



Legislative Bills and Committees to watch week of February 26, 2018

Mon 2/26/18 4:00pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Floor

Mon 2/26/18 5:00pm - House Chamber, House Floor

Wed 2/28/18 12:00pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Government Operations Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Faison (R); VICE CHAIR J. Ragan (R); R. Williams (R); M. Stewart (D); B. Mitchell (D); C. Johnson (R); D. Howell (R); C. Halford (R); C. Fitzhugh (D); G. Casada (R); K. Calfee (R)

3. HB1788 Daniel M. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Employee suggestion award program.** Increases the cash award for the employee suggestion award program from a one-time award of ten percent of the first year's estimated savings to 15 percent of the annual savings realized in a fiscal year. Requires the cash award to be paid within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year in which the savings has been realized. Limits such award to the first three fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the suggestion was made. **Amendment Summary:** House State Government Committee amendment 1 (013053) deletes and rewrites the bill. Removes requirement that board approved cash awards are charged against the appropriation items of the applicable state agency. Requires that cash awards over \$50,000 be spread over three years unless awarded employee leaves state service and forfeits the remaining award appropriation item. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2018) Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise fiscal impact in any given year cannot be quantified with certainty. However, it is reasonably estimated that, over any five-year period, any increase in state expenditures resulting from additional cash awards paid to state employees will be sufficiently offset by decreases in state expenditures realized from additional employee suggestions. **Senate Status:** 01/31/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 02/28/18. SB1919 - S. Dickerson - 01/31/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
4. HB1739 Daniel M. **GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - economic impact analyses of administrative rules.** HB1739 Title: UAPA economic impact analyses of administrative rules. Category: Government Regulation Summary: Requires agencies filing new rules with the secretary of state to provide an analysis of the rule's economic impact on the state. If a congressional government operations committee finds the cost of the rule's implementation to exceed \$1,000,000 over a three-year period, the agency will be forced to find ways to reduce the cost of the rule. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2018) Increase State Revenue \$741,200/Recurring/Fiscal Review Committee Increase State Expenditures \$330,000/One-Time/General Fund \$5,213,600/Recurring/General Fund \$370,600/Recurring/General Assembly Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Fiscal Review Committee Exceeds \$741,200/Recurring/Fiscal Review Committee **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 02/28/18. SB2652 - B. Watson - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.
5. HB1800 Daniel M. **GOVERNMENT REGULATION: UAPA - review of administrative actions by the general assembly.** Authorizes members of the general assembly the power to petition for a review by the government operations committee whether inter-agency memoranda should be promulgated as administrative rules. Requires either the committee chairs to direct the committees to meet with the purpose of reviewing any statement or intra-agency memoranda or for committees to vote to request the agency to promulgate the statement or intra-agency memoranda. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 02/28/18. SB2160 - M. Bell - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

Wed 2/28/18 1:30pm - House Hearing Rm IV, House State Government Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Sanderson (R); B. Hulsey (R); D. Jernigan (D); M. Littleton (R); B. Ramsey (R)

1. HB2096
Casada G. **PUBLIC FINANCE: Disputing fiscal review memoranda.** Requires fiscal notes to include the list of all government entities which provided information for the note. Creates new rules for members of congress to dispute the fiscal review notes on an amendment or bill. Increases the number of staff members the office of legislative budget analysis can hire from five to 10. **Amendment Summary:** House State Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (013017) deletes and rewrites the bill to include that any hearing by the committee to consider a disputed fiscal note or fiscal memorandum must be conducted on a day for which the general assembly is convened or has standing committees scheduled. Removes authorization from the director of office of legislative budget analysis to hire 10 staff members for the purpose of creating legislative general appropriations bills. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 12, 2018) Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$150,000/One-Time Exceeds \$994,300/Recurring HB 2096 SB 2122 Other Fiscal Impact The provisions of the proposed legislation could result in changes to fiscal analysis as determined by the members of the Fiscal Review Committee instead of the FRC staff and could extend the average length of session. Both of these could result in significant additional expenditures. Due to multiple unknown factors, the exact increase in expenditures cannot be reasonably quantified. **Senate Status:** 02/13/18 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to last calendar. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB2122 - K. Yager - 02/13/18 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to last calendar.
2. HB2676
Fitzhugh C. **CORRECTIONS: Private Prison Alignment Act.** Requires any contract entered into, or renewed, on or after the effective date of this act, by the state or a county with any private entity to provide correctional services to be a performance-based contract and to provide incentives for reducing recidivism and improving re-entry and outcomes for incarcerated individuals. Requires the department of correction to establish by rule accountability standards and performance measures to be met by a private entity providing correctional services. Requires the department to establish contract requirements for effective outcome and performance-based education, vocational, rehabilitation, and addiction programming and services. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB2131 - J. Yarbro - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
3. HB2595
Hawk D. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Preponderance of evidence in proceedings against state employees.** Clarifies that the burden of proof is the preponderance of the evidence in any proceedings against state employees. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB2560 - J. Hensley - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
4. HB2469
Dunn B. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Appeal procedures for state employees in preferred service.** Requires a state employee in the preferred service to be reinstated upon the failure of an appointing authority or the commissioner of human resources to issue a timely decision in a Step I or Step II appeal, respectively. Requires the appointing authority and commissioner in such proceedings to provide the complainant employee copies of certain evidence prior to meeting with the employee, including reports, videos, and recordings. Requires the appointing authority to make all reasonable efforts to gather all relevant documents and evidence that is germane to the meeting prior to conducting the meeting for purposes of providing such information to the complainant. Specifies that any documents or evidence in possession of the appointing authority prior to the meeting that was not provided to the complainant must not be considered by the appointing authority for purposes of issuing a decision. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB2166 - B. Massey - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
7. HB2237
Faison J. **CORRECTIONS: Contracts for the operation of prison facilities - occupancy level guarantees.** Prohibits contracts for the operation of correctional facilities from containing occupancy level guarantees for the facilities. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 5, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Senate Status:** 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB1585 - M. Bell - 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
12. HB1877 Carr
D. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Report on number of preferred service employees affected by reduction in force.** Requires state departments to file an annual report with the chair of the state government committee of the house of representatives and the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate regarding the details of the number of service employees who were affected by a reduction in force during the fiscal year. **Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 25, 2018) NOT SIGNIFICANT **Senate Status:** 01/31/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18. SB1889 - R. Tate - 01/31/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
13. HB2594
Sparks M. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Longevity pay for employees of the executive branch in the state service.** Reinstates longevity pay for employees of the executive branch in the state service hired after June 30, 2015. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House**

Status: 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2479 - K. Roberts - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

14. HB546
Rogers C. **CORRECTIONS: Contracts between counties and private prison entities.** 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 **Senate Status:** 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB649 - F. Niceley - 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
16. HB2592
Rogers C. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Negates mandatory application of certain laws on local governments that are not fully funded.** Prohibits mandating certain laws on local governments if the fiscal note for one bill exceeds \$100,000 or \$1,000,000 for one year. Prohibits an agency of state government from creating a new fee that will impact local governments in any year in which the general state revenues to the agency have decreased from the previous year. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2442 - R. Tate - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
20. HB2593 Butt
S. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: State-funded travel for public employees.** Requires the commissioner of finance and administration to disclose certain information on the department's website when the state funds travel expenses for one or more public employees to an event where a vendor is present. Requires the commissioner to disclose information no less than 30 days before travel to an event occurs. If travel is approved within 30 days the commissioner is required to disclose information as soon as practicable. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2440 - M. Pody - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
21. HB2468
Deberry Jr.
J. **CORRECTIONS: Contracts with private prisons.** Requires each contract between a local government and a private prison for which any state funds are used to pay the prison contractor as well as each contract between this state and a local government to house inmates to meet specific criteria and standards that apply to contracts between this state and prison contractors. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2398 - S. Kyle - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
23. HB2227
Jones S. **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Creates department of children's services oversight committee.** Creates a department of children's services oversight committee consisting of 18 members of which nine members are to be appointed by the senate speaker and nine members are to be appointed by the house speaker. Specifies duties of oversight committee, including reviewing current state policies on children and youth as reflected by Tennessee statutes, rules, programs, services, and budgetary priorities. Requires the oversight committee to timely publish a report following the conclusion of any regular annual session of the general assembly occurring in an even-numbered year, which summarizes the committee's activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Delayed Bills Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2135 - S. Kyle - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Delayed Bills Committee.
25. HB2589 Hill
T. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Probation periods for state employment.** Reduces the probationary period for state employees in preferred service as set by the commissioner of human resources from a minimum of one year to a maximum of six months. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2443 - F. Niceley - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
30. HB2591
Byrd D. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Salary increase for public employees.** Requires salary increases for public employees in active service as of June 30 to receive a \$100 increase on July first of every odd numbered year. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2557 - J. Hensley - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
37. HB2409
Thompson
D. **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: Proposed state contracts for services with nongovernmental vendors.** Requires the commissioner or executive head of a department or agency proposing to procure a contract for services with a nongovernmental vendor on or after July 1, 2018 to certify to the comptroller of the treasury that no state employees within the respective department or agency are qualified to perform the duties and obligations under the proposed contract. Requires the commissioner or executive head to include with the certification a written statement providing compelling reasons as to the inability of the commissioner or executive head to identify state employees within the department or agency, as applicable, who are qualified to perform the duties and obligations under the proposed contract. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2084 - S. Kyle - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Wed 2/28/18 2:30pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Education Committee Consent Calendar

HEADER: The committee will have Budget Hearings by the University of Memphis, Middle TN State University, and TN State University.

Wed 2/28/18 3:00pm - House Hearing Rm IV, House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR S. Lynn (R); J. Eldridge (R); J. Matlock (R); R. Staples (D); C. Boyd (R)

11. HB2006 **VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Hiring preference for veterans.** Requires veterans to receive a hiring preference. Allows a veteran to pursue a right of action if denied hiring preference. **Senate Status:** 02/05/18 - Pitts J. Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** 02/22/18 - Set for House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee 02/28/18.
SB2192 - J. Lundberg - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.