TNA Legislative Calendar -- Week of March 20, 2017
TNA will be working on or monitoring the following

Monday, March 20, 2017

12:30pm - LP 12, Senate Transportation & Safety Committee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR P. Bailey (R); VICE CHAIR M. Beavers (R); J. Bowling (R); R. Briggs (R); B. Massey (R); J. Stevens (R); J. Tracy (R); J. Yarbro (D); F. Niceley (R)

SB813 Green M. -- *Lara’s Law*. Prohibits a motor vehicle dealer from selling or leasing a motor vehicle unless the dealer has obtained a recall database report for the vehicle. Requires the dealer to update the recall database report when the consumer receives the vehicle. Prohibits the dealer from knowingly selling or leasing a motor vehicle that is subject to a manufacturer recall unless repairs required to correct the defect have been performed on the vehicle. Specifies what deems knowledge of a safety recall.

*Position*: Support

HB923 - R. Staples - 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Subcommittee

SB1285 Yarbro J. -- *Grace period for insulin reaction while driving*. Allows drivers with diabetes with no prior history of insulin reactions to retain their driver license for the sole purpose of driving to and from work during a six-month grace period following their first traffic violation or accident related to the person's insulin reaction while driving.

*Position*: Watch

HB1356 - B. Mitchell - 02/15/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

5:00pm - House Chamber, House Floor

HB121 Terry B. -- *Permitting the administration of medications for adrenal insufficiency in schools*. Requires the state board of education, in consultation with the department of health, the board of nursing, and the board of pharmacy, to adopt rules for the administration of medication that treats adrenal insufficiency by trained school personnel trained to a student on school premises. Specifies that the rules adopted include guidelines on the designation and training of school personnel who will be responsible for administering medication. Also states that the rules adopted specify that an LEA is only required to train school personnel when the LEA has been notified by a parent or guardian that a student in a school of the LEA has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency. Requires each local education agency board to adopt policies and procedures that provide for the administration of medications that treat adrenal insufficiency.

*Amendment Summary*: House Education Administration and Planning Committee amendment 1 adds the Department of Children’s Services to the departments with which the State Board of Education must consult when adopting rules for the dispensation of medication for students suffering from adrenal insufficiency. It also limits the liability of the LEA employee that administers the medication for adrenal insufficiency as well as the boards of education that authorize the dispensation of medication.
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

9:00am - LP 16, House Insurance & Banking Committee -- The committee will hear the TennCare Budget Presentation. MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Travis (R); VICE CHAIR J. Zachary (R); J. VanHuss (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); D. Thompson (D); M. Sparks (R); C. Sargent (R); T. Rudd (R); D. Powers (R); M. Pody (R); J. Pitts (D); J. Matheny (R); K. Keisling (R); T. Hill (R); G. Hardaway (D); R. Gant (R); M. Curcio (R); K. Brooks (R); B. Beck (D)

HB1059 Lamberth W. -- Coverage of anti-cancer medications. Prohibits a health insurance policy that provides benefits for anti-cancer medications that are injected or intravenously administered by a healthcare provider and anti-cancer medications that are patient administered from requiring a higher copayment, deductible, or co-insurance amount for a patient administered anti-cancer medication than the contract requires for injected or intravenously administered anti-cancer medication. Prohibits a health benefits insurer from imposing an increase in cost-sharing requirements for orally administered, intravenously administered, or injected anti-cancer medications. Amendment Summary: Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance Amendment 1, House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee Amendment 1 mandates that a health benefits contract’s cost-sharing requirements for orally administered cancer treatments does not exceed $150 per prescription fill for a 30 day period. Clarifies that this $150 prescription fee shall be adjusted to reflect the percent change in the medical care component of the CPI index. Position: Support

SB922 - B. Ketron - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

10:30am - LP 16, House Health Committee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR C. Sexton (R); VICE CHAIR S. Kumar (R); R. Williams (R); S. Whitson (R); B. Terry (R); R. Staples (D); P. Sherrell (R); B. Ramsey (R); J. Ragan (R); S. Jones (D); D. Jernigan (D); J. Holsclaw, Jr. (R); M. Hill (R); G. Hicks (R); R. Gant (R); J. Favors (D); J. Faison (R); J. Clemmons (D); S. Butt (R)

HB69 Smith E. -- Expansion of TennCare waiver. Directs the commissioner of finance and administration to submit a waiver request to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to enable the state to provide medical assistance to the existing TennCare II waiver population and persons with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty line by means of a block grant of federal funds. Amendment Summary: House Insurance and Banking Committee Amendment 1 rewrites the bill to direct the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if determined by the Commissioner of F&A to be in the best interest of the state, a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver or to submit a new waiver in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population and to secure medical
assistance eligibility in this state to persons meeting federal eligibility guidelines by means of a block or per capita grant, utilizing a change in applicable federal law, or other approach utilizing regulatory flexibility provided by the federal government, within 180 days of the effective date of the legislation, and if approved, implement the waiver amendment or waiver. Requires the grant, if the waiver is by means of a block or per capita grant, to convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state into an allotment that is tailored to meet the needs of this state.

**Position:** Watch
SB118 - R. Briggs - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/21/17.

10:30am - LP 16, House Health Subcommittee -- The committee will convene immediately following the House Health Committee. The committee may also convene on Wednesday, March 22 at 3pm to finish the calendar. MEMBERS: CHAIR B. Terry (R); J. Clemmons (D); J. Faison (R); J. Favors (D); M. Hill (R); S. Kumar (R); C. Sexton (R); P. Sherrell (R); J. Ragan (R)

HB1320 Stewart M. -- **Long-Acting Birth Control Information Act.** Establishes program that includes training, assistance, financial support, education and outreach regarding LARCs for family planning centers and public health facilities as well as a study on making as many contraceptives possible available.

**Position:** Watch
SB883 - L. Harris - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB292 Reedy J. -- **Treatment of STDs by nurse practitioners and physician assistants to minors.** Authorizes nurse practitioners and physician assistants to treat minors with sexually transmitted diseases, including the prescription of drugs relating to a sexually transmitted disease. **Amendment Summary:** Senate amendment 1 (003939) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the amended bill authorizes nurse practitioners with a certificate of fitness and an appropriate supervising physician, or a physician assistant with an appropriate supervising physician, to treat a minor with a sexually transmitted disease to the full extent of their practice authority, including the authority to prescribe and dispense drugs relating to a sexually transmitted disease.

**Position:** Worked with Sponsor on amendment
SB150 - M. Green - 02/27/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (003939).

HB622 Favors J. -- **Creation of the Tennessee Lactation Consultant Practice Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Lactation Consultant Practice Act." Establishes a new board of lactation consultants under the department of health and specifies powers and membership of the board.

**Position:** Watch
SB49 - B. Massey - 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB968 Hill M. -- **Disabled adults may have personal aides to perform health maintenance tasks.** Allows disabled adults to have paid personal aides to perform health maintenance tasks. Requires a licensed health care provider to determine if a task can be provided by a paid
personal aide. Requires a licensed health care provider to evaluate the ability of the paid personal aide to perform the health maintenance task, teach the health maintenance task, ensure supervision of the paid personal aide, and re-evaluate the aide at regular intervals. Exempts the licensed healthcare provider who ordered treatment by a paid personal aide from liability for negligence. Requires the Tennessee commission on aging and disabilities to promulgate rules implementing this act after consulting various agencies, including the bureau of TennCare and the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Position:** Watch

SB597 - F. Haile - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/22/17.

HB137 Sexton C. -- **Establishes a prescription drug donation repository program.** Allows the board of pharmacy, in conjunction with the department of health, to establish and maintain a prescription drug donation repository program under which any person may donate prescription drugs and supplies for use by an individual who meets eligibility criteria specified by the board by rule. Allows the board to contract with a third party to implement and administer the program.

**Position:** Support

SB429 - B. Kelsey - 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

HB1148 Casada G. -- **Notifications to the board of pharmacy.** Increases the amount of time to notify the board of pharmacy by any pharmacy with disciplinary action placed against them from 14 business days to 21 business days. Broadly captioned.

**Position:** Watch

SB268 - D. Overbey - 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB956 Fitzhugh C. -- **Treatment guidelines for prescribing opioids.** Requires the commissioner of health, by September 30, 2017 and annually after that, to recommend specialty specific guidelines for physicians who are licensed and certified by approved medical specialty boards and who prescribe opioids. Guidelines must account for the typical medical needs of their patients.

**Position:** Watch

SB1295 - R. Crowe - 03/07/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB603 Williams R. -- **Physicians authorized to treat pregnant minors without parental consent.** Authorizes a physician to provide peripartum analgesia and peripartum care to a minor who is at least 14 years of age without the knowledge or consent of a parent.

**Position:** Support

SB293 - R. Briggs - 02/27/17 - Senate passed.

HB413 Hawk D. -- **Adverse actions against physicians.** Creates a new section specifying that "continuing medical education" means continued postgraduate medical education required by the board of medical examiners or the board of osteopathic examination intended to provide medical professionals with knowledge of new developments in their field. Specifies "maintenance of certification" means any process requiring periodic recertification
examinations or other activities to maintain specialty medical board certification. Specifies "maintenance of licensure" means the proprietary framework for physician license renewal established through the Federation of State Medical Boards or its successor organization, which includes additional periodic testing or requirements other than continuing medical education. Specifies "specialty medical board certification" means certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional examinations than the requirements of the board of medical examiners or board of osteopathic examination to practice medicine. Prohibits a licensed facility, board of medical examiners, or a health insurance entity from denying a physician or a physician's hospital's staff; from admitting privileges, employment, or reimbursements based solely on the physician's decision not to participate in any form of maintenance of licensure, including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification, or the absence of any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification; unless it is a requirement set forth by a committee.

**Position:** Watch
SB298 - R. Briggs - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/21/17.

HB1099 Hill T. -- **Role of nurse practitioners in the treatment of youth sport-related injuries.** Adds nurse practitioner with concussion training who is a member of a health care team supervised by a Tennessee licensed M.D. or O.D., as a permissible health care provider for purposes of authorizing a youth athlete to return to play after suffering a head injury.

**Position:** Support TNA sponsored legislation.
SB1055 - J. Bowling - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/22/17.

HB1370 Sargent C. -- **Surgical Assistant Practice Act.** Authorizes licensed surgical assistants to engage in the practice of surgical assisting. Specifies requirements to receive a license, such as successful completion of a licensed surgical assistant program. Authorizes the board of medical examiners to oversee the licensure process and to assume responsibility for complaints and disciplinary action for licensed surgical assistants.

**Position:** Oppose
SB789 - S. Dickerson - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

HB709 Whitson S. -- **Tennessee Public Safety Behavioral Health Act.** Requires public safety employers to offer not less than 10 visits with a licensed professional counselor for the purpose of treating PTSD at no cost to a public safety employee. Requires public safety employers to establish, in conjunction with a licensed professional counselor, support programs in an effort to mitigate behavioral health issues within the public safety employee community. Orders employers to promote the use of licensed professional counselors and other behavioral health professionals. Requires employers to maintain, and regularly provide public safety employees with a list of licensed professional counselors. Prevents employers to engage in the retaliatory treatment of public safety employees seeking or utilizing licensed professional counselors or behavioral health programs. Orders licensed professional counselors providing services to public safety employees to participate in training that familiarizes the counselors with the unique problems associated with each public safety profession.
**Position:** Working with sponsor on amendment
SB211 - M. Green - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/22/17.

HB756 Favors J. -- **Redefining relationship between advanced practice RNs and Physicians regarding controlled substances.** Modifies the relationship between an advanced practice registered nurse and a physician in regards to reporting of certain controlled substances to be a relationship based on collaboration rather than supervision.
**Position:** Support – TNA, TMA, TANA agreed upon legislation.
SB523 - B. Massey - 03/08/17 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred until 3/22/17.

HB628 Kumar S. -- **Pharmacist-provided medication therapy management.** Requires the bureau of TennCare to report effects of incorporating pharmacist-provided medication therapy management into all of its healthcare delivery systems on program costs and patient outcomes to the senate health and welfare committee and the health committee of the house of representatives on or before January 15, 2018.
**Position:** Watch
SB398 - F. Haile - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/22/17.

HB290 Kumar S. -- **TennCare advisory commission.** Deletes the entire section and requires the department of finance and administration to reestablish a TennCare advisory commission.
**Position:** Watch
SB1155 - J. Hensley - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/22/17.

1:30pm - LP 31, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR T. Goins (R); R. Akbari (D); M. Curcio (R); S. Jones (D); W. Lamberth (R); J. VanHuss (R)

HB830 Jones S. -- **Medical Cannabis Access Act.** Prohibits any penalty against a qualifying patient for the medical use of cannabis. Requires that enrollment to the program for medical marijuana safe access be conducted at participating pharmacies and regulated dispensaries. Requires safe access programs to provide a program identification card to patients who have submitted themselves to a full assessment of their medical history, received the professional opinion of their medical doctor in the affirmative, and certified the medical conditions for which the patient desires treatment with medical cannabis. (29 pp.)
**Position:** Watch
SB1119 - S. Kyle - 03/07/17 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/28/17.

1:30pm - LP 12, Senate Commerce & Labor Committee -- Please note: By suspension of the rules on the Senate floor on March 16, 2017, SB329 and SB1040 have been added to the calendar. MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Johnson (R); VICE CHAIR M. Green (R); D. Gresham (R); B. Ketron (R); R. Tate (D); J. Tracy (R); B. Watson (R); K. Yager (R); K. Roberts (R)
SB118 Briggs R. -- Expansion of TennCare waiver. Directs the commissioner of finance and administration to submit a waiver request to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to enable the state to provide medical assistance to the existing TennCare II waiver population and persons with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty line by means of a block grant of federal funds. Amendment Summary: House Insurance and Banking Committee Amendment 1 rewrites the bill to direct the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if determined by the Commissioner of F&A to be in the best interest of the state, a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver or to submit a new waiver in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population and to secure medical assistance eligibility in this state to persons meeting federal eligibility guidelines by means of a block or per capita grant, utilizing a change in applicable federal law, or other approach utilizing regulatory flexibility provided by the federal government, within 180 days of the effective date of the legislation, and if approved, implement the waiver amendment or waiver. Requires the grant, if the waiver is by means of a block or per capita grant, to convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state into an allotment that is tailored to meet the needs of this state.

Position: Watch

HB69 - E. Smith - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Committee 03/21/17.

SB298 Briggs R. -- Adverse actions against physicians. Creates a new section specifying that "continuing medical education" means continued postgraduate medical education required by the board of medical examiners or the board of osteopathic examination intended to provide medical professionals with knowledge of new developments in their field. Specifies "maintenance of certification" means any process requiring periodic recertification examinations or other activities to maintain specialty medical board certification. Specifies "maintenance of licensure" means the proprietary framework for physician license renewal established through the Federation of State Medical Boards or its successor organization, which includes additional periodic testing or requirements other than continuing medical education. Specifies "specialty medical board certification" means certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional examinations than the requirements of the board of medical examiners or board of osteopathic examination to practice medicine. Prohibits a licensed facility, board of medical examiners, or a health insurance entity from denying a physician or a physician's hospital's staff; from admitting privileges, employment, or reimbursements based solely on the physician's decision not to participate in any form of maintenance of licensure, including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification, or the absence of any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification; unless it is a requirement set forth by a committee.

Position: Watch

HB413 - D. Hawk - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB195 Overbey D. -- Health insurance coverage for telehealth services at a school clinic or at a public elementary or secondary school. Requires health insurance entities to reimburse
healthcare services providers for telehealth services to a patient at a school clinic or at a public elementary or secondary school in a manner that is consistent with reimbursement for in-person encounters. **Amendment Summary:** Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance Amendment 1, House Insurance & Banking Committee Amendment 1 adds language to the original bill that requires the public elementary or secondary school to be staffed by a healthcare services provider and equipped to engage in the telehealth.

**Position:** Support

HB338 - B. Ramsey - 03/16/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/22/17.

---

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

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)

SB1155 Hensley J. -- **TennCare advisory commission.** Deletes the entire section and requires the department of finance and administration to reestablish a TennCare advisory commission. **Position:** Watch

HB290 - S. Kumar - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB449 Bell M. -- **Guides to practice for administrative agencies.** Requires state government entities that establish or adopt guides to practice do so through the promulgation of rules. Specifies that guides to practice include codes of ethics, voluntary certification programs, and metrics for minimum qualities of service. **Amendment Summary:** House Business and Utilities Subcommittee Amendment 1 clarifies that the rules promulgated by entities pursuant to this legislation shall supersede any existing guides to practice developed or approved by a private organization or association that conflict with or are otherwise not included in such rules. **Position:** Watch

HB566 - D. Howell - 03/16/17 - Set for House Business & Utilities Committee 03/22/17.

10:30am - LP 29, House Finance Subcommittee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR G. McCormick (R); R. Williams (R); C. Sargent (R); S. McDaniel (R); H. Love Jr. (D); G. Hicks (R); P. Hazlewood (R); D. Hawk (R); C. Fitzhugh (D); J. Coley (R); K. Camper (D); K. Brooks (R)

HB347 Farmer A. -- **Schedule I controlled substances- Etizolam.** Adds Etizolam to the list of Schedule I controlled substances as a depressant, having an effect on the central nervous system. **Position:** Watch

SB284 - J. Lundberg - 03/08/17 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.
HB338 -- Ramsey B. -- **Health insurance coverage for telehealth services at a school clinic or at a public elementary or secondary school.** Requires health insurance entities to reimburse healthcare services providers for telehealth services to a patient at a school clinic or at a public elementary or secondary school in a manner that is consistent with reimbursement for in-person encounters. **Amendment Summary:** Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance Amendment 1, House Insurance & Banking Committee Amendment 1 adds language to the original bill that requires the public elementary or secondary school to be staffed by a healthcare services provider and equipped to engage in the telehealth.

**Position:** Support

SB195 - D. Overbey - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/21/17.

HB315 Hawk D. -- **Issuing of limited medical licenses.** Allows government healthcare entities to issue limited medical licenses provided the applicant meets all criteria other than recent clinical practice. Allows for these entities to restrict the scope and duration of these licenses, and grant conditions by which they may be converted into a full medical license. Requires materials compiled in relation to an investigation by the department of health to be confidential. Requires the chief administrative officer of each healthcare facility to report disciplinary action taken against a person with any kind of medical license within 60 days of the action. Part of Administration Package.

**Position:** Watch

SB1204 - M. Norris - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 03/22/17.

12:00pm - LP 29, House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee -- **MEMBERS:** CHAIR K. Keisling (R); J. Zachary (R); R. Travis (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); D. Thompson (D); T. Rudd (R); D. Powers (R); J. Matheny (R); T. Hill (R); R. Gant (R)

HB139 Sexton C. -- **Medication synchronization.** Prohibits an individual or group health insurance policy or contract from using prorated dispensing fees or denying coverage for dispensing of medication in accordance with the synchronization of medication. Requires health insurance policies to apply prorated cost-sharing to dispensing of medication in accordance with synchronization of medication.

**Position:** Watch

SB799 - S. Dickerson - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

HB960 Terry B. -- **Coverage of prescription drugs outside of open enrollment periods.** Prohibits a health insurance entity that provides health insurance coverage and coverage for prescription drugs from removing any covered prescription drug from its list of covered drugs during health plan year unless the U.S. FDA questions clinical safety or manufacturer notified manufacturing discontinuance or potential discontinuance. Prohibits reclassifying a drug to a more restrictive or higher cost-sharing tier or reducing the maximum coverage of prescription drug benefits. Does not prohibit addition of prescription drugs to list of covered drugs.
**Position:** Support  
SB991 - M. Green - 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

HB566 Howell D. -- **Guides to practice for administrative agencies.** Requires state government entities that establish or adopt guides to practice do so through the promulgation of rules. Specifies that guides to practice include codes of ethics, voluntary certification programs, and metrics for minimum qualities of service.  
**Amendment Summary:** House Business and Utilities Subcommittee Amendment 1 clarifies that the rules promulgated by entities pursuant to this legislation shall supersede any existing guides to practice developed or approved by a private organization or association that conflict with or are otherwise not included in such rules.  
**Position:** Watch  
SB449 - M. Bell - 03/16/17 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 03/22/17.

3:00pm - LP 12, Senate Health & Welfare Committee -- The committee will also hear budget presentations by the TN Department of Health and the TN Division of Health Care Finance and Administration. 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)

SB1258 Norris M. -- **Definition of device in the Tennessee Pharmacy Practice Act of 1996.** Adds a requirement to the definition of "device" as used in the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1996 that a device be used to administer a prescription drug.  
**Position:** Watch  
HB630 - C. Sexton - 02/14/17 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB1055 Bowling J. -- **Role of nurse practitioners in the treatment of youth sport-related injuries.** Adds nurse practitioner with concussion training who is a member of a health care team supervised by a Tennessee licensed M.D. or O.D., as a permissible health care provider for purposes of authorizing a youth athlete to return to play after suffering a head injury.  
**Position:** Support/TNA sponsored legislation  
HB1099 - T. Hill - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB211 Green M. -- **Tennessee Public Safety Behavioral Health Act.** Requires public safety employers to offer not less than 10 visits with a licensed professional counselor for the purpose of treating PTSD at no cost to a public safety employee. Requires public safety employers to establish, in conjunction with a licensed professional counselor, support programs in an effort to mitigate behavioral health issues within the public safety employee community. Orders employers to promote the use of licensed professional counselors and other behavioral health professionals. Requires employers to maintain, and regularly provide public safety employees with a list of licensed professional counselors. Prevents employers to engage in the retaliatory treatment of public safety employees seeking or utilizing licensed professional counselors or behavioral health programs. Orders licensed professional counselors providing services to public safety employees to participate in training that familiarizes the counselors with the unique problems associated with each public safety profession.
Position: Working with sponsor on amendment
HB709 - S. Whitson - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB1204 Norris M. -- Issuing of limited medical licenses. Allows government healthcare entities to issue limited medical licenses provided the applicant meets all criteria other than recent clinical practice. Allows for these entities to restrict the scope and duration of these licenses, and grant conditions by which they may be converted into a full medical license. Requires materials compiled in relation to an investigation by the department of health to be confidential. Requires the chief administrative officer of each healthcare facility to report disciplinary action taken against a person with any kind of medical license within 60 days of the action. Part of Administration Package.

Position: Watch
HB315 - D. Hawk - 03/16/17 - Set for House Finance Subcommittee 03/22/17.

SB597 Haile F. -- Disabled adults may have personal aides to perform health maintenance tasks. Allows disabled adults to have paid personal aides to perform health maintenance tasks. Requires a licensed health care provider to determine if a task can be provided by a paid personal aide. Requires a licensed health care provider to evaluate the ability of the paid personal aide to perform the health maintenance task, teach the health maintenance task, ensure supervision of the paid personal aide, and re-evaluate the aide at regular intervals. Exempts the licensed healthcare provider who ordered treatment by a paid personal aide from liability for negligence. Requires the Tennessee commission on aging and disabilities to promulgate rules implementing this act after consulting various agencies, including the bureau of TennCare and the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Position: Watch
HB968 - M. Hill - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB398 Haile F. -- Pharmacist-provided medication therapy management. Requires the bureau of TennCare to report effects of incorporating pharmacist-provided medication therapy management into all of its healthcare delivery systems on program costs and patient outcomes to the senate health and welfare committee and the health committee of the house of representatives on or before January 15, 2018.

Position: Watch
HB628 - S. Kumar - 03/16/17 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 03/21/17.

SB1309 Crowe R. -- Inappropriate involvement of healthcare practitioners with controlled substances. Authorizes department acting through the chief medical officer of the department of health or designee to the commissioner of health to issue emergency order of suspension or restricting the license of a healthcare practitioner who test positive for any drug they do not have a lawful prescription and medical reason for using. Allows practitioner 48 hours from notification to produce a lawful prescription before issuing an emergency order. Requires employer of the healthcare practitioner who test positive for any drug on a confirmed drug test to report them to their licensing board or committee and the department in compliance with the Uniform Administration Procedures Act. Allows a quality improvement to share information
on substance abuse by a licensed nurse with another committee. Requires emergency action by department of health any time a healthcare practitioner test positive for any drug on a confirmed drug test or engages in use, possession, or diversion of controlled substances. 

**Position:** Worked with sponsor on amendment to remove include all healthcare providers.

HB1067 - J. Holsclaw, Jr. - 02/15/17 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.