: Contracts between counties and private prison entities.**
Niceley

F. Authorizes the commissioner to contract with a participating county that has a contractual agreement with a nongovernmental entity to provide correctional services to inmates under the custody of the department, if the contractual agreement between the county and the nongovernmental entity complies with all requirements of the Private Prison Contracting Act, for a contract to provide correctional services between the department and a nongovernmental entity.
Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
HB546 - C. Rogers - 03/22/17 - House State Government Subcommittee deferred to last calendar.

[SB1060](#) **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Time allotted to appoint eligible applicants in preferred service.**
Lundberg

J. Increases the time appointing authority has to appoint one of the applicants after being referred a list of eligible persons from within 30 days to within 45 days.
Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
HB1015 - D. Hawk - 03/23/17 - Set for House Civil Justice Committee 03/28/17.

[SB1185](#) **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: List of all state contracts to the comptroller.**
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F. Requires the chief procurement officer to provide the comptroller of the treasury a list of all state contracts, grants, and the cost of each. Requires the comptroller to put the list on the comptroller's website, and to be updated each time a state governmental entity enters into, cancels, amends, or extends a contract or grant. Allows the chief procurement officer to charge an administrative fee for creating

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Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2017) Increase State Revenue - \$158,800/FY17-18 \$133,800/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures - \$158,800/FY17-18 \$133,800/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

HB1156 - J. Coley - 03/23/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 03/29/17.

[SB1390](#)

Tate R.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Reporting on number of preferred service employees in the department affected by a reduction-in-force.

Adds new language requiring no later than August 1, 2017, and by August 1 of each subsequent year, each state department to report the number of preferred service employees in the department affected by a reduction-in-force during the previous fiscal year to the chairs of the state government committee of the house of representatives and the state and local government committee of the senate.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT

HB975 - D. Carr - 03/23/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 03/29/17.

Tue 3/28/17 12:00pm - LP 29, House State Government Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Ramsey (R); VICE CHAIR B. Hulseby (R); J. Shaw (D); B. Sanderson (R); T. Rudd (R); J. Powell (D); M. Littleton (R); W. Lamberth (R); D. Jernigan (D); M. Daniel (R)

[HB1188](#)

Hill M.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Reestablishes the legislative oversight committees on TennCare, children's services, and correction.

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Amendment Summary: House State Government Subcommittee

Amendment (verbal)-Deletes the department of corrections from the list, and creates a sunset for the other two oversight committees for 3 years to June 30, 2020.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 2, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$351,100

SB1145 - J. Hensley - 03/23/17 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/29/17.

[HB1331](#)

Thompson

D.

PUBLIC FINANCE: Require of notice of recommendation for outsourcing of a state agency program.

Requires the commissioner of finance and administration to provide notice of the recommendation to outsource all or a portion of a state agency program, to the governor and the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 28, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB1327 - J. Yarbro - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local
Government Committee.

Tue 3/28/17 3:00pm - LP 16, House Civil Justice Committee

Please note: By suspension of the rules on the House floor on March 23, 2017, HB567 and HB421 have been added to the calendar.

MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); VICE CHAIR D. Moody (R); B. Terry (R); M. Stewart (D); C. Rogers (R); G. Hardaway (D); J. Forgety (R); M. Daniel (R); G. Casada (R); M. Carter (R); B. Beck (D)

HB1015 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Time allotted to appoint eligible applicants in preferred service.

Hawk D.

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SB1060 - J. Lundberg - 03/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local
Government Committee Regular Calendar 03/28/17.

Tue 3/28/17 3:30pm - LP 12, Senate Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Kelsey (R); VICE CHAIR D. Overbey (R); M. Bell (R); L. Harris (D); S. Kyle (D); J. Lundberg (R); K. Roberts (R); J. Stevens (R); J. Bowling (R)

SB1168 FAMILY LAW: DCS to maintain case manager staffing levels.

Hensley J. Requires the department of children's services maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each region has enough case managers make sure caseloads do not exceed 20 active cases relating to initial assessments or 20 children monitored or supervised in active cases relating to ongoing services.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
HB972 - C. Rogers - 02/15/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice
Subcommittee.

Wed 3/29/17 8:30am - LP 12, Senate Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Bell (R); VICE CHAIR E. Jackson (R); M. Beavers (R); J. Bowling (R); R. Crowe (R); T. Harper (D); K. Roberts (R); S. Southerland (R); J. Lundberg (R)

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HB1188 - M. Hill - 03/23/17 - Set for House State Government Committee 03/28/17.

Wed 3/29/17 1:30pm - LP 29, House State Government Subcommittee

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[HB975](#)

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Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT
SB1390 - R. Tate - 03/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee Regular Calendar 03/28/17.

[HB1409](#)

Weaver T.

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Hazard and other supplemental pay to state employees.

Allows hazardous salary adjustment for an employee who is subjected to a hazardous condition. Categorizes the rate of incidence of hazardous conditions into three categories with different salary adjustments for each rate. Authorizes a state agency to spend appropriated funds to pay for expenses of an employee who is injured or killed while engaged in the performance of the employee's duties or whose duties require the employee to be exposed to unavoidable dangers peculiar to the employee's job responsibilities. Defines "workweek" as a fixed and regularly recurring period of seven consecutive 24 hour periods. Revises compensatory time off for state employees not serving the legislature or judicial branch. Allows state agencies to provide state employees, at the time of hiring an employee to a classified position additional compensation.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 7, 2017) Increased State Expenditures -

\$7,500/One-Time Exceeds \$4,127,200/Recurring SB 1282 - HB 1409 SB1282 - E. Jackson - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

[HB944](#)

Goins T.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: List of all state contracts and grants.

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SB1047 - J. Bowling - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

[HB049](#)

Clemmons J.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: State agencies to send report regarding contracts for services over 5 million dollars.

Requires state governmental entities to present an electronic report to the fiscal review committee each month for any contracts for services procured through competitive means in excess of \$5,000,000 and for any cost adjustment or other amendment to the contract in excess of the same amount.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 31, 2017) NOT SIGNIFICANT SB674 - L. Harris - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

[HB790](#)

Sparks M.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Restores longevity pay for employees of the executive branch.

Restores longevity pay for employees of the executive branch in the service of the state hired after June 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2017) Increase State Expenditures - \$445,800/FY18-19 \$916,200/FY19-20 \$1,347,700/FY20-21 Exceeds \$1,347,700/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

SB765 - M. Beavers - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

[HB1156](#)

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SB1185 - F. Niceley - 03/23/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee Regular Calendar 03/28/17.

Additional details on bills we support and/or are watching may be found by visiting

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