



TSEA Legislative Update March 31, 2017

Highlights of the week

Ban on park outsourcing moves forward.

House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh has succeeded in moving forward legislation [HB1208](#) that would put a halt to Gov. Bill Haslam's plans to outsource lodging and concessions in state parks, starting with Fall Creek Falls.

The Senate bill, [SB1110](#), moved from the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee earlier this week to Senate Finance. Sen. Sara Kyle is sponsoring it in that chamber.

Under the legislation, the Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment - which manages state parks - could not outsource the maintenance, operation or preservation of state parks, including buildings, facilities, structures or improvements. TDEC currently has a request for proposals out to demolish and rebuild the Inn at Fall Creek Falls; the winning bidder would then take over management of the inn and hospitality services at the park.

Select Oversight Committee Bill Receives Positive Recommendation from Senate Government Ops.

Senator Joey Hensley on Wednesday cleared a huge hurdle when [SB1168](#) was passed out of Senate Government Operations Committee with a positive recommendation. From there it goes to Senate Health Committee and will be heard next week. The legislation reestablishes the legislative oversight committees on TennCare, children's services, and correction.

TSEA believes the existence of an oversight committee can have an impact on the quality and fairness of fact-finding even before the committee gains access to the relevant information. When an action by a state agency is done in the knowledge that an outside entity will be reviewing the methods and findings, there is an increased sense of accountability. Government entities must ensure the standard of their work is acceptable. In the long run, it will be costlier and time-consuming if they are forced to go back and correct mistakes that an oversight committee could have detected.

Other News of Note...

TSEA's lobby team continues to work legislation through the process and the next couple of weeks will be crucial for many of TSEA's bills. While there is a lot of support for our legislation we caution you to not be discouraged if we have a setback. It takes a great deal of effort to pass a bill on Capitol Hill. There is no way that all the legislation we run will become law and it is our duty to choose bills that are pertinent now and understand other legislation will start the conversation for future goals or bring light to issues that reflect smaller segments of our membership. Furthermore, we remain vigilant to other legislation that may seek to harm our members and our association.

Please review the TSEA sponsored legislation listed below. If your [State Senator](#) or [Representative](#) is on one of the listed committees, please contact them and ask them to support TSEA legislation. Be professional, be polite and provide either the House or Senate bill number.

This week's calendar

Tue 4/4/17 9:30am - LP 12, Senate State & Local Government Committee

Final Calendar. Please note: By suspension of the rules on the Senate floor on March 30, 2017, SB382 and SB1257 have been added to the 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)

[SB765](#) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Restores longevity pay for employees of the executive branch.

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House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

HB790 - M. Sparks - 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

[SB1185](#) GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: List of all state contracts to the comptroller.

Niceley 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.

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House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

HB1156 - J. Coley - 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

[SB1282](#) **WORKERS COMPENSATION: Hazard and other supplemental pay to state employees.**
Jackson E.

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.

Senate Status: 03/30/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 04/04/17.

House Status: 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.

HB1409 - T. Weaver - 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.

[SB1390](#) **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Reporting on number of preferred service employees in the department affected by a reduction-in-force.**
Lundberg J.

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.

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House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government

Subcommittee 04/05/17.

HB975 - D. Carr - 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government

Subcommittee 04/05/17.

[SB1047](#) **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: List of all state contracts and
Bowling J. grants.**

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HB944 - T. Goins - 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

[SB674](#) **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: State agencies to send report
Harris L. regarding contracts for services over 5 million dollars.**

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House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

HB49 - J. Clemmons - 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 04/05/17.

**Tue 4/4/17 10:30am - LP 31, House Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Halford (R); VICE CHAIR A. Holt (R); J. Windle (D); R. Tillis (R); J. Shaw (D); J. Reedy (R); B. Mitchell (D); S. McDaniel (R); J. Matheny (R); P. Marsh (R); R. Lollar (R); B. Hulse (R); D. Hawk (R)

[HB1208](#) **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Prohibits outsourcing with respect
Fitzhugh C. to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of state parks.**

Prohibits outsourcing with respect to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of state parks, including buildings, facilities, structures, or

improvements upon state park property.

Senate Status: 03/27/17 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 04/04/17.

SB1110 - S. Kyle - 03/27/17 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

Tue 4/4/17 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](#) **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Reestablishes the legislative oversight committees on TennCare, children's services, and correction.**
Hill M.

Re-establishes legislative oversight committees on TennCare, children's services, and correction. Specifies the procedures by which the committees shall be created and who shall serve on the boards. (19 pp)

Senate Status: 03/30/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 04/05/17.

House Status: 03/30/17 - Set for House State Government Committee 04/04/17.

SB1145 - J. Hensley - 03/30/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 04/05/17.

Tue 4/4/17 1:00pm - 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.

Senate Status: 03/30/17 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee

04/04/17. House Status: 02/15/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

HB972 - C. Rogers - 02/15/17 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Wed 4/5/17 8:00am - LP 12, Senate State & Local Government Correction Subcommittee

SB277 CORRECTIONS: Department of corrections staffing criteria.

Harper T. Requires the department of corrections to report annually on staffing levels and establish work period and compensation criteria. Requires the commissioner to establish a payroll system and procedures on employee changes.

Senate Status: 03/30/17 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Correction Subcommittee 04/05/17.

House Status: 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

HB281 - S. Jones - 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

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Final Calendar. MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Crowe (R); VICE CHAIR F. Haile (R); R. Briggs (R); B. Massey (R); S. Kyle (D); E. Jackson (R); D. Overbey (R); B. Watson (R); J. Hensley (R)

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