

TNA Legislative Calendar

The following meetings are scheduled for Week of February 19, 2018

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

10:30am - House Hearing Rm I, 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)

HB1489 Hazlewood P. **Use of tanning devices by minors prohibited.** Prohibits any person under the age 18 years from using a tanning device in a tanning facilities in this state. **Amendment**
Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (012669) allows a person between the ages of 16 and 18 to use a tanning bed provided the person is accompanied by a parent on their first visit and that the parent signs a health warning statement issued by the health department. Does not require the accompaniment of a parent for subsequent visits. Senate Health Committee amendment 1 (012669) allows a person between the ages of 16 and 18 to use a tanning bed provided the person is accompanied by a parent on their first visit and that the parent signs a health warning statement issued by the health department. Does not require the accompaniment of a parent for subsequent visits.
SB1495 - F. Haile - 02/14/18 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 (012669), which allows a person between the ages of 16 and 18 to use a tanning bed provided the person is accompanied by a parent on their first visit and that the parent signs a health warning statement issued by the health department. Does not require the accompaniment of a parent for subsequent visits. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.
Position: Support

HB1542 Ramsey B. **Ageing caregiver priority provisions - referral list for the TennCare CHOICES program.** Applies aging caregiver priority provisions to persons eligible for the TennCare CHOICES program.
SB1494 - F. Haile - 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Support

HB1510 Whitson S. **Tennessee Public Safety Behavioral Health Act.** Requires public safety employers to provide not less than ten visits or sessions with a mental health service provider for the purpose of treating PTSD through the employee's health benefits or otherwise, in addition to any other behavioral or mental health benefits offered. Prohibits public safety employers from engaging in the retaliatory treatment of public safety employees seeking or utilizing mental health service providers or behavioral health programs.
SB1797 - B. Ketron - 01/29/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring

1:30pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Commerce & Labor Committee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Johnson (R); VICE CHAIR M. Green (R); D. Gresham (R); B. Ketron (R); R. Tate (D); B. Watson (R); K. Yager (R); F. Niceley (R); K. Roberts (R)

SB1926 Briggs R. **New Healthcare Practitioner Act.** Enacts the New Healthcare Practitioner Act, which establishes a license for a new practitioner. Outlines the duties of the board of medical examiners in carrying out this act. Requires an applicant for this licensure to possess a doctor in medical science from a program that meets the criteria laid out in the section. Prohibits any person to function as a new healthcare practitioner unless the person holds a valid new healthcare practitioner license issued by the board. Requires every new

healthcare practitioner to biennially pay a licensing renewal fee set by the board. Revokes a license at the expiration of 60 days after the registration was required if a new healthcare practitioner fails to renew their license and pay the biennial license fee within 60 days after license renewal becomes due.

HB2122 - R. Williams - 02/05/18 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

Position: OPPOSE

SB1657
Dickerson S. **Opportunity to Earn Act.** Enacts the "Opportunity to Earn Act" to repeal requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

HB1680 - J. Clemmons - 02/15/18 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee 02/20/18. **Position:** Monitoring

SB2306
Harris L. **Medical hardship and the payment of student loans.** Requires Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) to establish criteria that permit a debtor to retain a license when the debtor s default or delinquency is the result of a medical hardship that prevented the debtor from working in their licensed field and where the medical hardship significantly contributed to the default or delinquency. Prohibits TSAC from issuing a final determination of delinquency or default to the supreme court for a debtor who meets the criteria of this section.

HB2412 - R. Lollar - 02/07/18 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Position: Monitoring

SB1515
Massey B. **Redefines physicians and physician assistants' professional relationship.** Changes references to the professional relationship between physicians and physician assistants from "supervisory" to "collaborative." Makes similar changes to references to the professional relationship between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses.

HB2239 - J. Faison - 02/15/18 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/21/18.

Position: Monitoring

SB1634
Yarbro J. **Suspension or revocation of professional licensure for defaulting on a student loan.** Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans. Requires reinstatement of licenses for otherwise qualified applicants whose licenses were suspended, denied, or revoked based solely on defaulting on student loan repayment.

HB1555 - B. Gilmore - 02/15/18 - Set for House Business & Utilities Subcommittee

02/20/18. **Position:** Monitoring

3:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Business & Utilities Subcommittee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR J. Holsclaw, Jr. (R); K. Calfee (R); J. Moon (R); M. Sparks (R); J. Powell (D); P. Marsh (R); C. Johnson (R); M. Gravitt (R); B. Gilmore (D); K. Vaughan (R)

HB1555
Gilmore B. **Suspension or revocation of professional licensure for defaulting on a student loan.** Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans. Requires reinstatement of licenses for otherwise qualified applicants whose licenses were suspended, denied, or revoked based solely on defaulting on student loan repayment.

SB1634 - J. Yarbro - 02/15/18 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

02/20/18. **Position:** Monitoring

HB1680
Clemmons J. **Opportunity to Earn Act.** Enacts the "Opportunity to Earn Act" to repeal requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

SB1657 - S. Dickerson - 02/15/18 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

02/20/18. **Position:** Monitoring

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

10:30am - House Hearing Rm IV, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Lollar (R); C. Halford (R); A. Holt (R); B. Mitchell (D); J. Reedy (R); J. Shaw (D); R. Tillis (R)

HB2288 **Changes in veterinary licensing classifications.** Changes veterinary licensing classification from veterinary technician to veterinary nurse. Authorizes the board of veterinary medical examiners to adapt rules in accordance with the UAPA related the practice, application process, license renewal, license fee, and penalties. Requires that licensed veterinary technicians in good standing on or before January 1, 2019 be granted a registered veterinary nurse license upon renewal.
Ramsey B. SB2154 - M. Bell - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. **Position:** OPPOSE

12:30pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Health & Welfare Committee -- The committee will hear a Budget Presentation by the TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. MEMBERS: CHAIR R. Crowe (R); VICE CHAIR F. Haile (R); R. Briggs (R); B. Massey (R); S. Kyle (D); E. Jackson (R); B. Watson (R); A. Swann (R); J. Hensley (R)

SB883 **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. **Amendment Summary:** House Amendment 1 (005105) rewrites the bill to require the Department of Health to administer a program to improve access to voluntary reversible long-acting contraception (VRLAC). This program would include training and assistance for family planning centers and public health facilities. This assistance would include general financial support to expand the capacity of family planning centers to provide VRLAC. Since the services and supports are already in place, the fiscal note is not significant. House Amendment 2 (006569) adds language to the proposed legislation that requires the program to include education and outreach to the public to inform women about alternatives to abortion, including adoption services, and the numerous public and private agencies and services that are available to assist women during pregnancy and after the birth of the child.
Yarbro J. HB1320 - M. Stewart - 05/05/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (005105) and 2 (006569). **Position:** Monitoring

SB1670 **Honoring prescription for person displaced by natural disaster.** Permits a pharmacist to honor a valid prescription written by a physician in another state or territory for a person from another state or territory that has been displaced by a disaster.
Green M. HB1695 - J. Pitts - 01/24/18 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee. **Position:** Support with amendment

SB2482 **Informing patients before administering vaccinations.** Requires the prescribing practitioner or qualified healthcare provider to provide the patient with a list of the vaccine's ingredients, possible side effects, and information about the federal vaccine adverse event report system prior to administering the vaccination.
Niceley F. HB2488 - A. Holt - 02/15/18 - Set for House Health Subcommittee 02/21/18. **Position:** Monitoring

1:30pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Civil Justice Subcommittee -- MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Carter (R); B. Beck (D); G. Casada (R); M. Daniel (R); A. Farmer (R); G. Hardaway (D); D. Moody (R)

HB2259
Curcio M. **Healthcare Billing Collections Act of 2018.** Protects privately negotiated rate of reimbursement between a health insurance carrier and a healthcare provider as a trade secret and confidential commercial information. Prohibits non-participating healthcare providers from recovering certain billed charges in civil actions against an enrollee. SB2348 - A. Swann - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring

3:00pm - House Hearing Rm III, House Health Subcommittee -- 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)

HB2348
Williams R. **Prescribing of opioids to non-pregnant fertile women.** Requires a specific prescriber who prescribes a five day supply of opioids to a non-pregnant fertile women to inform the patient of the risk of fetal injury and neonatal abstinence syndrome in the event of pregnancy while on therapy. SB2674 - P. Bailey - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring

HB2167
Ramsey B. **Recognition of hospitals with stroke-related designations.** Requires the board for licensing health care facilities to establish a procedure for recognizing hospitals that have stroke-related designations. Recognizes a hospital as a stroke-related designation if the hospital has an active certification as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, at acute stroke-ready hospital capable of providing neuroendovascular treatment. Authorizes the board to remove reference to facility's stroke-related designation if a hospital does not comply with board establish procedures. Establishes guidelines for pre-hospital assessment, treatment, education, and transport of patients. SB2513 - B. Ketron - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring

HB2251
Matlock J. **Use of state funds to support or promote elective abortions prohibited.** Establishes that is the policy of the state to favor childbirth and family planning services that do not include elective abortions or the promotion of elective abortions within the continuum of care or services and to avoid the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortions. Directs the commissioner of finance and administration to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver to require the exclusion of a provide from the program if the bureau of TennCare finds that inclusion of the provider in the program would result in the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortion. Requires the commissioner to implement the waiver amendment within 10 business days if the waiver amendment is approved. SB2148 - M. Bell - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring

HB2606
Hardaway G. **Requires department of children's services to develop instruction guidelines for child safety programs.** Requires the department of children s services to develop instructional guidelines by January 1, 2019 for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse. Requires the department to work with each licensing board to ensure that the child safety training program created by the board fully and accurately reflects the best practices for identifying and report child abuse and child sexual abuse as appropriate for each profession. SB2405 - S. Kyle - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Position: Monitoring

- HB2488
Holt A. **Informing patients before administering vaccinations.** Requires the prescribing practitioner or qualified healthcare provider to provide the patient with a list of the vaccine's ingredients, possible side effects, and information about the federal vaccine adverse event report system prior to administering the vaccination.
SB2482 - F. Niceley - 02/15/18 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 02/21/18.
Position: Monitoring
- HB2510
Favors J. **Prescribing of buprenorphine by certain nurse practitioners.** Permits a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner or physician assistant in this state for at least three years and has no limitations or conditions imposed on the practitioner's licensure within the prior three years by the board of nursing or the committee on physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine.
SB2095 - S. Dickerson - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Position: Support
- HB2239
Faison J. **Redefines physicians and physician assistants' professional relationship.** Changes references to the professional relationship between physicians and physician assistants from "supervisory" to "collaborative." Makes similar changes to references to the professional relationship between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses.
SB1515 - B. Massey - 02/15/18 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 02/20/18.
Position: Monitoring
- HB2220
Sexton C. **Report on the implementation of the Tennessee Prescription Safety Act of 2016.** Requires the commissioner of health to conduct a study on issues related to the impact of the Tennessee Prescription Safety Act of 2016 on healthcare access and healthcare status. Requires that the findings be reported to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate on or before January 15, 2019.
SB2361 - R. Crowe - 02/05/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
Position: Monitoring