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**Preston Gates**  
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**Hadassah Betapudi**

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Chief Clerk of the Blue Senate  
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# 64th Annual Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government

## A Tennessee YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Program

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

8:00 AM	Officer Meeting	DT Nashville Room
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Luggage storage (until 10 PM)	DT Cumberland Ballroom
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Conference Registration	DT Ballroom Foyer
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Guided Walks to First Baptist	DoubleTree Lobby
10:30 – 11:15 AM	House/Senate Delegate Meeting	First Baptist Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Opening Session	First Baptist Sanctuary
12:45- 4:00 PM	Committee Meetings	
<b>Senate</b>	S-1 Education; Government Operations	First Baptist Choir Room
	S-2 Energy & Environment; Finance, Ways & Means; Commerce, Labor and Agriculture	First Baptist 200
	S-3 Health and Welfare	First Baptist 220
	S-4 Judiciary; Transportation and Safety; State & Local Government	First Baptist 230
<b>House</b>	H-1 Agriculture & Natural Resources; Civil Justice	FB Fellowship Hall
	H-2 Business and Utilities; State Government	First Baptist 140
	H-3 Consumer and Human Resources; Criminal Justice; Gov't Operations	First Baptist 150
	H-4 Education	First Baptist 340
	H-5 Education	First Baptist 360
	H-6 Finance, Ways & Means; Transportation	First Baptist 370
	H-7 Health; Transportation	First Baptist 460
	H-8 Health; State Government	First Baptist 470A
12:45- 4:00 PM	Governor's Cabinet Judicial Orientation (Lawyers & Justices) Justice Deliberation Room Lobbyists Press Corps	First Baptist 150G First Baptist Chapel FB Media Library First Baptist 150 F&E First Baptist 150 A&D
4:00 – 5:45 PM	Dinner Break	
4:15 PM	Advisor Dinner	DT Hartman Gallery
5:45 - 7:00 PM	Gubernatorial Debate	First Baptist Sanctuary
7:00-10:00 PM	All Meetings Reconvene	See Above
9:30-10:00 PM	Delegation Meetings	First Baptist Sanctuary
10:30 PM	All delegates in rooms <i>Subject to change with early dismissal by CCE</i>	DoubleTree Hotel

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## Friday, April 7, 2017

8:00 AM	Advisor Hospitality	<b>DT Volunteer Room</b>
8:30 AM	Officers Meeting	<b>House Chambers</b>
9:00 AM	All-Conference Session <b>All Participants</b>	<b>House Chambers</b>
9:30 AM	Keynote Address <b>Senator Jeff Yarbo</b> State of the State Address <b>Governor Musa Subramaniam</b>	<b>House Chambers</b>
10:30– 12:30 PM	All meetings convene Blue House in Session Blue Senate in Session Red House in Session Red Senate in Session Governor's Cabinet Lobbyists Press Corps Supreme Court YIG Bowl	<b>Legislative Plaza 12</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 16</b> <b>House Chambers</b> <b>Senate Chambers</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 31</b> <b>Legislative Library</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 30</b> <b>Supreme Court</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 29</b>
10:45 – 11:00AM	Governor's Press Conference	<b>Legislative Plaza 31</b>
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Lunch on your own	<b>Local Restaurants</b>
2:00 – 5:30 PM	All meetings reconvene Blue House in Session Blue Senate in Session Red House in Session Red Senate in Session Governor's Cabinet Lobbyists Press Corps Supreme Court YIG Bowl	<b>Legislative Plaza 12</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 16</b> <b>House Chambers</b> <b>Senate Chambers</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 31</b> <b>Legislative Library</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 30</b> <b>Supreme Court</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 29</b>
6:30 PM	Governor's Banquet <i>Gubernatorial Candidate Speeches</i>	<b>DT Cumberland Ballroom</b>
8:30 PM	Delegation Check-In	<b>See Advisor</b>
8:45PM	Governor's Ball Movie Room Game Area Quiet Room	<b>DT Cumberland Ballroom</b> <b>DT Franklin-Brentwood</b> <b>DT Robertson, Davidson</b> <b>DT Bellevue</b>
11:00 PM	All delegates in rooms <i>Subject to change with early dismissal by CCE</i>	<b>DoubleTree Hotel</b>

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## Saturday, April 8, 2017

### **\*VOTING POLLS OPEN UNTIL 5:30PM\***

8:00 AM	Advisor Hospitality	<b>DT Volunteer Room</b>
8:30 AM	Officers Meeting	<b>Legislative Plaza 31</b>
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	All meetings reconvene Blue House in Session Blue Senate in Session Red House in Session Red Senate in Session Governor's Cabinet Lobbyists Press Corps Supreme Court	<b>DT Salon E DT Salon A/B House Chambers Senate Chambers Legislative Library Legislative Library LP 12 Boardroom Supreme Court</b>
9:30 – 9:45AM	Governor's Press Conference	<b>Legislative Library</b>
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Lunch on your own Lobbyist Luncheon	<b>Local Restaurants DT Hartman Gallery</b>
2:00 – 6:00 PM	All meetings reconvene Blue House in Session Blue Senate in Session Red House in Session Red Senate in Session Governor's Cabinet Lobbyists Press Corps Supreme Court YIG Bowl	<b>Legislative Plaza 12 Legislative Plaza 16 House Chambers Senate Chambers Legislative Plaza 31 Legislative Library Legislative Plaza 30 Supreme Court Legislative Plaza 29</b>
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Dinner on your own	<b>Local Restaurants</b>
8:00PM	Delegation Check-In	<b>See Advisor</b>
8:15 PM	YIG Bowl Championship	<b>DT Cumberland Ballroom</b>
8:45PM	Conference Dance Tomfoolery Committee Game Room Quiet Room	<b>DT Cumberland Ballroom DT Franklin-Brentwood DT Robertson, Davidson DT Bellevue</b>
11:00 PM	All Delegates in Rooms <i>Subject to change with early dismissal by CCE</i>	<b>DoubleTree Hotel</b>
11:00PM – 3:00AM	Final Supreme Court Case Governor's Budget Meeting	<b>DoubleTree Davidson DoubleTree Robertson</b>

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## **Sunday, April 9, 2017**

7:00 AM	Luggage Room Open	<b>DT Cumberland Ballroom</b>
8:00 – 11:00 AM	Advisor Hospitality	<b>DT Volunteer Room</b>
8:30 AM	Officer Meeting	<b>Legislative Plaza 31</b>
9:00 – 9:15AM	Governor’s Press Conference	<b>Legislative Plaza 31</b>
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Blue House in Session Blue Senate in Session Red House in Session Red Senate in Session Governor’s Cabinet Lobbyists Press Corps Supreme Court	<b>Legislative Plaza 12</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 16</b> <b>House Chambers</b> <b>Senate Chambers</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 31</b> <b>Legislative Library</b> <b>Legislative Plaza 30</b> <b>Supreme Court</b>
11:00 AM	All-Conference Session for Closing Ceremony	<b>House Chambers</b>





## State of Tennessee

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**Musa Subramaniam**  
**Governor**

My fellow delegates,

My fellow Tennesseans, let me be the first to welcome you to the 64th Annual Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government Conference. As always, I predict that this conference will be filled with incredible, long-lasting memories for all who attend, myself included. For all of the first year delegates, rest assured that this conference will be filled with all the fun and excitement you have heard about. The most important advice I can give you is: speak as much as possible, don't be afraid to voice your beliefs, and, most importantly, be sure to truly enjoy the conference.

This conference, I look forward to rekindling old friendships and creating new ones, and I hope that each and every delegate will do the same. As such, for any delegate that sees me in the hallways, at a restaurant, or in the hotel lobby, do not hesitate to talk to me and ask me any questions. No matter what your background, political stance, or interests, I will be more than glad to speak with you. Whether it pertains directly to the activities of the conference or not, I look forward to speaking with some of the brightest and most driven individuals in our state this weekend.

My sole aim this weekend is to facilitate your positive experience this weekend. If there's anything I can do to achieve that, don't be afraid to approach me. In short, be sure to enjoy this conference. Push yourself beyond your perceived boundaries, challenge your beliefs, and don't be afraid to do the things that will create memories to last a lifetime.

Yours sincerely,

*Musa Subramaniam*

Musa Subramaniam  
Governor of the 64th Annual  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government Conference



# WELCOME *from the* GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the great of State of Tennessee, it is my pleasure to welcome delegates and guests to the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Youth in Government Conference. We certainly are pleased you're here and hope that you enjoy your time in Nashville, especially our beautiful State Capitol.

I hope you find inspiration as you listen to your peers, participate in debates, and interact with others who care about making Tennessee the best it can be. I trust that you will use this experience to become respectful and engaged citizens in your respective communities. You are the leaders of tomorrow, and I am certain that you will make our great state proud.

Again, welcome to Nashville. Enjoy this weekend full of fascinating conversations, good friends, and fun. Crissy and I send our very best wishes and hope that your future endeavors are filled with joy and success.

Warmest regards,

Bill Haslam

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**TENNESSEE YMCA  
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DELEGATE ROSTER**

Last	First	School	Component	Position	Comm.	Bill Number
Abbas	Shahd	Smyrna	GovCab	Health		
Abell	Mary Margaret	Brentwood Academy	Press Corps	Press		
Afflerbaugh	Lilah	Smyrna	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-12
Akridge	Bryce	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-2
Alexander	Jacob	Gallatin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-6
Ali	Sara	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-4
Allos	Talah	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-2
Alvarado	Marcos	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-3
Anderson	Hunter	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-2
Anderson	Kelsie	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-9
Andrews	Tristen	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-4
Angell	Corina	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-7
Antic	Stefan	Ravenwood	GovCab	Healthcare Finance & Administration		
Arons	Marshall	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-11
Arthur	Stella	Brentwood Academy	Court	Lawyer		
Arun	Nikhil	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-11
Ayers	Taylor	Franklin	Officer	Chief of Staff		
Babb	William	West	GovCab	Military		
Badalian	Sophia	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-11
Bagga	Hiren	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-4
Bailey	Olivia	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-7
Baker	Max	Westminster	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-8
Balaje	Ashwin	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-2
Baldwin	Brooke	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-6
Baldwin	Cassie	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-1
Ballard	Benjamin	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-11
Ballard	Aries	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-9
Baltz	Emma	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-11
Bangerter	Eva	Ravenwood	Officer	Chief Clerk of the Blue Senate		
Bart	Katie	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-6
Barton	Dahlia	West	Press Corps	Press		
Basutkar	Arshia	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Beaird	Chapman	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-7
Beaudry	Hudson	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-11
Bechtel	Emily	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-7
Belcher	Jasmine	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-4

Bell	Emaleigh	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-1
Bellar	Lauren	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	S-1	BSB/17-1-9
Bengelsdorf	Jacob	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	H-3	BHB/17-3-3
Berg	Kaleb	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-11
Bergert	Cameron	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-8
Berhow	Emily	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-8
Betapudi	Hadassah	ECS	Officer	Floor Leader of the Blue Senate	S-3	BSB/17-3-3
Betz	Will	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-4
Blackburn	Mason	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-7
Blackson	Emmanuel	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-5
Blanchet	Anabelle	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-6
Blount	Grayson	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-10
Bobo	Juliana	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-11
Boles	Alan	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-3
Bollinger	Grace	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-8
Boms	Enyinda	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-9
Bonnaire	Joey	Brentwood HS	Officer	Head Lobbyist		
Boshers	John	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-7
Bowens	Zaria	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-7
Boyd	William	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-1
Brady	Preston	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-6
Brady	Kaydn	Smyrna	Court	Lawyer		
Bravo	Fernando	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-3
Brazil	Celia	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-6
Brewer	Ember	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-2
Briggs	Camryn	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-5
Brock	Julian	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-2
Brothers	Adele	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-1
Brown	Abbey	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-8
Brown	McLain	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-2
Brown	Olivia	West	Officer	Red Chief Engraving Clerk		
Brugman	Emma	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-2
Bryant	Anna	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-5
Bryant	Sarah	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-11
Bult	Ryder	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-3
Burford	Spence	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-12
Burke	Brenden	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-3

Burke	Elizabeth	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-2
Burks	Jessica	West	Court	Lawyer		
Burnside	Katie	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-9
Burnside	Michael	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-3
Burrer	Emily	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Civil Liberties		
Busing	Millie	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-1
Buske	Justin	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-6
Buss	Luke	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-9
Bussard	Morgan	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-4
Caldwell	Victoria	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-2
Callaway	Elizabeth	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-2
Campbell	Ben	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-6
Cannon	Sidonia	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-2
Cantrell	Carolyn	West	Lobbyist	Public Safety		
Canupp	Hayes	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-2
Capell	Connor	West	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-7
Carpenter	J. Michael	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-7
Carpenter	Taylor Ann	ECS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-11
Carruth	Shea	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-6
Cary	Morgan	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Cate	Abbie	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-4
Cathey	Meg	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-1
Catron	Spencer	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-5
Chambers	Chasity	Smyrna	Press Corps	Press		
Chandler	Becca	St. Georges	Press Corps	Press		
Chaney	Madelyn	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-10
Chanthavong	Malissa	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-4
Chavan	Nayan	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-4
Chen	Derrick	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-7
Chisholm	Reilly	West	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-5
Chitturi	Megha	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-3
Cho	Jackson	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-5
Cho	Hanna	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-8
Christie	Sam	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Public Safety		
Christoph	Eli	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-7
Ciochetty	Mary	ECS	GovCab	Economic & Community Development		
Clark	Lauren	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-7

Cobb	Alexander	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-1
Cockerham	Gracie	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-4
Cohen	Rachel	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-2
Cole	Stephen	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-8
Cole	Channing	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-2
Collins	Smith	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-4
Colvett	Sam	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-8
Colvett	Zaac	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-8
Comer	Abigail	Brentwood Academy	Court	Lawyer		
Conlan	Matthew	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-8
Cook	Emelyn	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-3
Cook	Noah	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-2
Cook	Jadyn	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-4
Cook	Julia	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-1
Cooldige	Caroline	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-6
Copeland	Ethan	Tipton Christian	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-4
Cordera	Cecelia	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-2
Cosgrove	Samuel	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-2
Coughlin	Abigail	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-1
Cox	Grayson	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-11
Craft	Charlie	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-3
Cranston	Brett	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-3
Crawford	Collins	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-6
Crewse	Sarah	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-3
Croft	Nathaniel	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-5
Crowe	Casey	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-10
Cunneely	Quinn	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-11
Curry	Georgia	Smyrna	Court	Lawyer		
Curry	Nia	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-12
Custer	Jacob	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-8
Dahms	Sam	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-3
Daniel	Maya	Brentwood HS	Officer	Speaker Pro-Temp of the Red Senate		
Dansereau	Kate	West	Press Corps	Press		
D'Aprile	Isabella	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-7
Darty	Anna	St. Georges	Press Corps	Press		
Davidson	Amanda	Centennial	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-3
Davidson	Leanna	Tipton Christian	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-4



Davies	Evan	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-6
Davis	Katie	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-1
Davis	Sona	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-2
Davis	Kennedy	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-6
Davis	Eiric	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-2
Dawson	Bella	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-2
Dawson	Myles	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-7
De Marco	Alexandra	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-2
Deaton	Davis	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-2
Dedmon	Mikyia	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-7
Del Caro	Anthony	West	Court	Lawyer		
Deorah	Rishi	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-6
DiBiase	Christian	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-5
DiBiase	Zachary	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-5
Dikhtyar	Nicholas	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-4
Dillard	Samuel	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-7
Dillender	Sarah	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-8
Doepf	Joseph	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-3
Donoho	Jillian	Gallatin	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-4
Doom	Micayla	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-5
Dorian	Evan	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-11
Doucette	Matt	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-12
Doyle	Meghan	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-7
Doyle	Amelia	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-1
Driskill	McLane	Gallatin	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-1
Drost	Dixon	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-2
Ducker	Rachel	St. Georges	Press Corps	Press		
Durham	Caleb	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-6
Dyer	Kendall	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-8
Eberling	Jaclyn	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-9
Edwards	Sarah	Brentwood Academy	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-5
Eichstaedt	Annie	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-3
Elmessiry	Malak	Brentwood HS	Court	Lawyer		
Elmlinger	Braden	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-6
Erickson	Kurt	Ravenwood	Officer	Speaker Pro-Temp of the Red House		
Ezell	Abigail	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-6
Faber	Abbie	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-7

Fahim	Jessica	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Fallon	Patrick	Ravenwood	GovCab	Environment & Conservation		
Fazili	Huzyfa	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-5
Felton	Hannah	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-1
Ferguson	Sarah	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-7
Finley	Thomas	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-10
Flautt	Whitney	Webb School	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-12
Fleming	Tavion	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-10
Forrester	Ellie Kate	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-11
Foster	Mary Margaret	Gallatin	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-9
Fournier	Jackson	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-3
Fox	Parker	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-1
Frassinelli	Jake	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-8
Frost	Kevin	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-9
Fry	Mason	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-8
Gaertner	Tejes	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-10
Gaglione	Livvy	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-1
Garnett	Alyssa	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-11
Garretson	Josh	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-2
Garrett	Brannon	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-5
Gates	Preston	Franklin	Officer	Speaker Pro-Temp of the Blue Senate		
Geng	Tian	Franklin	Lobbyist	Civil Liberties		
Ghantasala	Sudeep	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-2
Ghosh	Trisha	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-2
Gim	Jamie	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-4
Gim	Kelly	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-1
Glassell	Ashton	ECS	Press Corps	Press		
Gleason	Benjamin	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-7
Glossinger	Emily	Brentwood Academy	Press Corps	Press		
Gobert	Charles	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Gonas	Eli	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-2
Gonzalez	Giselle	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-3
Goodbred	Brendan	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-2
Goodbred	Cailyn	Ravenwood	GovCab	Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities		
Goodbred	Matthew	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Gopi	Surya	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-1
Gordon	Maggie	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-8

Gower	Mary Grace	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-5
Graves	Riley	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-2
Green	Frederec	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-1
Green	Taylor	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-3
Green	Jake	West	Officer	Solicitor General		
Gregory	Jackson	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-1
Grissom	Robert	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-12
Grouzis	Alexandra	Franklin	Lobbyist	Environmental		
Grow	Caillie	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-5
Guffee	Brannon	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-5
Gulley	Jack	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-6
Gupta	Jessica	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-3
Guzman	Ben	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-8
Gwydir	Emily	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-5
Hagely	Cameron	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-3
Hahamyan	Jacqueline	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Hall	Anna	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-7
Hamby	Sofia	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-8
Hamdan	Tamim	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-4
Hamilton	George	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-6
Hammoud	Jude	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-7
Hamstead	Beck	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-5
Hancock	Mark	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-9
Hanfland	Kyle	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Hanset	Victor	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-1
Harding	William	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-4
Harris	Caleb	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-6
Harris	Emma	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-1
Harrison	Caroline	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-3
Harvanek	Cecilia	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-5
Harvey	Jackson	Brentwood Academy	Officer	Blue House Sergeant at Arms		
Harvey	Jordan	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-6
Hawkins	Cameron	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-7
Hayes	Spencer	Westminster	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-4
Hays	Lauren	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-1
Heath	Cassie	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-2
Heck	Abby	Tipton Christian	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-4

Heine	Kaya	West	Court	Lawyer		
Helton	Mikayla	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-9
Hensley	Eliana	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-11
Herman	Jonah	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-8
Hernandez	Ryan	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-8
Hershkowitz	Parker	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-5
Hewitt	James	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-6
Hickman	Kiley	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-4
Hickman	James	Westminster	Officer	Red Senate Sergeant At Arms	S-4	RSB/17-4-4
Hiett	Quinton	Gallatin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-9
Higgins	Laura	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-2
Hill	Emma	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-4
Hill	Gracie	Gallatin	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-5
Hirt	Anderson	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-1
Hiscock	Jacob	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-3
Ho	Kiana	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-4
Hollandsworth	Sara Beth	Smyrna	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-11
Holmes	Clay	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-2
Hong	Chris	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-9
Hood	Conner	Tipton Christian	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-4
Hooghkirk	Michelangelo	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-7
Horner	Jay	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-9
Howard	Blaine	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-12
Htay	Khin	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-4
Huang	Andrea	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Hubbard	Joeleen	West	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-5
Hulgan	Lillie	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-6
Hunt	Matt	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-5
Husain	Azeem	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-8
Husain	Yumna	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Hussaini	Kiran	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-1
Hussung	Luke	West	Court	Lawyer		
Hutter	Christopher	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-3
Hysen	Logan	Centennial	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-2
Ikard	Eleanor	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-4
Ikard	Matthew	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-7
Irish	Parker	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-5

Isaac	Sami	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-4
Jackson	Elise	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-10
Jackson	Cole	ECS	Officer	Chief Clerk of the Red House		
Jackson	Cade	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-8
Jain	Riya	Ravenwood	Officer	Associate Justice		
Jaisinghani	Rhea	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-8
Jaisinghani	Rohan	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-4
Jenkins	Arthur	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-5
Johnson	Lauren	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-9
Johnson	Emma	ECS	Officer	Speaker Pro- Temp of the Blue House		
Johnson	Aili	Smyrna	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-12
Johnston	Preston	Ravenwood	Officer	Chief Justice		
Jones	Coleman	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-1
Jones	Spencer	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-10
Jones	Samantha	Smyrna	Court	Lawyer		
Jordan	Lillian	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-12
Jordan	Emily	Westminster	Officer	Print Managing Editor		
Joseph	Leah	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-7
Joyner	Julie Anne	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-2
Joyner	Chase	Tipton Christian	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-4
Kalasikam	Mrinmoyee	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Kandipati	Sasank	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-10
Kareck	Josiah	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-1
Kasraei	Artman	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-3
Kee	Kelli	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-4
Keim	Anna	West	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-10
Keith	Jack	Westminster	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-8
Kelley	Hayden	Centennial	Officer	Blue Chief Engrossing Clerk		
Kellum	Abbey	Westminster	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-7
Kerr	Chase	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-10
Khomtchenko	Sophie	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-3
Kindy	Michael	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-3
King	Jack	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-9
Klein	Griffin	Ravenwood	Officer	Speaker of the Blue House		
Klinke	Louise	Westminster	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-4
Kolipara	Lohita	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-4
Konjeti	Vamsi	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-8

Koshy	Matthew	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-7
Kreider	Molly Kate	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-6
Kumar	Shreyas	Brentwood HS	GovCab	Finance & Administration		
Kypa	Jeevan	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-1
Lanai	Bailey	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-2
Lane	Tariah	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-11
Latham	Ella	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-6
Layton	Will	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-10
Lee	Dennis	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-3
Lee	Angela	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-1
Lee	Edward	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Lee	Joanna	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-3
Lee	Kristen	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Leofsky	Connor	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-9
Leone	Marla	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-8
Lewis	Karson	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-10
Link	Noelle	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-4
Linney	Garrett	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-10
Lipa	Gracie	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-7
Liu	Alan	Ravenwood	Officer	Blue Lieutenant Governor		
Lobo	Ethan	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-2
Loewen	Jessie	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-5
Lofton	Julie Ann	Tipton Christian	Court	Lawyer		
Logan	Sarah	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-8
Long	Andrew	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-4
Long	Finlay	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-7
Long	Jeremy	West	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-7
Looney	Jake	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-4
Louderback	Kristen	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-11
Loveday	Jake	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-5
Lovell	Graham	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-5
Lovell	Lauren	West	Officer	Clerk of the Court		
Lovgren	Emily	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-6
Lovgren	Holly	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-9
Lu	Jerry	Ravenwood	Officer	Associate Justice		
Lucas	Tanner	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-3
Lucas	Rachel	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-9

Lueckenhoff	Heather	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-7
Ly	Richard	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-5
Lynn	Brooks	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-8
Lytle	Luke	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-8
Ma	Nicholas	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-7
Mack	Andrew	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-8
Mahaffey	Billy	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-10
Maldonado	Collin	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-10
Manfred	Mykal	Gallatin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-9
Mann	Curran	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Manning	Maria	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-5
Martin	Aspen	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-6
Martin	Sid	St. Georges	GovCab	Education		
Matlock	Sidney	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-5
Maxwell	Amelia	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-1
Mayhan	Emma	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-2
McCammon	Oliver	Brentwood HS	Officer	Associate Justice		
McCarroll	Mimi	St. Georges	GovCab	Agriculture		
McCarty	Charlie	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-5
McClellan	Will	Brentwood Academy	Officer	Floor Leader of the Red House	H-2	RHB/17-2-10
McFarlane	Mary Cameron	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-1
McGinnity	Kevin	Ravenwood	Officer	Red Lieutenant Governor		
McGinnity	Nolan	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-9
McGowan	William	ECS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-10
McGuire	Katharine	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-7
McKenzie	Emily	Centennial	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-3
McKenzie	Franklin	Franklin	GovCab	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services		
McLain	Zack	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-10
McNabb	Jackson	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-5
Memon	Sarah	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-7
Miller	Clara	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-1
Miller	Grace	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-1
Mitchell-Fostyk	Brendan	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-3
Mittelberg	Jared	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-6
Mize	Drew	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-8
Mohammed	Areeb	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-1
Mohler	Jacob	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-5

Moore	Evie	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-1
Moring	Matt	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-6
Morton	Charlie	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-6
Moser	Isabelle	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-7
Myatt	Rachel	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-12
Nadrous	John	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-12
Nadrous	Tony	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-12
Nathan	Richa	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-9
Nava	Esmeralda	Smyrna	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-12
Nelson	Tyrrel	Smyrna	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-3
Nepoleon	Gunal	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-8
Nesbitt	Katherine	Brentwood Academy	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-4
Nguyen	Andrew	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-1
Nguyen	Amy	St. Cecilia	Press Corps	Press		
Nicastro	Daniel	Ravenwood	Officer	Conference Chaplain	S-2	BSB/17-2-8
Nicastro	Nicholas	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-4
Nickels	Jack	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-7
Nikam	Kunal	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Norton	Abby	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-1
Oakes	Ellen	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-9
Oldham	Millie	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-8
Oleis	Sarah	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-3
O'Neill	Trinity	West	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-9
Owen	Meredith	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-9
Owens	Joseph	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Page	Maggie	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-5
Parker	Lauren	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-8
Parks	Andrew	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-9
Paschall	Joseph	Smyrna	Lobbyist	Education		
Patel	Harsh	Ravenwood	Officer	Video Producer		
Patel	Kajal	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-3
Patterson	Caitin	West	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-9
Paueksakon	Jirayu	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-9
Perry	Paxton	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-2
Perry-Stiner	Elon	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Environmental		
Persons	Emily	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-2
Philley	Kaitlyn	ECS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-11



Pickens	Lauren	Brentwood Academy	Press Corps	Press		
Pierce	Caroline	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-7
Piggott	Brant	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-5
Pile	Skylar	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-5
Pillai	Aditya	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-9
Pittman	Nathan	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-4
Pitts	Tommy	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-2
Potter	Madeline	Tipton Christian	Court	Lawyer		
Powers	Gigi	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-6
Qiao	Elizabeth	Brentwood HS	Court	Lawyer		
Radick	Michael	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-6
Raju	Anu	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-3
Rando	Becca	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-1
Rash	Mick	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-4
Ray	Jack	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-2
Raza	Haider	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-1
Reddy	Shri	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-7
Reddy	Vishnu	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-6
Reese	Perian	West	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-10
Reidy	Sarah	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-3
Reimschisel	Caleb	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-2
Rempis	Miura	Gallatin	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-4
Rhoades	Ella	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-2
Rice	Will	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-6
Riddle	Will	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-8
Rittiner	Nolan	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-4
Roberts	Lilly	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-6
Robertson	William	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-6
Rohde	Paul	Franklin	GovCab	Corrections		
Romines	Ali	ECS	Officer	Chief Clerk of the Red Senate		
Rosen	Alex	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-5
Rosen	Arielle	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-12
Rowlett	Sophia	St. Cecilia	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-1
Royalty	Trey	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-9
Russell	Paige	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-1
Russell	Lydia	Gallatin	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-9
Rutherford	Emma	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-8

Ryan	Will	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-10
Salyer	Jacob	Gallatin	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-1
Samudrala	Sithara	Ravenwood	Lobbyist	Public Safety		
Sances	Virginia	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-5
Sanchez	Luis	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-2
Sandifer	Elias	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-5
Saripkin	Jacob	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-12
Sashti	Marisa	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Sashti	Priya	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Sathe	Ishan	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Schaefer	Cooper	Franklin	Officer	Floor Leader of the Blue House		
Scheinblum	Matthew	St. Georges	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-11
Schlem	Carson	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-1
Seifried	Jonathan	Webb School	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-6
Seiler	Brock	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-2
Seiters	Hanna	Brentwood HS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-1
Sekyi	Maria	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-9
Seymour	Brandon	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-5
Sharara	Yaseen	Ravenwood	Lobbyist	Environmental		
Sharma	Samarth	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-2
Shattuck	Kylie	West	Press Corps	Press		
Sheets	Allie	Brentwood Academy	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-4
Shellist	Langston	Webb School	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-12
Shepard	Lauren	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-5
Sheth	Nilai	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-8
Shiflett	Tyler	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-7
Shin	Hyungtaek	Ravenwood	Lobbyist	Education		
Shipp	William	Brentwood Academy	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-5
Shorten	Cati	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-6
Shukla	Sejal	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-7
Siddiqui	Arsal	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-1
Siddiqui	Nabia	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-9
Sim	Jason	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-8
Simpson	Andrew	ECS	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-5
Singleton	Sarah	Westminster	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-7
Skinner	Micah	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-11
Skupien	Sarah	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Civil Liberties		

Smith	Harrison	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-6
Smith	Sam	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-2
Smith	Ashton	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-8
Smith	Jonathan	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-11
Smith	Ethan	Gallatin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-7
Smith	Tyler	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-8
Soni	Isha	Ravenwood	Officer	Attorney General		
Springman	Nathan	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-12
Spurgeon	Betsy	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-2
Stafford	Harry	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-6
Stamper	Jones	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-1
Stansbury	Grant	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-8
Stansell	Willa	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-3	RHB/17-3-10
Starr	Tomas	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-3
Stearns	Mackenzie	Gallatin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-7
Stevens	Margaret	ECS	BlueSenate	Senator	S-1	BSB/17-1-10
Stewart	Jadyn	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-6
Stewart	Myciah	Centennial	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-9
Stewart	Tre	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-10
Stokes	Britton	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-10
Story	David	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-9
Stovall	Alton	St. Georges	Officer	Speaker of the Red House		
Strayer	Ursula	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-2
Strevell	Elise	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-5
Strom	Maddie	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-12
Subramaniam	Musa	Franklin	Officer	Governor		
Sujay	Pratheeksha	Ravenwood	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-3
Sullivan	Kate	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-3
Summers	Kendall	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-7	RHB/17-7-4
Swaffield	Willodeen	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-9
Swanner	Will	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-11
Sweda	Kevin	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-6
Tackett	William	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Tailor	Parth	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-1
Talati	Esha	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Education		
Tantawi	Mohammad	Smyrna	Court	Lawyer		
Tate	Daniella	Franklin	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-4

Taylor	Harrison	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-2
Teague	Sarah	Westminster	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-7
Thomas	Alira	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-3
Thompson	Eleanor	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-8
Thompson	Hank	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-10
Tindall	Sarah	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-3
Tisano	Eleanor	Ravenwood	Court	Lawyer		
Townes	Spencer	Ravenwood	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-6
Truong	Tiffany	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-7
Turner	Marissa	Franklin	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-4
Tusant	Sophie	Westminster	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-4
Tyner	Chase	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-3
Vaughn	Jack	Gallatin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-6
Vento	Annie	St. Georges	Officer	Video Editor		
Vereen	Lilly	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-6
Vick	Emily	St. Cecilia	GovCab	Revenue		
Vickery	Catherine	Westminster	Officer	Print Layout Editor		
Vora	Anusha	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-5
Voss	Jule	St. Cecilia	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-1
Wade	Harrison	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-9
Wahid	Naba	Brentwood HS	Lobbyist	Public Safety		
Walker	Ben	West	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-7
Walters	Sam	Brentwood Academy	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-7
Walters	Graham	Brentwood HS	Officer	Floor Leader of the Red Senate	S-1	RSB/17-1-1
Walters	Matthew	Brentwood HS	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-6
Ward	Kaylie	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-2	BSB/17-2-3
Waters	Caroline	Franklin	Officer	Chief Clerk of the Blue House		
Waters	Cedrick	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-9
Waters	Meleena	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-1	BHB/17-1-1
White	Kate	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-5
White	Petra	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-1
Whitehorn	Zachary	West	BlueHouse	Representative	H-6	BHB/17-6-1
Wiemer	Lexi	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-4
Wilder	Marcel	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-10
Wilhoit	Brandon	West	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-5
Williams	Wade	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-7	BHB/17-7-2
Williams	Etain	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-1

Williams	Carolina	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-8
Williams	Grant	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-2	RHB/17-2-11
Williams	Anna Bryn	Webb School	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-12
Wilmoth	Bryce	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-6
Wilson	Jack	Brentwood Academy	RedHouse	Representative	H-5	RHB/17-5-6
Wilson	Lily	Brentwood Academy	BlueHouse	Representative	H-4	BHB/17-4-5
Wilson	Toby	Brentwood Academy	Officer	Red House Sergeant at Arms	H-5	RHB/17-5-6
Woodard	Katherine	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-3	BSB/17-3-12
Woods	Parker	Ravenwood	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-7
Wooten	Jennifer	Brentwood Academy	Press Corps	Press		
Wright	Lucy	West	Press Corps	Press		
Xuanyuan	Puxin	West	Officer	Associate Justice		
Yang	Heather	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-6
Yang	Vanassa	Ravenwood	RedHouse	Representative	H-1	RHB/17-1-4
Yarbrough	Willis	ECS	RedSenate	Senator	S-2	RSB/17-2-6
Yarbrough	Ellie	St. Cecilia	RedHouse	Representative	H-4	RHB/17-4-2
Young	Emma	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-1	RSB/17-1-1
Young	Madison	Brentwood HS	RedSenate	Senator	S-3	RSB/17-3-6
Young	Megan	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-5	BHB/17-5-5
Young	Akhasa	Franklin	BlueSenate	Senator	S-4	BSB/17-4-1
Yount	Douglas	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-4
Yount	Jake	Webb School	BlueHouse	Representative	H-3	BHB/17-3-4
Yousief	Jacob	Franklin	RedSenate	Senator	S-4	RSB/17-4-6
Yurashus	Anna	Centennial	RedHouse	Representative	H-6	RHB/17-6-6
Zwickel	Remi	Brentwood HS	BlueHouse	Representative	H-2	BHB/17-2-7

## 64th Annual YMCA Youth in Government Senate Seating Chart

28 Franklin	27 BHS	26 Centennial	25 Ravenwood	24 Westmin	23 ECS	22 Ravenwood	21 West	20** Graham Walters	19 St. Cecilia	18 BHS	17 Ravenwood	16 Gallatin	15 Franklin	14 ECS	13 Centennial
29 BA	30 Ravenwood	31 Centennial				32** James Hickman	33 ECS	34 BHS							
1 ECS	2 Ravenwood	3 West	4 Centennial	5 BHS	6 Franklin				7 BA	8 Centennial	9 BHS	10 West	11 Ravenwood	12 BHS	

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100 BHS	99 BA
77 SGIS	78 Gallatin
76 Ravenwood	75 St. Cecilia
53 BA	54 BHS
52 Centennial	51 ECS
29 BHS	30 SGIS
28 Ravenwood	27 Centennial
9 BA	10 Webb
8 Centennial	7 Ravenwood

98 Ravenwood	97 BHS
79 Centennial	80 ECS
74 Ravenwood	73 Webb
55 Centennial	56 SGIS
50 Ravenwood	49 Smyrna
31 BA	32 Centennial
26 West	25 Webb
11 Ravenwood	12 ECS
6 BA	5 BHS

96 Franklin	95** Toby Wilson
81 Ravenwood	82 BA
72 BHS	71 Centennial
57 Ravenwood	58 BA
48 BHS	47 Ravenwood
33 SGIS	34 Westminster
24 Franklin	23 Ravenwood

94 BHS	93 Centennial
83 SGIS	84 Centennial
70 Ravenwood	69 Smyrna
59 Webb	60 BHS
46 BA	45 Ravenwood
35 BHS	36 St. Cecilia
22** Will McClellan	21 Centennial

92 Webb	91 BA
85 Ravenwood	86 St. Cecilia
68 ECS	67 Gallatin
61 BA	62 Webb
44 Centennial	43 Franklin
37 West	38 Ravenwood
20 Gallatin	19 ECS
13 BA	14 BHS
4 Smyrna	3 Ravenwood

90 Centennial	89 Ravenwood
87 BHS	88 ECS
66 Centennial	65 BA
63 Ravenwood	64 BHS
42 SGIS	41 Centennial
39 Webb	40 BA
18 Centennial	17 Ravenwood
15 St. Cecilia	16 ECS
2 Centennial	1 BHS

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# **ELECTION 2017**

**When will the polls be open?**

**All day Saturday,  
starting at 9:30 am!**

**When will the polls be closing?**

**At 5:30pm on Saturday!**

Remember- Voting is by component.

Red Chamber delegates and Lobbyists will vote  
outside their chambers.

All other delegates will vote in Legislative Plaza.



# Volunteer Conference Ballot

## **Governor**

James	Hickman	Westminster Academy
Alan	Liu	Ravenwood High School

## **SENATE:**

### **Red Lieutenant Governor**

Griffin	Klein	Ravenwood High School
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### **Blue Lieutenant Governor**

Preston	Gates	Franklin High School
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### **Red Speaker Pro-tempore of the Senate**

Emma	Johnson	Evangelical Christian School
Louise	Klinke	Westminster Academy
Mick	Rash	West High School

### **Blue Speaker Pro-tempore of the Senate**

Grayson	Blount	Franklin High School
J. Michael	Carpenter	Evangelical Christian School

### **Red Senate Floor Leader**

Jackson	McNabb	Brentwood High School
Ali	Romines	Evangelical Christian School

### **Blue Senate Floor Leader**

Luis	Sanchez	Franklin High School
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### **Red Senate Clerk**

Hayden	Kelley	Centennial High School
Toby	Wilson	Brentwood Academy

### **Blue Senate Clerk**

Betsy	Spurgeon	Brentwood Academy
Thomas	Finley	Franklin High School

### **Senate Sergeant at Arms**

Hadassah	Betapudi	Evangelical Christian School
Nayan	Chavan	Centennial High School

**HOUSE:****Red Speaker of the House**

Sara	Ali	Ravenwood High School
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**Blue Speaker of the House**

Nolan	McGinnity	Ravenwood High School
Parth	Tailor	Webb School

**Red Speaker Pro-tempore of the House**

Sophia	Badalian	Franklin High School
Lohita	Kollipara	Ravenwood High School

**Blue Speaker Pro-tempore of the House**

Andrew	Long	Brentwood Academy
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**Red House Floor Leader**

Artman	Kasraei	West High School
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**Blue House Floor Leader**

Mary Grace	Gower	Brentwood Academy
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**Red House Clerk**

Alan	Boles	West High School
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**Blue House Clerk**

Kelley	Gim	Centennial High School
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**House Sergeant at Arms (x 2)**

Tamim	Hamdan	Ravenwood High School
Jackson	Harvey	Brentwood Academy

**Red Chief Engrossing Clerk**

Anna	Keim	West High School
Sid	Martin	St. Georges Independent School

**Blue Chief Engrossing Clerk**

Margaret	Stevens	Evangelical Christian School
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**Chaplain**

Hudson	Beaudry	St. Georges Independent School
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# LOCAL RESTAURANTS

## American

Maggie's Arcade Grille \$  
 Broadway Brewhouse & Mojo Grill 317 Broadway \$  
 Paradise Park Trailer Resort 411 Broadway \$  
 Oak Bar at the Hermitage Hotel 231 6th Ave N \$\$  
 Bailey's Sports Grille 408 Broadway \$\$  
 Rock Bottom Restaurant 111 Broadway \$\$  
 Dick's Last Resort 154 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N \$\$  
 Margaritaville 322 Broadway \$\$  
 The Melting Pot 166 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N \$\$\$  
 Commerce Street Bar and Grille 611 Commerce St \$\$\$  
 Prime 108 1001 Broadway \$\$\$\$

## Barbecue

Khan's Mongolian BBQ 237 4th Ave N \$  
 Jack's Bar-B-Que 416 Broadway \$  
 Rippy's Smokin' Bar & Grill 429 Broadway \$\$

## Burgers

Back Alley Diner Arcade \$

## Coffee

Common Grounds 162 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N \$  
 Starbucks 424 Church St \$  
 Frothy Monkey 235 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N \$  
 Dunkin' Donuts 400 Charlotte Ave. \$

## Greek

Santorini Greek Restaurant 210 4th Ave N \$

## Italian/Pizza

Demo's 300 Commerce \$\$  
 Taste of Italy 208 4th Ave N. \$

Tazza 510 Church St \$  
 Manny's House of Pizza 15 Arcade \$  
 Sbarro 200 Commerce St. \$  
 Sicilian Pizza & Pasta 905 Church St \$\$  
 The Old Spaghetti Factory 160 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N \$\$  
 Sole Mio 311 3rd Ave S \$\$\$

## Mexican

Cocina Mexican Grill 501 Union St \$  
 La Playa Mexican 27 Arcade \$  
 Chile Burrito 165 4th Ave N \$  
 Oscar's Taco Shop 530 Church St \$

## Sandwiches/Subs

Frist Center Cafe 919 Broadway \$  
 Panera Bread 401 Commerce St \$  
 Rae's Gourmet Sandwich Shoppe 501 Union St \$  
 Provence Breads & Cafe 601 Church St \$  
 Subway 530 Church St \$  
 Which Wich 216 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N \$  
 Jimmy John's 424 Church St \$

## Southern & Soul

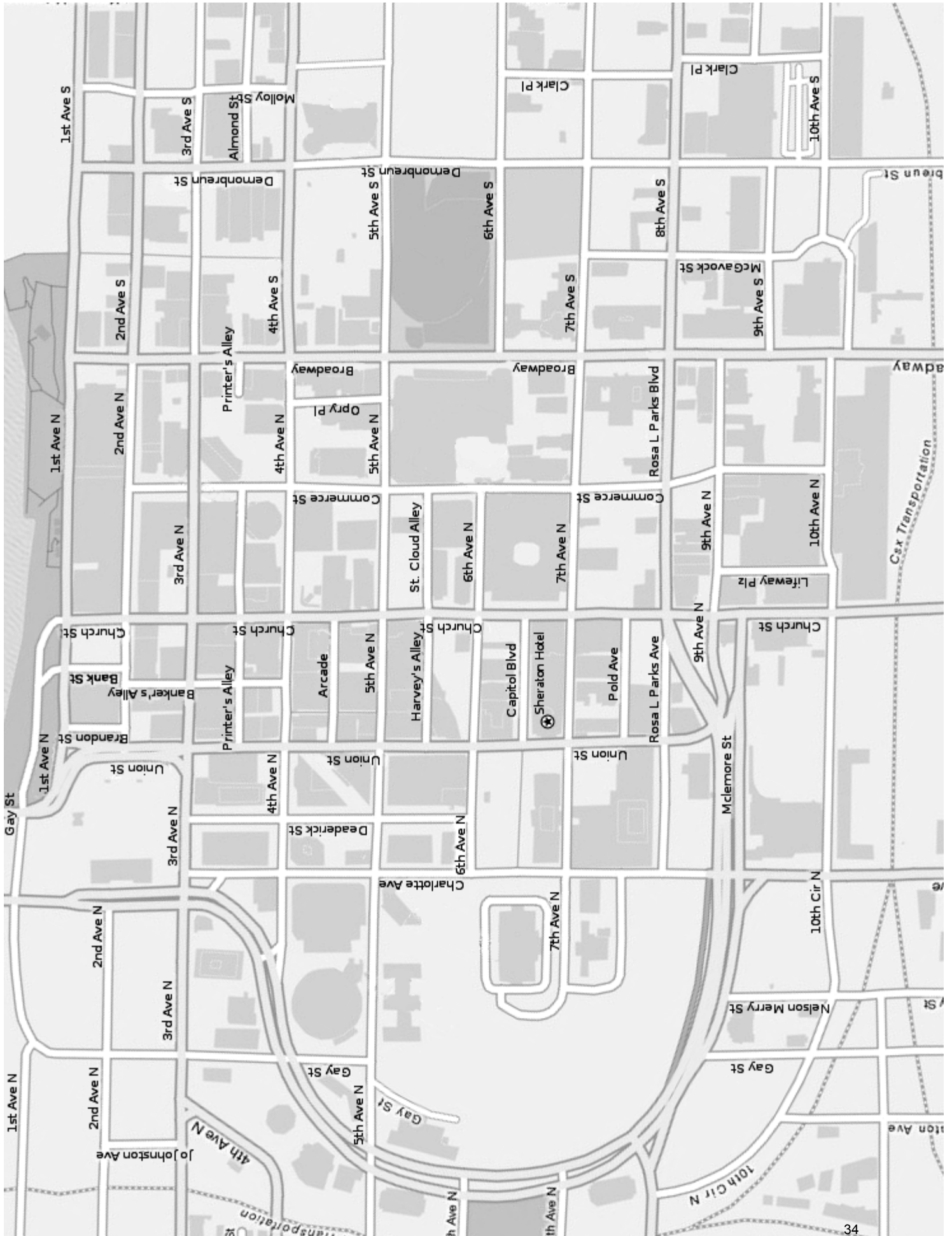
417 Union 417 Union St \$  
 Puckett's 500 Church St. \$\$  
 Standard 167 Rosa L Parks \$\$\$  
 The Capitol Grille 231 6th Ave N \$\$\$

## Steakhouse

Demos' Steak/Spaghetti 300 Commerce \$\$  
 Merchants Restaurant 401 Broadway \$\$\$  
 Morton's the Steakhouse 618 Church St \$\$\$\$  
 Palm 140 5th Ave S \$\$\$\$

## Sushi

Koto Sushi Bar 421 Union St \$  
 Jimbo's Sushi/Korean 7 Arcade \$  
 Ichiban 109 2nd Ave N \$\$



# UNDERSTANDING THE COMMITTEE PROCESS

## What should delegates do during committee?

### 1. Evaluate Bills

- Evaluate bills using the criteria on the ranking form, i.e., Debate Potential, Feasibility, Statewide Impact & Correct Form
- Will the end result be a meaningful contribution to a value-oriented society?
- Will it have a positive effect on a significant number of citizens?
- Is its issue worthy of legislative consideration?
- Is the bill in conflict with the Constitution? (And if so, then has the bill been written in the form of a Constitutional Amendment?)
- Does the bill provide for the concise accomplishment of its intended purposes?

### 2. Make Amendments

- Proposed amendments given in committee should be attached to the respective bill, with the proponents name(s) (persons offering the amendment) listed on the amendment. Any delegate may propose an amendment on any bill. The committee will vote on the proposed amendment. In order to submit an amendment for vote, **USE ONLY THE PROPER AMENDMENT FORM**, and clearly indicate whether the amendment is **FAVORABLE** or **UNFAVORABLE** to its patrons. **DO NOT** write on the original bill.
- **A majority vote is required to pass an amendment in committee. Proponents should be prepared to present and defend the amendment on the floor as debate will take place on an amendment if it is deemed unfriendly by the bill patrons.**
- Committee proposed amendments will be considered on the floor directly after the bill's patrons have presented the bill and moved for passage.

### 3. Debate (The rules for debate are listed in the Committee Guidelines.)

### 4. Rank Bills

- After each bill has been considered and some action has been taken, the committee will rank the respective bill. **Red House/Senate bills will be ranked separately from Blue House/Senate bills.**
- Each BILL TEAM will rank each bill on the ranking forms provided, based upon the instructions given by the Chair. (This means each team will fill out only ONE ranking per bill.)
- Please be sure to write legibly on your ranking form. If there are any questions regarding legibility, the form in question will be thrown out.

# FORMAT FOR DEBATE

**This is the outline for debate procedure in committees, Senate, and House. Keep these rules in mind when practicing presentations of your bill prior to the conference.**

## **Committee Procedure:**

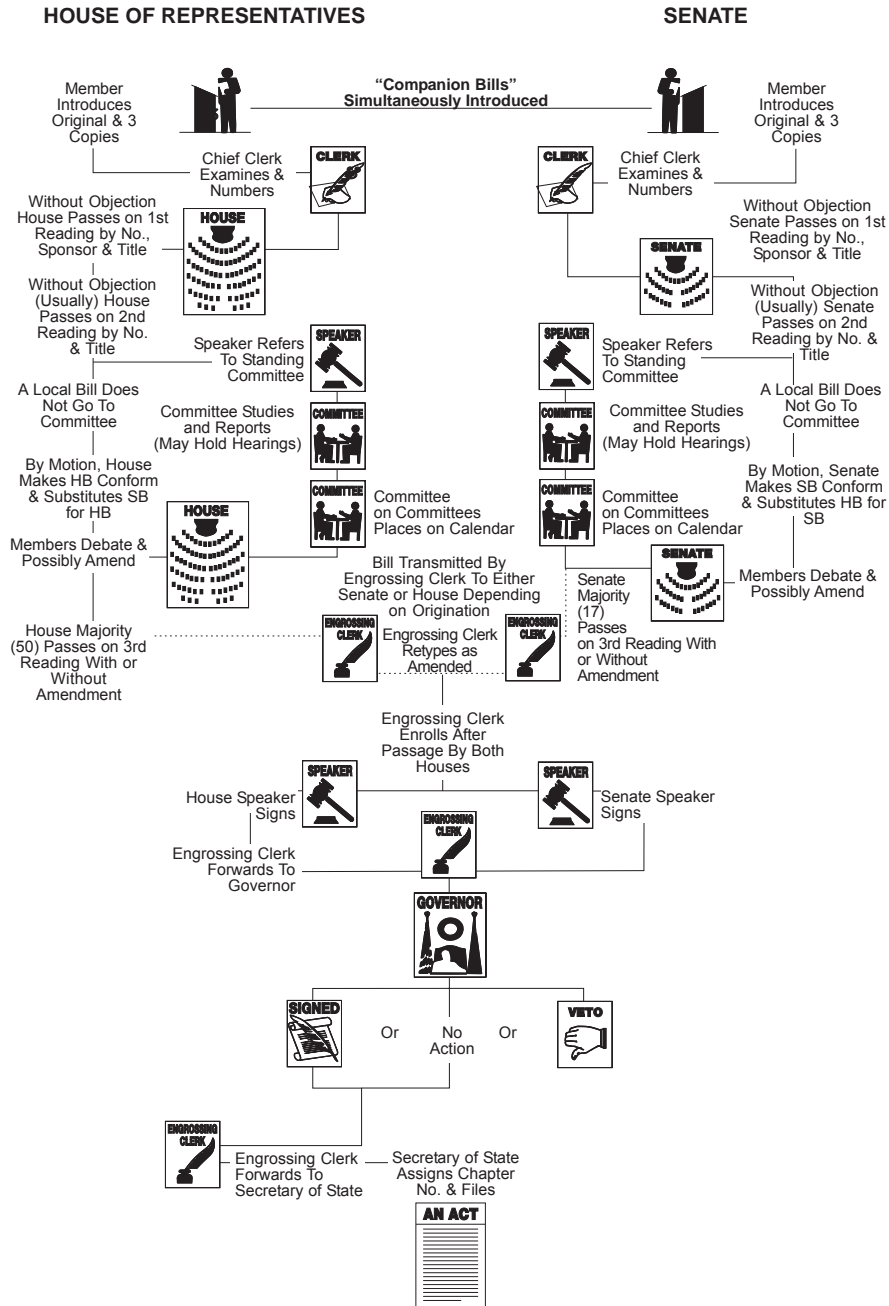
Patrons' Introduction	2 Minutes
Technical Questions	2 Minutes
Con/Pro Debate	+/- 5 Minutes
Patrons' Summation	1 Minute

## **Amendments:**

Amendment Sponsor's Introduction	1 Minute
Con/Pro Debate	1 Round
Amendment Sponsor's Summation	1 Minute

**Once the General Assembly convenes, time for technical questions and con/pro debate will likely be extended, at the discretion of the officers.**

# How a Bill Becomes a Law in the General Assembly



# LEGISLATIVE GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Act**

A statute (law) enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor or after 10 days allowed to become law without his signature.

Private: Application to a limited area and subdivision of government.

Public: Application to the entire state or of a general nature with local application.

- **Adjournment**

Termination of a session for that day, with the hour and day of the next meeting being set prior to adjournment.

- **Amendment**

Modification of a bill or resolution by adding or deleting the language of proposed legislation.

- **Appropriations Act**

An act which appropriates money from the state treasury during a fiscal year to implement the state operating budget. Money may be provided for other items of expenditure, such as local projects, through this act.

- **Appropriations Bill**

A bill which appropriates money from the state treasury during a fiscal year to implement the state operating budget. Money may be provided for other items of expenditure, such as local projects, through amendments to this bill.

- **Bill**

A bill is proposed legislation introduced to enact a new law or change or repeal an existing law.

**Original:** The bill introduced into the legislature and used throughout the legislative process until engrossed.

**Engrossed:** A bill as passed by a house with corrections or adjustments made for amendments.

**Enrolled:** A bill as finally passed by both houses and prepared for signature of the presiding officers of both houses and transmittal to the governor for signature or veto.



**Prefiled:** A bill filed between legislative sessions with the chief clerk of either house. Prefiled bills are numbered and printed in preparation for the session.

- **Budget**

The budget is the recommended appropriations of state revenues presented by the Governor to the General Assembly in the form of a document for its consideration during the legislative session. It is filed with the chief clerks in the form of a bill and known during the budget process as the Appropriations Bill.

- **Calendar**

**Consent:** A bill calendar used to allow rapid floor consideration for final passage of noncontroversial bills.

**Regular:** Written calendars (lists of bills to be considered for third reading) required to be posted in the Senate Chamber at least 24 hours prior to consideration by the Senate or in the House Chamber at least 48 hours prior to consideration by the House. Senate rules limit the Senate calendar to 14 general bills, plus holdovers, while House rules place the maximum at 25, including any bills held over from previous calendars or any bills set by special order and excluding only those bills "bumped" or objected to on a Consent Calendar.

- **Caption**

Brief description of a bill's contents appearing on a bill and the bill's jacket. A bill's content cannot be any broader than its caption.

- **Chief Clerk**

A non-member selected by the speaker of each house to serve as its administrative officer. Bills are filed with the chief of each house.

- **Committee**

A group of legislators of one or both houses which conducts studies and/or makes recommendations to the Senate and/or House.

**Conference:** A committee composed of members of both houses created to propose to the two houses a means to resolve differences in a bill when the one house does not concur in amendments made by the opposite house which refuses to recede from its action. Members are appointed by the speakers of each house.

**Joint:** A committee composed of members of both houses.

**Select:** A committee established by the speaker of a house composed of members of that house for a designated purpose.

**Standing:** A permanent committee of the Senate or House with subject matter jurisdiction defined by rules of its house, which functions both during and between legislative sessions to conduct public hearings on proposed legislation, review proposed administrative rules, make its own studies of problems, make reports and recommendations to the house it serves.

- **Companion Bill**

Identical copies of a bill introduced in both the Senate and House.

- **Executive Order**

A written document issued by the governor to effectuate a purpose over which he has authority.

- **Fiscal Note**

A statement prepared by the Fiscal Review Committee submitted in connection with a bill, resolution or amendment to indicate its fiscal effect or estimated dollar implications as to cost or revenue.

- **Fiscal Year**

The twelve-month period for which appropriations, budgets and financial reports are made. The state's fiscal year commences on July and ends the following June 30.

- **Item Veto**

Power exercised by the governor to veto specified items (single amounts of money) of an appropriation bill, while signing the remainder of the bill into law.

- **Journal**

A daily published record of the proceedings of each house. The journal of the entire session is printed after the close of each session.

- **Legislative Intent**

The purpose for which a measure is introduced and/or passed.

- **Majority**

A constitutional majority in the Senate is 17 votes; in the House, 50 votes.

- **Resolution**

**Joint:** Legislation requesting a study or expressing the views or sentiments of both houses but originating in one house. After passage, the joint resolution (e.g. House Joint Resolution 55 or Senate Joint Resolution 34) is signed by both speakers and the governor.

**Simple:** Legislation expressing the views of one house. After passage, a House Resolution or Senate Resolution is signed by the respective speaker of the house.

- **Session**

**Regular:** The 90-legislative-day session held over a two-year general assembly. A general assembly will convene on the second Tuesday of January in an odd-numbered year, meet for an organizational session, and recess for about two weeks. Upon returning, the general assembly will typically meet until mid-to-late May when it adjourns. In an even-numbered year, no organizational session or recess will take place, and regular session will usually end around mid-to-late April depending upon the number of legislative days used.

**Extraordinary:** A session of the legislature held in the interim between regular sessions, called for a specific number of days by the governor or upon petition of two-thirds of the members elected to each house. It is restricted to matters specifically enumerated in the call. Frequently referred to as a special session.

- **Sine die Adjournment**

Final adjournment at the completion of a session.

- **Suspension of the Rules**

Parliamentary procedure whereby actions can be taken which would otherwise be out of order. A two-thirds vote of each body present and voting is required to adopt a motion to suspend the rules

- **Vote**

Formal expression of will or decision by the legislative body.

- **Yield**

The relinquishing of the floor to another member to speak or ask a question.

# RULES OF PROCEDURE

**Introductory Note:** The YMCA Youth in Government is modeled after the Tennessee General Assembly. The circumstances of the Youth in Government have required some of its rules of procedure to vary from the practices of the General Assembly. In questions or issues not addressed by the following rules, the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement staff may look to the rules of the General Assembly or to Robert's Rules of Order for clarification or guidance.

## I. Rank of Motions

**Motions** shall be ranked as follows:

Adjourn

Recess

Lay on the Table

Previous Question

Amend an Amendment

Amend the Bill

Postpone Indefinitely

Adopt a Bill

A motion shall be in order when it outranks all other pending motions. For instance, if a motion to recognize an amendment is pending, moving the previous question shall be in order.

All of these motions require a second.

1. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn must be made by the floor leader. It is non-debatable and shall be voted on immediately. It takes a simple majority for passage.  
It should include the time the house is adjourning to, except for the final motion to adjourn, which shall specify no time (adjourn sine die).
2. **Recess:** A motion to recess should be expressed in terms of recessing for a specified length of time (e.g. recess for one hour for lunch). Or, you may recess at the call of the Speaker. A motion to recess is non-debatable and takes a simple majority for passage.
3. **Previous Question:** This is the method for ending debate immediately. As soon as this motion is made and seconded, it is voted on. It requires a two-thirds majority for adoption. If the motion fails, debate resumes as before. The previous question may be moved on any of the motions that rank below it. However, if more than one motion is pending, the person moving the previous question should specify which motion the previous question applies to. For instance, if there is a motion to amend a bill, the previous question may be moved on the motion to amend or the motion to adopt the bill. If it is moved on the motion to adopt the bill, it implicitly includes the motion to amend. If the previous question is adopted, the house will first vote on the amendment and then on the motion to adopt the bill. If the previous question applies only to the amendment, the house will vote on the amendment then continue debating the bill. Note: moving the previous question ends debate. The sponsors' summation is not part of the formal debate, so a successful previous question motion will

begin the sponsors' summation. Should the chamber wish to forego the summation, then a motion to suspend the rules to that effect is in order.

4. **Postpone to a certain time:** This is a method for delaying consideration of a bill for a specified length of time (as opposed to tabling, which postpones at the discretion of the house). The motion is debatable and requires a simple majority for adoption. It can be amended. The motion may be expressed in terms of a specific time (e.g. 3 p.m.) or in terms of a relative time (e.g. the first bill tomorrow).

If a bill is postponed to a certain time, it automatically has the highest priority for consideration at that time. No motion is necessary to bring back before the house.

5. **Amendment:** An amendment is a method of changing details within a motion to eliminate flaws, clear ambiguities, etc. It is debatable, may be amended, and takes a simple majority for adoption. In order for an amendment to be a considered it must be germane to the bill without changing its intent.

An amendment must be written and submitted to the Clerk on an amendment form before it may be considered.

After a delegate has filed an amendment with the Clerk, the Clerk shall notify the Speaker, and the Speaker shall recognize the sponsor of the amendment as soon as possible. The speaker shall then ask the Clerk to read the amendment and following its reading, the Speaker shall ask the patron of the bill whether or not it is friendly amendment. If it is friendly, it may be passed by acclamation. If it is not, and is ruled germane, debate must ensue; with the sponsor of the amendment starting debate with introductory remarks on said amendment. The sponsor of the bill or resolution has the right to be the first speaker against the unfriendly amendment in debate.

An amendment must be in one of three forms:

TO DELETE... You must be specific about what part of the bill you are deleting.

TO INSERT...You must be give specific wording to be inserting and the specific location of where it is to be inserted.

TO SUBSTITUTE... A combination of the above.

If a bill is adopted in the first house and amended in the second house, it must return to the first house for consideration of the amendments. When the bill is returned to the first house, the sponsor should make one of two motions.

1) "I move that the amendments be adopted and the bill be made to conform to the Senate/House version."

" I move that the amendments be rejected."

Neither of these amendments may be amended. They are both debatable and both require a simple majority for adoption.

6. **Under no circumstances may the title of a bill be amended.**

7. **Postpone Indefinitely:** This is method of “freezing” a bill. It is debatable, may not be amended, and requires a simple majority for passage. If adopted, all consideration of the bill ceases and the house proceeds to consider the next bill. The only way the house can return to considering the ‘frozen’ bill is a successful motion to reconsider.
8. **Main Motion:** This is the actual consideration and vote on whether or not to adopt a bill as presented to the house by its sponsors. The bill is debatable and is subject to all motions listed above.

## II. INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

9. **Incidental Motions:** Incidental motions are matters which need to be brought before the house immediately. They must pertain to the business before the house. They have no rank among themselves and outrank all other motions, except to recess or adjourn. Only one incidental motion may be pending at a time. The incidental motions are covered in rules 12-15.
10. **Point of Order:** If a delegate feels the rules of order are being breached, he/she may make a point of order, requesting the Speaker to make a ruling on the question involved. If the speaker fails to recognize the infraction, he/she may ask the delegate to explain his/her complaint. This motion does not require a second. This motion should be used with discretion and in a constructive manner.
11. **Appeals:** After the Speaker has made a ruling on a matter, such as a point of order, the house can review his/her decision. The appeal is subject to the general rule of debate, and the speaker may explain his/her decision. The Speaker does not have to relinquish the chair during the discussion. It takes a simple majority to overrule the Speaker’s decision and pass the appeal.
12. **Suspend the Rules:** When the house desires to consider a motion or do something that would violate these rules, it can suspend the Rules. A motion to suspend the rules requires a second, is subject to limited debate (one speaker for and one against), and requires a two-thirds majority for passage. A motion to suspend must include the purpose for suspending the rules. Once that purpose has been accomplished, the rules are automatically back in effect. No motion or action is necessary to reinstate the rules.
13. **Division:** Immediately after a vote by acclamation, any three members of the Senate or any five members of the House may demand a placard or roll call vote. Delegates desiring a roll call vote should remember that roll call votes are time-consuming and prevent the chamber from moving on to other business. Delegates calling for division should raise their hand and call for division of the house between the first and second rap of the gavel.

## REQUESTS AND INQUIRES

14. **Point of Personal Privilege:** A request to make the debate surrounding more comfortable (ex. If a delegate is not speaking loud enough, the room is too hot or too cold, etc.) This point should be used with discretion.
15. **Requests and Inquires** require no motion, second, or vote and are the prerogative of any members. They are proper at any time, but may not interrupt a speaker.
16. **Parliamentary Inquiry:** A request for the Speaker’s opinion on a matter concerning the rules of procedure. This is not a request for a ruling.

17. **Point of Information:** A request for facts affecting the business at hand – directed at the chair or another member. This point should be used with discretion.

### III. COMMITTEES

18. **Committees to be established:** Standing committees will be established by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
19. **Officer:** There shall be a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for each committee, who will be appointed by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
20. Each delegate may serve on a committee. All delegates, including committee officers, shall be assigned to the same committee as their bill.
21. **Introductory remarks, questions, debate:** When a bill comes up in committee, the Sponsors will be given time for introductory remarks about the bill followed by a period for technical questions, after which limited debate will begin. When debate is concluded, the sponsors will be given time for closing remarks.
22. **Patrons' Rights** – Patrons' Rights may only be invoked twice during debate and only for the purpose of correcting the information or statements made by a speaker. When Patrons' Rights are invoked they do not take up a pro speech and are limited to thirty seconds. If Patrons' Rights are used incorrectly the chair reserves the right to interrupt the patron.
23. **Majority Vote:** In the final vote on any bill, a constitutional majority is necessary for passage. Otherwise, a majority of those present and voting shall decide any question, unless a two-thirds majority is specified in the rules. Persons who abstain from voting shall not be counted for either side when deciding the outcome of a vote. For the purposes of Youth in Government, a constitutional majority shall be a majority of voting members seated in the chamber. In the Red Senate, this number should be 18 (34 seats); in the Red House, this number should be 51 (100 seats). In the Blue chambers, this number will be determined by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
24. **Sponsors:** The sponsors of a bill or resolution before a committee or in chambers may vote on any and all motions brought before the body, including the main motion on their bill or resolution. The sponsors may not be recognized as speakers during the formal debate unless another member of the body asks them to yield to questions or points of information.
25. **Quorum:** Two-thirds of any given body (committee or chamber) shall constitute a quorum in which to do business, including the ranking or passage or failure of bills or resolutions. Officers and delegates alike should make every effort to ensure a quorum during conference sessions.
26. **Companion Bills:** The CCE Office may, at its discretion, appoint as Companion Bills any bills submitted to different chambers of the Youth in Government by different sponsors that have the same intent and content. In such cases, should each chamber pass its Companion Bill, both bills shall be sent to the Governor's Cabinet without being sent to the other chamber for its approval.

TENNESSEE YMCA CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

# TABLE OF MOTIONS

Motion	When Another has the Floor	Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote	Reconsider
<b>Main Motion (Bill)</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
<b>Adjourn</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
<b>Amend</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes-N
<b>Appeal</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
<b>Lay on the Table</b>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
<b>Postpone to a certain time</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
<b>Previous Question</b>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
<b>Recess</b>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
<b>Reconsider</b>	When Another has been assigned the floor	Yes	If motion to be reconsidered is debatable	No	Majority	No
<b>Point of Personal Priv.</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Suspend the Rules</b>	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	No
<b>Withdraw Motions</b>	No	No	No	No	Majority	Yes-N
<b>Division</b>	Yes	No	No	No	One	No
<b>Point of Information</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Parliamentary Procedure Point</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No	No



# SCRIPT FOR CCE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DEBATE

## by Tucker Cowden, MHMS

\*Outside of this guide, consult additional TN YMCA CCE supplements and Robert's Rules of Order

\*Script is written with the assumption of more than one patron for the bill. If there is only one presenting patron, change statements to the singular (i.e. "Does the Patron" instead of "Do the Patrons").

### Overview

Youth in Government (YIG) debate should be seen in the context of the actual Tennessee General Assembly, where delegates act as State Senators and Representatives and the items debated are called **bills**. Because of this setting, YIG delegates should have well-developed opinions on important state issues. This applies especially to the bill that you are presenting. It should address not only an issue that the delegates think is important, but one that is relevant to the current affairs of Tennessee and could actually be introduced to the General Assembly, and it should be **very well-researched**. Furthermore, delegates are to be completely in character, acting as if YIG were the actual TN General Assembly (so refer to the conference as "the state of Tennessee" or "the House/Senate" (depending on which you are a delegate in)).

### Asking Technical Questions (after being recognized by the chair)

**Speaker:** [States Name, States School, States **One** Question (must be a question that merits a response of yes, no, a number, a definition, or a short, expository rather than persuasive answer) (the question is directed to the presenting delegates)]

### Con/Pro Debate (after being recognized)

\*Delegates may take one or two of the three actions listed below (ask questions, speak to the floor, yield time to another delegate), but may not only yield time to another delegate (you can only ask questions or only speak, but cannot only yield time). Also, if you are yielding time, you must ask to do this **before** beginning your speech or questions, and then state that you yield your time when you are finished with the first part.

**Speaker:** (States Name, States School) and...

To Ask A Series of Questions

**Speaker:** Do the Patrons yield to a possible series of questions? (**Not:** “a series of possible questions,” or “a question.”)

**Chair:** They do so yield

**Speaker:** (To Patrons) (Asks Questions and receives answers for up to two minutes, depending on the committee/house’s time structure).

\*It is important to note that questions asked as a Con speech should seek to criticize, or at least show skepticism for, the given bill. Those asked as a Pro speech should do the opposite, emphasizing the positive aspects of the bill.

To Address the Assembly

**Speaker:** May I address the floor?

**Chair:** That is your right.

**Speaker:** (Speaks to fellow delegates, not the patrons, for the allotted amount of time either in favor of (pro speech) or against (con speech) the bill).

\*You should never use the words “Con” or “Pro” in your speech unless referring to “a previous con speaker,” etc. Con and Pro are not nouns or verbs that can be used to show your support or dislike of a bill (so **do not** say “I con this bill”).

To Yield Remaining time after one of the above to a fellow delegate:

**Speaker:** May I yield the remainder of my time to a fellow delegate?

**Chair:** That is your right. Please specify a delegate.

**Speaker:** [Names the delegate to be yielded to (refer to him/her by last name)] (Takes first action)

\*Delegates being yielded to should have the same opinion (pro or con) on the bill as the speakers that yield to them.

Motions (must be made before the last con speech)

**Speaker:** (Shouts) Motion!

**Chair:** Rise and state your motion.

**Speaker:** (States Name, States School, States Motion—see table of motions in delegate manual)

**Chair:** [Takes it from there (decides if the motion is in order or not, asks for a second to the motion, and conducts a vote, usually by voice acclamation)]

# AWARDS DISTRIBUTION & CRITERIA

## **Distribution:**

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Outstanding Bill in the Red and Blue House  
Outstanding Bill in the Red and Blue Senate  
Outstanding Statesperson in the Red and Blue House  
Outstanding Statesperson in the Red and Blue Senate  
Outstanding Attorney Team  
Outstanding Written Argument  
Jenny Faenza Outstanding Justice Award  
Outstanding Lobbyist (Chosen by the Lobbyist component leader)  
Outstanding Press Member (Chosen by the Press Corps leader)  
Outstanding Governor's Cabinet Member (Chosen by the GovCab leader)  
National Affairs Delegates  
National Affairs Alternates  
Ambassador Joe M. Rogers Servant Leadership Award (Chosen by Officers)

## **Outstanding Bill Criteria**

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Bills are considered for awards based on the following factors:

- Feasibility
- Statewide Impact
- Correct Written Format
- Evidence of Research
- Submission by Conference Deadline
- In keeping with the YMCA core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect & Responsibility

## **Outstanding Statesperson Criteria**

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Delegates are considered for awards based on the following criteria:

- Cooperative & Respectful approach to legislation and peers
- Use of proper parliamentary procedure
- Positive Attitude
- Excellent Communication
- Leadership by example with regard to conference rules and regulations
- Bill submitted by Conference Deadline
- Behavior in keeping with the YMCA core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect & Responsibility

## **National Affairs Criteria**

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- Must meet general criteria for both Outstanding Bill & Statesperson
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior in High School
- Must have participated in Youth in Government at least 1 year prior to current YIG.
- Has made an outstanding contribution to both the TN YMCA YIG & to their local YIG club

# YMCA CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

## DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement is to educate its participants on the processes of government at the city, state, national and international levels, in the hopes of beginning what will be a lifetime of civic engagement for our alumni.

Given such, a code of conduct has been developed to help ensure that every delegate receives the maximum benefits possible as a result of their participation. This code of conduct is applicable to adults as well as student delegates. With that in mind, the following code of conduct has been adopted:

- All individuals participating in the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Conferences will conduct themselves in a respectable and positive manner and present a good and decent reflection of themselves, their school, and their community.
- All participants share equally the responsibility for their actions when violations of the code are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs, shall, by their choice, be considered a participant in the violation. In this program there are no "innocent by-standers."
- Plagiarism of outside sources will not be allowed for any delegates. If evidence of plagiarism exists, delegates can expect to be disciplined by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement. Authors of plagiarized resolutions will be dismissed from the conference.
- Dress code for the conference is business attire. Business attire includes: Suits, dresses, long skirts, blouses or sweaters, blazers, slacks, and appropriate shoes.
- Business attire does NOT include: Jeans, skirts shorter than 1 inch above the knee, strapless or spaghetti strap style tops, bare midriffs, bare backs, sandals, flip-flops, athletic shoes, Converse sneakers, or Birkenstocks.
- Possession and or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs (unless prescribed), tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or pornography by any participant will result in an immediate expulsion from the conference. Any participant who is expelled from the conference will be sent home at his or her own expense. Parents and school administration will be notified of the expulsion as soon as possible, and students should be aware they might also be subject to further disciplinary action by their respective schools with regard to specific school policies. If necessary, the CCE will contact local law enforcement to help handle any situation.
- All delegates are to participate in all scheduled events. This includes the nightly activity.
- No boys allowed in girls' rooms or girls allowed in boys' rooms. Violation of this rule is grounds for expulsion.
- No delegate may leave his or her room after curfew except for an emergency. If you have an emergency you must notify your adult advisor and the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Executive Director.
- Students are not allowed to leave the conference without written permission from school administration.
- No participant may drive or ride in ANY vehicle during the time they are at a CCE conference this includes taxis, Ubers, and friends' vehicles who are not attending the conference.
- Nametags must be worn visibly at all functions.
- No food or drinks shall be permitted in any session.
- Physical, psychological, verbal, nonverbal, written, or cyber bullying is prohibited.
- Social media shall only be used in a positive and encouraging manner. Any participant involved in any way dealing with negative activity toward the CCE program or any participant in the CCE program will be held responsible for the violation and will be disciplined accordingly, up to and including legal action.

- All participants who bring cell phones or other electronic devices to the conference must respect and follow the technology policies of the CCE.
- Drones and any other remote controlled devices are strictly prohibited.
- Noise must be kept to a minimum in all hotel rooms and hallways. YMCA or other conference staff will investigate any complaints waged by other hotel guests.
- ABSOLUTELY no throwing anything over the balconies of the hotel.
- Destruction of personal property, hotel or other property will result in immediate expulsion. Any delegate responsible for damages must make restitution and will be held accountable for any legal actions that follow. Hotel rooms are registered to the conference and are subject to search by the CCE staff at any time. All conference participants, guests, bags and vehicles at the conference are also subject to search by the CCE staff at any time.
- Visitor Policy: If a student under the age of 18 or still in high school wishes to visit a CCE conference, he/she must have a parent/guardian directly contact CCE staff prior to the conference. Any visitor over the age of 18 and no longer in high school must present a valid driver's license to the CCE info desk to receive a visitor's badge. Visitors are only allowed to attend conference sessions. Visitors are not allowed to attend evening social events. Visitors are never permitted in participant hotel rooms.
- Use of the Tennessee State Capitol sound system is prohibited. Tampering with the components of the sound systems (microphones, cords etc) is prohibited. Violation of this regulation is grounds for expulsion.
- Use of the Tennessee State Capitol voting machines is strictly prohibited. No touching or pushing buttons in chamber seats. Violation of this regulation is grounds for expulsion.
- Violation of any conference guidelines may result in dismissal from the conference and or the suspension of your school for the next CCE Conference.
- Violation of any conference guidelines may result in the removal of a student from the conference awards list.
- The YMCA Center for Civic Engagement staff reserves the right to make amendments to the Delegate Code of Conduct at any time.

## WAIVER

We acknowledge that CCE events will be held at different venues and that transportation maybe provided between venues. The transportation will be provided by third parties with whom YMCA will contract or certified YMCA staff. We agree that we will hold YMCA harmless against, and agree not to name YMCA as a defendant in any action arising out of or related to, any injury, harm, damage, loss or expenses of any nature incurred in connection with such transportation activities.

I grant permission for photographs, written/art work, quotes, videos or other media which may include my child, to be used in media releases which benefit the YMCA of Middle Tennessee.

I have read and will adhere to all guidelines:

**Delegate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_



# CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

Throughout the weekend, your conference officers will be asking you, their fellow delegates, to give generously to support the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement scholarship fund.

Donations made at this weekend's conference will go toward the Youth in Government scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to students who couldn't otherwise afford conference fees for Model UN and Youth in Government.

## Why a sustaining campaign?

- **The YMCA Center for Civic Engagement builds strong students, giving them the tools they today to lead our communities tomorrow.**
- **And we don't just build the students who can pay. In an average year, we award more than \$100,000, in scholarships to CCE participants who wouldn't have been able to attend our conferences without financial help.**
- **Tennessee is home to the nation's second largest program of its kind—serving more than 5,500 middle and high school students from across the state at the Model United Nations and Youth in Government conferences.**
- **As the program grows, so does the need for financial assistance. Just think- we now host Middle School conferences in Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Dyersburg!**
- **We want to keep the program affordable, and without a sustaining campaign to help fund our scholarship needs, program fees will continue to rise.**
- **We know the program has meant much to many, and we hope many will give much to help eliminate the financial barriers that some students face.**

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Sponsors: Emma Young, Becca Rando, Graham Walters  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Brentwood High School

**AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TN FAMILY LEAVE ACT TO PROTECT WORKERS IN SMALLER BUSINESSES AND ALLOW ACCESS TO CONTINUED HEALTH BENEFITS**

1 Section 1: Terms in this bill are defined as follows:

2 (a) Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA): provides certain employees

3 with up to 12 workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave a year, and

4 requires group health benefits to be maintained during the leave as if

5 employees continued to work instead of taking leave. To be eligible for

6 FMLA leave, an employee must work for a covered employer and:

7 i. have worked for that employer for at least 12 months; and

8 ii. have worked at least 1,250 hours during the 12 months prior to

9 the start of the FMLA leave; and,

10 iii. work at a location where at least 50 employees are employed at

11 the location or within 75 miles of the location.

12 (b) TN Family Leave Act (TNFLA) : Tennessee Code 4-21-408 mandating

13 that public and private employers must maintain a maternity leave policy

14 that allows female employees 16 weeks of unpaid leave for adoption,

15 pregnancy, childbirth, and nursing of her infant. Eligibility is contingent

16 upon the following conditions:

17 i. The employee must have worked with the employer for the

18 preceding 12 months as a full-time employee.

19 ii. The employee must give at least 3 months' notice, except due to

20 a medical emergency.

21 iii. The law applies to employers with 100 or more employees at the

22 job site or location.

23

24 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will expand on Tennessee Code 4-21-408

25 regarding leave for adoption, pregnancy, childbirth and nursing an infant.

26 It will provide job-protected unpaid family leave to workers in businesses

27 with fewer than 50 employees, amending the current required number of

28 100 employees that leaves workers in smaller businesses vulnerable. It

29 will also guarantee continued health benefits.

30

31 Section 3: Under the FMLA, employers are required to maintain group

32 health benefits during the leave as if employees continued to work which

33 allows for health care during the vulnerable time of childbirth and post-

34 natal care. As the TNFLA does not require this, employers can legally

35 require that full premiums be paid without the health benefit plan

36 otherwise provided.

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38 Section 4: Creating more comprehensive legislation for parental leave is

39 essential in supporting women in the work force, closing the wage gap,

40 and encouraging a healthier community. Noting that women are key

41 breadwinners in nearly two-thirds of families, the state of Tennessee must

42 recognize that adopting fairer policies for women and men is a national

43 imperative, a business imperative and a family imperative.

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45 Section 5: This bill expands health benefits within the state to match what

46 is already guaranteed by the federal government in addition to extending

47 protections for those working in smaller businesses.

48

49 Section 6: This bill will not require any additional funding from the state.

50

51 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

52 repealed.

53

54 Section 8: This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare

55 requiring it.

56



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**Sponsors: Elizabeth Callaway, Riley Graves**  
**Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**An Act to Enforce Regulations of Quality Date on Food Products**

1 BE IT ENACTED IN THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN LEGISLATURE

2  
3 Section I: Terms in this act shall be defined as follow

4 Best By Date: The label affixed to a food product that indicates the date  
5 after which quality and/or taste of said item deteriorates

6 Expiration Date: The label affixed to a food product that indicates the last  
7 date on which a food product can be consumed without risk of subsequent  
8 negative side effects

9 Food Product: Any edible product for general consumption

10 Food Manufacturer: A business that produces and packages food products  
11 before merchandising them to retail food providers

12 Quality Date: A date, including Best By and Expiration Dates, that

13 provides guidance to consumers in regards to the freshness of their food  
14 products

15 Retail Food Provider: An entity that distributes food products to  
16 consumers for profit

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18 Section II: Title 53 of Tennessee Code Annotated is hereby amended by  
19 adding a new Chapter 17, which shall read:

20 No food manufacturer shall sell or offer for sale to the public or a retail  
21 food provider a food product that is not labeled with a quality date in  
22 accordance with the guidelines outlined in Section III after July 1, 2018

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24 Section III: The quality date shall be expressed (a) by the first three  
25 letters of the month followed by the numeral designating the appropriate  
26 calendar day and year or by expressing the calendar month numerically  
27 followed by a numeral designating the calendar day and a numeral  
28 designating the year (b) with the uniform terms of either "best by" or  
29 "expires on" (c) in standard eight point or larger font.

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31 Section IV: Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a legal  
32 liability for a retail food provider to ensure that the manufacturer has  
33 properly labeled the product.

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35 Section V: This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare  
36 requiring it.

37  
38 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
39 repealed.

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**Sponsors:** Sophie Khomtchenko, Sarah Crewse  
**Committee:** Senate - Health & Welfare  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**An Act to Decrease Opioid Overprescription**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section I: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:  
"Opioid" refers to drugs that act on the nervous system to relieve pain, including but not limited to oxycodone (OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), codeine, morphine, and fentanyl.  
"Acute pain" means pain that is the normal, predicted physiological response to a noxious chemical or thermal or mechanical stimulus. "Acute pain" typically is associated with invasive procedures, trauma and disease, and is usually time-limited.  
"Administer" means an action to apply a prescription drug directly to a person by any means by a licensed or certified health care professional acting within that professional's scope of practice. "Administer" does not include the delivery, dispensing or distribution of a prescription drug for later use.

Section II: If enacted this bill will limit the duration of a first-time opioid prescription from 30 days to 7 days for a patient suffering "acute pain."

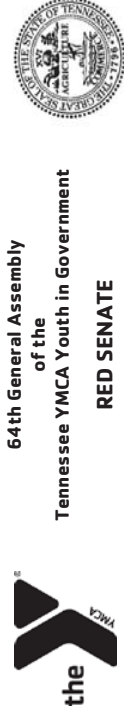
Section III: An individual will be exempt from the limitations on opioid prescription when the medication is being prescribed for: pain associated with active and aftercare cancer treatment, palliative care, end-of-life and hospice care, or medication-assisted treatment for a substance abuse disorder. In addition, the limitations will not apply to prescribers directly ordering or administering opioid medication to a person in an emergency room setting, an inpatient hospital setting, a long-term care facility or a residential care facility.

Section IV: The goal of this change is to decrease instances of opioid addiction following an initial prescription for pain management.

Section V: There will be no cost.

Section VI: This act shall take effect six months after its enactment.

Section VII: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.



**Sponsors:** Katherine Nesbitt, Allie Sheets  
**Committee:** Senate - Health & Welfare  
**School:** Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF DRUGS**

Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows

Pharmacy - A store where medical drugs are dispensed and sold.  
Take-Back Kiosk - A safe, disposal drop-box in which people can place their unwanted drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Drugs that are not taken back are needles, illegal drugs, lotions, inhalers, aerosol cans, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide.  
DEA - Drug Enforcement Administration

Section 2: If enacted, this bill will require all pharmacies in the state of Tennessee to partake in the "safe disposal program" by installing take-back kiosks in which people can dispose of their unused drugs.

Section 3: The burden for the cost of the bins will fall on each pharmacy or pharmaceutical company. Refusal to comply will result in a \$1,000 fine. After one year, if the pharmacy continues to refuse to comply, there will be an additional \$3,000 fine for every year that the company does not comply.

Section 4: All pharmacies are required to follow DEA rules regarding the disposal of drugs. Companies who fail to comply with DEA protocol must continue to pay the annual \$3,000 fine until the DEA confirms that they adhere to the set rules.

Section 5: The fines collected will pay the DEA officers who annually inspect the pharmacies. All remaining money will fund a drug education program at public schools.

Section 6: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.

Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

Section 8: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.





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Sponsors: Maggie Page, Jacob Mohler  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**The Dolly Parton Service Recognition Day Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Community Service shall mean services volunteered by individuals or

6 an organization to benefit a community or its institutions

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8 Section 2: Upon passage of this act, all Tennessee public high school

9 students will participate in a 4-hour Community Service project to honor

10 the philanthropic services provided by Dolly Parton associated with the

11 Gatlinburg Forest Fires of November/ December 2016.

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13 Section 3: The Dolly Parton Community Service Day will be the first

14 Monday of December in recognition of the day that Dolly Parton

15 announced her My People Fund. The services expected from the students

16 will be based on their choice and the service hours will go towards the

17 students 1.5 credit for Physical Education and Wellness.

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19 Section 4: There will be no cost associated with this bill.

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21 Section 5: All laws or parts of law in conflict with this bill are hereby

22 repealed.

23

24 Section 6: When signed into law, this bill will go into effect on August 1,

25 2017.

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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Caleb Durham, James Hewitt  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**An Act to Require Prison Inmates to Pay Child Support While Incarcerated**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Minor: person under the age of eighteen

6 b) Prison Labor Contract: an agreement between an employer and an

7 organization to fill the employer's labor force

8 c) Child Support: payment made for the care of one's minor child

9 d) Specified Manufacturing Companies: those manufacturing companies

10 that agree to participate in this program

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12 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will require any prison inmate with children,

13 whom they were legally required to support prior to their imprisonment,

14 to be employed by specified manufacturing companies through a prison

15 labor contract.

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17 Section 3: These manufacturing companies will be required to pay these

18 employed prisoners at least minimum wage.

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20 Section 4: A portion of the inmate's salary will be used to pay their

21 obligation of support for a minor child.

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23 Section 5: This act shall cost the state of Tennessee nothing.

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25 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

26 repealed.

27

28 Section 7: This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the general welfare

29 requiring it.

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Sponsors: J. Michael Carpenter,  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1: All terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 1. isolated confinement: a form of imprisonment in which an inmate is  
5 isolated from any human contact.

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7 Section 2: The use of isolated confinement in correctional facilities in this  
8 State shall be restricted as follows:

9 (1) An inmate shall not be placed in isolated confinement unless there is  
10 reasonable cause to believe that the inmate would create a substantial  
11 risk of immediate serious harm to himself or another, and a less  
12 restrictive intervention would not be insufficient to reduce this risk.

13 (2) Each correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the state or a  
14 political subdivision of the state shall bear the burden of establishing this  
15 standard.

16 (3) An inmate shall not be placed in isolated confinement for non-  
17 disciplinary reasons except for the following:

18 a. The inmate has been diagnosed with a communicable disease by a  
19 licensed physician;

20 b. The life of the inmate is in imminent danger.

21 (4) An inmate shall not be placed in isolated confinement before receiving  
22 a personal and comprehensive medical and mental health examination  
23 conducted by a clinician.

24 (5) A clinician shall evaluate each inmate placed in isolated confinement  
25 on a daily basis to determine the mental and emotional state of the  
26 inmate.

27 (6) An inmate shall not be placed in isolated confinement for more than  
28 10 consecutive days, or for more than 20 days during any 60-day period.

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30 Section 3: Any penal facility under the jurisdiction of the state or political  
31 subdivision of the state found to be in violation of this act shall be subject  
32 to the following penalties:

33 (1) A facility operated by a private vendor under contract with the state  
34 shall be fined \$5000 per offense per day for everyday the facility is non-  
35 compliant. Repeated violations may result in the termination of the  
36 contract by the state.

37 (2) A facility operated by the state found to be in violation of this act shall  
38 have all responsible staff disciplined including the possibility of  
39 termination and the replacement of the facility administrator.

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41 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
42 repealed.

43  
44 Section 5: This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare  
45 requiring it.  
46



**Sponsors:** Matthew Conlan, Cameron Bergert  
**Committee:** Senate - Health & Welfare  
**School:** Centennial High School

**Resolution to reform/restrict food stamp usage**

- 1 Our law would make those who are reliant on food stamps, or use EBT
- 2 unable to use taxpayer dollars on soda and candy.
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- 4 Currently you can use food stamps to purchase soda and candy
- 5
- 6 Our bill would focus on the reformation of the welfare system. When this
- 7 bill comes into effect those reliant on food stamps will be unable to use
- 8 those foods stamps on soda, candy, and other goods that do not provide
- 9 substantial support to the quality of one's life.
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- 11 Ideally this bill will go into effect August 1st, 2017
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**Sponsors:** Hanna Seiters, Adele Brothers, Cassie Baldwin  
**Committee:** Senate - Health & Welfare  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**AN ACT TO BAN EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM USED FOR DISPOSABLE FOOD CONTAINERS IN COMMERCIAL SETTINGS**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
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- 3 **SECTION I:** Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 4 a) Styrofoam: A trade name of a polystyrene foam product
- 5 b) Extruded Polystyrene Foam: commonly known as Styrofoam
- 6 c) Polystyrene: A rigid, clear thermoplastic polymer of styrene that can be
- 7 molded into objects or made into a foam that is used as thermal
- 8 insulation
- 9
- 10 **SECTION II:** Extruded polystyrene foam products, more commonly known
- 11 as styrofoam, shall not be used in the form of disposable food containers
- 12 in restaurants, grocery stores, and other vendors. This excludes extruded
- 13 polystyrene foam products that do not function for dispensing food.
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- 15 **SECTION III:** This will act as a primary law.
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- 17 **SECTION IV:** Violation of this law results in an annual fine of double the
- 18 amount spent on purchasing extruded polystyrene products.
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- 20 **SECTION V:** This bill requires no funding from the Tennessee government.
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- 22 **SECTION VI:** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 23 repealed.
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- 25 **SECTION VII:** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.
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Sponsors: Rachel Cohen, Emma Brugman, Channing Cole  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE TENNESSEE MATERNITY LEAVE ACT**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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3 SECTION 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be

4 defined as followed:

5 a)Maternity leave- a temporary period of absence from employment granted to

6 expectant or new mothers during the months immediately before and after childbirth.

7 b)Infancy- the period of growth and development of the child from about the fourth

8 week through the second year of life.

9 c) The Tennessee Maternity Leave Act- Employees who have been employed by the

10 same employer for at least twelve consecutive months as full-time employees, as

11 determined by the employer at the job site or location, may be absent from such

12 employment for a period not to exceed four months for adoption, pregnancy,

13 childbirth and nursing an infant

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15 SECTION 2: An adult in custody of a child under the age of three will be supplied with

16 eight months of maternity leave. These provided eight months can be used for

17 adoption, pregnancy, childbirth, and care of a newborn.

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19 SECTION 3: Payment regarding individual employees is left to the discretion of the

20 employer.

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22 SECTION 4: This leave is available for both men and women.

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24 SECTION 5: This broadens The Tennessee Maternity Leave Act, which allows certain

25 employees four months of leave.

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27 SECTION 6: This is only a portion of a child's infancy, but is still an increase from the

28 act currently in place.

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30 SECTION 7: This act will not require funding from the state budget.

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32 SECTION 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

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34 SECTION 9: This amendment shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.



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Sponsors: Amanda Davidson, Emily Mckenzie  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act To Better The Quality Of Produce In Grocery Stores**

1 Section 1- Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government

2 that the produce in grocery stores are in better condition and healthier.

3

4 Section 2- Terms in this act are defined as:

5 A) Benefit: something that produces good or helpful results

6 B) Better: greater than half

7 C) Bruised: to inflict an injury involving a rupture of cells

8 D) Cause: a reason for action or condition

9 E) Companies: associations of persons

10 F) Condition: a premise on which the fulfillment of the agreement

11 depends

12 G) Consumer: one that utilizes economic goods

13 H) Grocery: the food and supplies sold in a store

14 I) Feed: to be given food

15 J) Fresh: having its originals qualities unimpaired

16 K) Produce: agricultural products specifically fruits or vegetables and

17 other crops

18 L) Quality: peculiar and essential character

19 M) Result: to proceed or arise as an effect or conclusion

20 N) Rotten: of poor quality

21 I) Soil: firm soil

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23 Section 3- Benefits

24 A) Grocery Stores- Must give away all produce that is unsold within two

25 to three days to food shelters or those too poor to afford meals.

26 B) Food Shelters- This will affect food shelters by allowing them more

27 fruits and vegetables to feed those who cannot provide meals for

28 themselves.

29 C) Customers- The customers will be given fresher produce and better

30 quality fruits and vegetables.

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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Nicholas Dikhtyar, Smith Collins, Nolan Rittiner  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ALLOW SALES OF WINE IN GROCERY STORES ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be as follows:

- a) Wine: an alcoholic drink made from fermented grape juice.
- b) Grocery Store: a store that sells food and small household goods.

Section 2: If enacted, this bill will allow grocery stores across the state of Tennessee to sell wine in grocery stores after 12:00 PM on Sundays.

Section 3: Grocery stores will also be able to sell wine all-day on non-religious holidays, and past 12:00 PM on religious holidays.

Section 4: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.

Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6: This act shall take effect on June 1, 2017.

32 Section 4- The grocery store must give away all unsold produce to either  
33 Food Shelters and or those who cannot afford to eat after every three  
34 days. Each day there must be produce inspections of each item and each  
35 item that is beginning to bruise will be given away and each fruit or  
36 vegetable that is already rotten will be thrown away immediately. Fruit or  
37 vegetables in the process of rotting may be given to farm houses for soil.  
38

39 Section 5- For every 7 days a grocery store does not comply with these  
40 regulations after 2 months of this bill coming into effect, a fine of 50  
41 dollars is required to be payed to the state. After every one month the  
42 fine is still not paid, it will be doubled. After six months of fines not being  
43 paid, the store will be thoroughly inspected and questioned as to why  
44 they are not complying with the new Bill. After one year of fines not being  
45 paid, the store will then be shut down by the government.  
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47 Section 6- Weekly inspections will be made at random. If any rotten fruit  
48 is found then the store will be fined five dollars for each rotten item.  
49

50 Section 7- This will not cost the state any capital, but will actually benefit  
51 the state due to better health and more consumer products being sold.  
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53 Section 8- All laws or parts of laws that are in conflict with this are hereby  
54 repealed.  
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Sponsors: Lauren Shepard, Emily Gwydir  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO REVISE TENNESSEE LAW NO. 2552 PRESCRIPTION SAFETY**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be

4 defined as follows:

5 A) Opioid: drugs that act on the nervous system to relieve pain. Continued use

6 and abuse can lead to physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms.

7 B) SB 2552: requires all doctors who prescribe painkillers to register with state

8 and enter all prescriptions for opioids such as Vicodin, OxyContin or Percocet into

9 the database.

10 C) Non-opioid Drugs: non-addictive prescription drugs that inhibit the production

11 of pain-producing substances in body cells.

12 D) Paracetamol: also known as acetaminophen or APAP, is a medication used to

13 treat pain and fever.

14 E) Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS): a class of analgesic

15 medication that reduces pain, fever and inflammation.

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17 Section 2: This act will revise Tennessee's Prescription Safety Act and amend it to

18 require doctors to access a patient's legal background history in search of past

19 drug abuse and therefore make it illegal to prescribe them addictive painkillers as

20 an initial solution.

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22 Section 3: Research shows that painkiller overdoses killed more than 18,893

23 people in Tennessee in 2014, which is a greater statistic than the number of

24 deaths caused by car accidents in Tennessee that same year. This puts

25 Tennessee at one of the highest opioid addiction and overdose rates in the

26 nation. Health care professionals in Tennessee wrote the second highest amount

27 of opioid prescriptions per capita with a total of more than 7.8 million opioid

28 prescriptions- which is much greater than Tennessee's overall population. This

29 immense number of prescriptions puts the state of Tennessee second in the

30 nation for yearly drug prescriptions, with Alabama as the frontrunner. Although

31 this number has greatly decreased since 2013 when there were over 8.5 million

32 total prescriptions, our state remains one of the leaders for prescribing potentially

33 dangerous and addictive drugs. While measures such as the Prescription Safety

34 Act being put into place to help curb these figures, more has to be done. By

35 allowing patients with a history of drug abuse to receive addictive narcotics, this

36 law makes it possible for drug addicts to relapse and fall back into the harmful

37 patterns of drug abuse.

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39 Section 4: .Presently, the Prescription Safety Act provides for a controlled

40 substance database, which allows doctors to view if a patient is asking for an

41 opioid drug from a different doctor and/or health establishment at the same time.

42 This prevents people with the intentions of selling or distributing the illegally to

43 get their hands on them through the medical system. However, for patients that

44 don't plan to distribute the drugs illegally but struggle or have struggled with

45 personal drug abuse in the past, simply one prescription of an addictive drug has

46 a high risk of causing a patient to relapse. This means the problem is that there

47 are many people still at risk of overdosing just from being regularly prescribed

48 opioid drugs. It is easy for patients with past history of drug abuse habits to be

49 prescribed with addictive painkillers that could potentially cause a patient to

50 relapse and fall back into the dangerous habit of drug usage. Doctors and health

51 practitioners in the state of Tennessee need to concentrate on finding other paths

52 that avoid making addictive painkillers the first choice.

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54 Section 5: By amending the Prescription Safety Act, the state of Tennessee will

55 require health professionals to reference a patient's medical and legal background

56 history in order to make an educated decision on which type of painkiller should

57 be administered to the patient. If background history shows past usage of drugs,

58 admittance into rehabilitation due to drugs, or any other narcotic related issues,

59 then the medical practitioner will be required to issue a non addictive painkiller

60 that will not cause issues of relapse or addiction for the patient, such as

61 paracetamol and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS). However, pain

62 treatment must be individualized for each patient, therefore different painkillers

63 will have different physical effects on each patient. If a doctor reports that certain

64 administered painkillers given to a patient have proven to be ineffective and all

65 other methods of painkillers have been exhausted, then the medical practitioner

66 will be permitted to issue standard prescription painkillers such as opioid drugs to

67 a patient- only as a last resort. This Act only affects medical patients who have a

68 history of drug abuse and in no way inhibits access to patients that require pain

69 medication and do not have a suspicious and proven history of narcotic abuse. By

70 allowing health practitioners to individualize the prescriptions for each patient

71 based upon past difficulties with drugs and narcotics, the state of Tennessee will

72 greatly lower the number of painkiller overdose fatalities and therefore save the

73 lives of many.

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75 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

76 Section 7: This act shall take effect at the end of the year following passage, the

77 public welfare requiring it.

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Sponsors: William Robertson, George Hamilton, Harry Stafford  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE BALANCE OF WAGES**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1: The terms in this act shall be defined as:

4 a) Minimum Wage: the lowest wage permitted by law or by a special

5 agreement (such as one with a labor union).

6 b) Income: money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or

7 through investments.

8 c) American Community Survey: An ongoing survey that provides vital

9 information on a yearly basis about the U.S. and its people. Information from

10 the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in

11 federal and state funds are distributed each year.

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13 Section 2: If enacted, this bill would regulate the minimum wage to maintain

14 the balance of the statewide economy. To maintain this balance, a ratio of

15 the current figure of \$7.25 compared to \$47,275 which is the household

16 income of Tennessee would be applied to set the value of minimum wage

17 every 10 years. By enacting this policy, the current stable structure of our

18 economy would be preserved while adjusting for the differences in the value

19 of money due to inflation.

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21 Section 3: The Tennessee Department of Labor will determine a new

22 minimum wage by assessing the American Community Survey (ACS) that is

23 released every 5 years.

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25 Section 4: If Tennessee experiences any sort of financial collapse in which

26 the state minimum wage is lower than the federal minimum wage, then this

27 bill is considered to be void in that situation.

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29 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

30 repealed.

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32 Section 6: This bill will not cost the state any extra funds.

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34 Section 7: This bill, if enacted, will go into effect on July 1, 2017.



Sponsors: Abbie Faber, Sarah Ferguson  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Decriminalize Substance Abuse by Offering Drug  
Rehabilitation for Nonviolent Offenders**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

3 shall be defined as follows:

4 a. Nonviolent Crime: crimes that do not involve the use of any force or injury

5 to another person, such as used or possession of illegal substances.

6 b. Drug Rehabilitation: the process of medical or psychotherapeutic

7 treatment for dependency on psychoactive substances.

8 c. Substance Abuse: dependence on an addictive and typically illegal

9 substance.

10 d. State-Funded Rehabilitation: State funds that are allocated to the support

11 of recovering drug addicts and alcoholics.

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13 Section 2: Each of the fifty state-funded rehabilitation centers in Tennessee

14 will offer drug rehabilitation to nonviolent crime offenders at no cost to the

15 offenders.

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17 Section 3: This rehabilitation will include inpatient and outpatient care,

18 halfway homes, partial hospitalization, and residential care.

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20 Section 4: Any inmates in the state of Tennessee already convicted of

21 nonviolent crimes who agree to participate in drug rehabilitation will be

22 immediately moved to such state funded rehabilitation centers.

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24 Section 5: Inmates who do not wish to participate in or do not qualify for

25 drug rehabilitation will serve the remainder of his or her sentence before

26 release.

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28 Section 6: This act will be funded by the Tennessee Department of Mental

29 Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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31 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

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33 Section 8: This act will take effect immediately following passage.



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Sponsors: Azeem Husain, Nilai Sheth  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO INSTATE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND CENTERS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be

4 defined as follows:

5 A) NSEP: Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs/Centers that is a social service

6 that allows injecting drug users to obtain hypodermic needles and associated

7 articles at little or no cost.

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9 Section 2: This act calls for the state funded construction of two additional Needle

10 and Syringe Exchange Centers to the one already in place in Nashville. This act also

11 calls for the funding of these three centers for four years to maintain. The NSEP

12 center currently positioned in Nashville will continue its coverage of middle

13 Tennessee. The two new centers will be placed in Knoxville and Memphis, which

14 evenly spreads the centers across the rolling hills and vast valleys of Tennessee.

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16 Section 3: This bill will add this text to TN Code Annotated 33-2- 4. Given that

17 Tennessee has an increasing drug problem, which could lead to increases in

18 diseases and public safety concerns, the bill pronounced will help prevent the

19 spreading of these societal issues.

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21 Section 4: These centers will provide drug users with clean syringes and needles to

22 help decrease the spread of blood borne diseases. This act is not encouraging drug

23 users, but rather giving them an option to use inexpensive, clean syringes and

24 needles to prevent contractions of deadly diseases such as HIV.

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26 Section 5: This bill will have a cost of \$400,000 per year for four years in order to

27 create and maintain the Needle and Syringe Exchange Centers. The funding needed

28 for this act will come from the state funding from the Health and Social Service

29 Department.

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31 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

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33 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public

34 welfare requiring it.



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Sponsors: Connor Leofsky, Jake Bengelsdorf  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Decrease Potential Danger with the Restriction of  
Buying Medical Equipment**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 a) Potentially dangerous medical equipment: Including but not limited to lasers,

5 toxic injectables, surgical fat removal equipment, etc.

6 b) Unskilled Professionals: Workers without formal training regarding the

7 equipment they buy.

8 c) Skilled Professionals: Workers with formal training regarding the equipment

9 they buy.

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11 Section 2: This act will require, to buy potentially dangerous medical

12 equipment, a medical PHD or formal training pertaining to the equipment being

13 purchased. In addition, if medical equipment was purchased by said person,

14 they must be in the office during procedures to intervene if an accident occurs.

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16 Section 3: The sale of potentially dangerous medical equipment to unskilled

17 professionals has resulted in physical accidents and injuries. In addition, doctors

18 with non medical and medical PHDs can buy potentially dangerous medical

19 equipment and sell it to unqualified professionals for a profit. In addition,

20 doctors will buy medical equipment for their employees and leave the premise,

21 leaving no one to intervene during a preventable accident.

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23 Section 4: If the doctor or trained professional is not on the premise during

24 potentially dangerous activities, their medical license and/or privileges would be

25 revoked. If a doctor or trained medical professional sold equipment to untrained

26 workers, their medical license and/or privileges would be revoked as well.

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28 Section 5: This act will not require funding from the state budget.

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30 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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32 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law.





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Sponsors: Margaret Stevens, William McGowan  
Committee: Senate - Commerce and Labor  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**A Bill to Repeal the Pink Tax in Tennessee**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Consumer products: Merchandise or other item of common or daily

6 use, ordinarily bought by individuals or households for private

7 consumption.

8 b) Services: Intangible products such as accounting, banking, cleaning,

9 consultancy, education, insurance, expertise, medical treatment, or

10 transportation. Sometimes services are difficult to identify because they

11 are closely associated with a good, such as the combination of a diagnosis

12 with the administration of a medicine. No transfer of possession or

13 ownership takes place when services are sold.

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15 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will prohibit the sale of similar services or

16 consumer products from the same manufacturer that are priced

17 differently based on the gender of the individuals for whom the products

18 are intended or for whom the services are offered.

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20 Section 3: A difference in coloring among consumer products shall not be

21 construed as a substantial difference.

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23 Section 4: This act shall cost the state of Tennessee nothing.

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25 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

26 repealed.

27

28 Section 6: This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the general welfare

29 requiring it.

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Sponsors: Sophia Badalian, Grayson Cox, Meghan Kazee  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act To Implement Automatic Organ Donor Status**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 -Organ donor: an individual whose body or part is the subject of an

6 anatomical gift

7 -Opt-in system: a system in which an adult legally certifies that they wish

8 to participate

9 -Opt-out system: a system in which an adult legally certifies that they

10 wish to not participate

11 -Organ registry: means a database that contains records of anatomical

12 gifts

13 -Anatomical gift: a donation of all or part of a human body to take effect

14 after the donor's death for the purpose of transplantation, therapy,

15 research, or education

16 -Disinterested witness: a witness other than the spouse, child, parent,

17 sibling, grandchild, grandparent, or guardian of a prospective donor or of

18 an individual who refuses to make an anatomical gift, or another adult

19 who exhibited special care and concern for the prospective donor or

20 individual. The term does not include a potential recipient of the

21 anatomical gift.

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23 Section 2: The State of Tennessee hereby declares the organ donor

24 registry program an opt-out deregistration process as opposed to an opt-

25 in certification process

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27 Section 3: If a citizen in the State of Tennessee wishes to not participate

28 in giving an anatomical gift, he may opt out:

29 -By authorizing a statement or symbol indicating that the donor wishes

30 to not make an anatomical gift to be imprinted on the citizen's driver

31 license;



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Sponsors: Esmeralda Nava, Lilah Affierbaugh, Aili Johnson  
Committee: Senate - Health & Welfare  
School: Smyrna High School

An Act to Raise the Legal Age to Possess Tobacco to 21 Years of Age

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

a) Tobacco- a preparation of the nicotine-rich leaves of an American plant, which are cured by a process of drying and fermentation for smoking or chewing.

b) Tobacco Product: Cigarettes and other forms of tobacco—including cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco—which contain the addictive drug nicotine.

c) Nicotine- a toxic colorless or yellowish oily liquid that is the chief active constituent of tobacco. It acts as a stimulant in small doses, but in larger amounts blocks the action of autonomic nerve and skeletal muscle cells.

Section 2: Given that the current smoking age in Tennessee currently stands at 18 years of age and that the brain is not fully developed at this point in their lives, this acts requires a revision to TCA 39-17-1505 in regards to the legal age to purchase and possess tobacco and tobacco products be raised to 21 years of age.

Section 3: Would modify sections A, F, and G of TCA 39-17-1505 to adjust the age of purchase and possession from 18 up to 21. All other sections in previously stated TCA will stay unchanged.

Section 4: The passing of this bill will require no extra funding.

Section 5: This act will take effect on July 2017, public welfare requiring it.

32 -In a will, any living will, durable power of attorney for healthcare or  
33 other instrument, signed by the individual complying with living wills  
34 under Tennessee Code title 32, chapter 11 with durable powers of  
35 attorney for health care under title 34, chapter 6, part 2, or advance  
36 directives under chapter 11, 27 part 18 of this title;

37 -During a terminal illness or injury of the donor, by any form of  
38 communication addressed to at least two (2) adults, at least one (1) of  
39 whom is a disinterested witness; or  
40 -As provided in Section 4;

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42 Section 4: A donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift  
43 under § 68-30-104 may -make a gift by a donor card or other record  
44 signed by the donor or other person making the gift, or -by authorizing  
45 that a statement or symbol indicating that the donor has made an  
46 anatomical gift be included on a donor registry.

47 If the donor or other person is physically unable to sign a record, the  
48 record may be signed by another individual at the direction of the donor  
49 or other person and shall:

50 -Be witnessed by at least two (2) adults, at least one (1) of whom is a  
51 disinterested witness, who have signed at the request of the donor or the  
52 other person; and

53 -State that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in subdivision  
54 (b)(1).

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56 Section 5: Revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of a driver  
57 license or identification card upon which an anatomical gift is indicated  
58 does not invalidate the gift or choice to not donate.

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60 Section 6: An opt out made by will takes effect upon the donor's death  
61 whether or not the will is probated. Invalidation of the will after the  
62 donor's death does not invalidate the gift.

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64 Section 7: Any persons who have made the choice to not take part in an  
65 anatomical gift prior to January 1, 2018 will not be affected.

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67 Section 8: This will have no fiscal impact to the State of Tennessee.

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69 Section 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
70 repealed.

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72 Section 10: Be it enacted on January 1, 2018.

**TENNESSEE YMCA  
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**



**SENATE  
COMMITTEE 2**

**Alan Liu**



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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Clara Miller, Grace Miller  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO ENSURE SAFE DRIVING**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5 a) Recent: within the last calendar year
- 6 b) In-person renewals: allow licensing officials to look for signs of health
- 7 conditions that could affect driving ability at their discretion before renewing
- 8 license

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10 Section 2) Starting at age 65, within six months of their 65th birthday,  
11 drivers must renew their license every five years in person, no longer by mail

12 or online and get a vision test or present proof of a recent vision exam.

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14 Section 3) Drivers found in violation of this law will have their license  
15 revoked for the following year, any subsequent violations will allow the  
16 license to be revoked for up to 5 years at a Judge's discretion

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18 Section 4) If licensing officials determine there's a problem with vision,  
19 dexterity, or any other necessary driving skills during the in-person renewal,  
20 they may revoke the license or add restrictions such as driving only within 15  
21 miles of home or only during daylight for example at the official's discretion

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23 Section 5) Drivers over 60 may continue to be issued non photo licenses at a  
24 reduced renewal fee every cycle.

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26 Section 6) This act will not require funding from the state budget.

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28 Section 7) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
29 repealed.

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31 Section 8) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and drivers  
32 must comply with guidelines by June 30, 2017.

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Sponsors: Sudeep Ghantasala, Davis Deaton  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Ravenwood High School

**An Act to Connect I-24 to I-24 from 34°59'30"N, 85°28'30"W to  
34°59'30"N, 85°24'00"W**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: The Tennessee Department of Transportation will henceforth  
4 be tasked with building a 6-lane Interstate Highway connecting I-24 to I-  
5 24 from approximately 34°59'30"N, 85°28'30"W to 34°59'30"N,  
6 85°24'00"W, a distance of approximately 4.25 miles. This road will  
7 remove the necessity of crossing into Georgia when entering Chattanooga  
8 using I-24, quelling the difficulties that Interstate Transit provides with  
9 goods and weapons trafficking.

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11 Section 2: The road will be denominated State Route 478, Farmsville  
12 Road.

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14 Section 3: At approximately \$7 million per mile, as estimated by The  
15 American Road & Transportation Builders Association, the total cost of  
16 Farmsville Road will be approximately \$30 million. The construction will  
17 take place across 3 years resulting in a cost of \$10 million per year. The  
18 Tennessee State Government already owns the land in question, so no  
19 eminent domain will be required. As a result of the positive feedback loop  
20 of government spending, Farmsville Road will provide \$30 million worth of  
21 jobs and consequently \$1.5 million in sales taxes during each of the 3  
22 years of construction.

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24 Section 4: The Tennessee Department of Transportation will begin  
25 planning of this road immediately upon the enactment of this bill, and  
26 commencement of construction should be expected in the Summer of  
27 2018.

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29 Section 5: Farmsville Road may not enter Georgia and must connect I-24  
30 to I-24, providing an easier in-state route to and from Chattanooga.  
31 Further, since Farmsville Road will encircle a chunk of forest with road,



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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Michael Burnside, Brett Cranston  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Allow Permanent Tennessee Residents Over the Age of 18 to Attain Concealed Carry Permits**

Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

- Concealed Handgun Carry Permit: A legally obtained license that allows a qualifying person to carry a concealed handgun in most public areas (excluding some parks, private businesses, government buildings, transportation buildings, etc.)
- Qualifications: Applicant shall submit proof of the successful completion of a department approved Handgun Safety Course within the past twelve (12) months. Provide CERTIFIED PROOF of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency. Submit application at any full-service Driver License Service Center location. Applicant is required to present a photo ID to the department at the time of filing the application. Pay non-refundable application fee payable by cash, certified check, or money order. When the application is processed at the driver services center, the applicant will be given instructions on being fingerprinted.
- Concealed Weapon: Concealed weapons are weapons, especially handguns, which are kept hidden on one's person, or under one's control. Carrying a concealed weapon is illegal in most states unless the party with the weapon is a law enforcement officer or has a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

Section 2: This act allows for the attainment of a Concealed Handgun Carry Permit for qualifying 18 year-olds in the State of Tennessee. The age threshold is lowered from 21.

Section 3: All applicants will have to undergo a mandatory state certified handgun safety class and F.B.I. background check. These requirements are uniform with the current concealed carry permit requirements for citizens over 21.

the Tennessee Department of Transportation Planning Committee must account for a system allowing wildlife to move either over or under the road. The medium of transit will ultimately be left up to the planning committee; however, an underpass or mechanical projection would both be acceptable solutions for the transportation of local fauna, both domesticated and undomesticated.

Section 6: This act will not require the appropriations of any funds from the 2017 state budget. The planning will be funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation's \$23 million planning budget, and the construction in subsequent years will be funded with the department's almost \$1.9 billion total budget. The department's budget is extremely fluid, so an extra \$10 million can be drawn from the budget during the years of construction with little issue. If, in some foreseeable or mistakenly unforeseeable circumstance, the funds cannot be acquired, bonds may be issued and increased federal grants should be requested, although that is a matter for the budgets of those years and thus is out of the scope of this act.

Section 8: Construction shall be completed no later than January 1st of 2021.

Section 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section 10: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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30 Section 4: If enacted, this bill will have no yearly cost for the Tennessee  
31 State Government, and will actually generate revenue through licensing  
32 fees.  
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34 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
35 repealed, yet the general laws relating to Concealed Carry Permit usage  
36 remain intact.  
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38 Section 6: This act will take effect July 1st, 2017 upon passage into a law.  
39 The time will be needed to change the registration system between  
40 passage.  
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**RED SENATE**



**Sponsors: Miura Rempis, Jillian Donoho**  
**Committee: Senate - State & Local Government**  
**School: Gallatin High School**

**AN ACT TO REPEAL TCA § 68-3-203(d)**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YOUTH LEGISLATURE

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3 Section 1: TCA § 68-3-203(d) states: The sex of an individual will not be  
4 changed on their original certificate of birth as a result of a gender  
5 reassignment surgery.  
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7 Section 2: The verbiage used in this bill is defined as follows:  
8 Gender Reassignment Surgery- Surgical treatment to alter the external  
9 appearance in the direction of the opposite sex.  
10 Gender Reassignment Hormone Therapy- form of hormone therapy and  
11 sex reassignment therapy that is used to change the secondary sexual  
12 characteristics of transgender and transsexual people from masculine (or  
13 androgynous) to feminine and vice versa.  
14 Transgender- denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity does  
15 not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female  
16 gender.  
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18 Section 3: This bill will repeal TCA § 68-3-203(d) which forbids the  
19 change of gender on a birth certificate for an individual who has  
20 undergone a gender reassignment surgery. A new subsection will be  
21 added to read: The sex of an individual will be amended on the their  
22 original birth certificate as a result of gender reassignment treatment. A  
23 new one will not be issued. The amendment will be made following either  
24 one (1) year of consecutive gender reassignment hormone therapy or  
25 the performance of a gender reassignment surgery.  
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27 Section 4: This bill does not interfere with any pre-existing laws excluding  
28 the TCA code it repeals, and will not affect any private or public  
29 institutions' guidelines concerning transgender individuals in those  
30 environments.  
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32 Section 5: All amendments will be made through the Tennessee  
33 Department of Health and Department of Social Security. All costs will be  
34 covered by the person(s) applying for the amendment and will result in  
35 no cost to the state of Tennessee.

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37 Section 6: Any cost incurred by the state as a result of this act will be  
38 minimal and be paid for out of the current department budgets.

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40 Section 7: All laws and portions of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
41 repealed.

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43 Section 8: Upon passage into law, this will take effect on January 1, 2018,  
44 the public welfare requiring it.  
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**RED SENATE**



**Sponsors: Joeleen Hubbard, Reilly Chisholm**  
**Committee: Senate - Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**School: West High School**

**AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A TAX ON THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN  
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:

5 A) Tax: a compulsory contribution to state revenue, levied by the  
6 government on workers' income and business profits or added to the cost  
7 of some goods, services, and transactions.

8 B) Plastic Bag: a type of container made of thin, flexible, plastic film, non-  
9 woven fabric, or plastic textile. Used for containing and transporting  
10 goods such as foods, produce, powders, ice, magazines, chemicals, and  
11 waste.

12 C) Reusable Bag: a type of shopping bag which can be reused many  
13 times. It is an alternative to single-use paper or plastic bags.

14 D) Litter: a form of pollution in which different waste products such as  
15 containers, papers, plastic, and wrappers are disposed onto streets,  
16 countryside and remote places.

17 E) Pollution: the presence in or introduction into the environment of a  
18 substance or thing that has harmful or poisonous effects.

19 F) Retail Establishment: a place of commerce with the intention of profit.  
20

21 Section 2: This act will impose a tax of \$.05 per plastic bag taken from a  
22 retail establishment, incentivizing the use of reusable bags and  
23 decreasing the use of plastic bags.  
24

25 Section 3: This act will require all retail establishments to indicate the  
26 number of disposable carryout bags provided and the total amount of fee  
27 charges on the consumer transaction receipt.  
28

29 Section 4: This act will allow people to easily avoid the tax by reusing  
30 bags or turning down the option to use a bag provided by the retail





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RED SENATE



**Sponsors: Willis Yarbrough, Matt Moring**  
**Committee: Senate - State & Local Government**  
**School: Evangelical Christian School**

**Revitalization of Communities**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5 a) Urban: a thickly populated area, usually smaller than a city and larger
- 6 than a village, having fixed boundaries and certain local powers of
- 7 government.
- 8 b) Civic Engagement: individual and collective actions designed to identify
- 9 and address issues of public concern". It can be defined as citizens
- 10 working together to make a change or difference in the community.
- 11 c) Beautification Program: To make an area beautiful so that the
- 12 community can have pride in it.
- 13 d) Urban agriculture: Urban agriculture, urban farming or urban
- 14 gardening is the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing food
- 15 in or around a village, town, or city
- 16

17 Section 2: This bill will provide for the creation of urban-based civic  
18 engagement programs designed specifically for inner city youth and will  
19 include programs such as vacant lot beautification and urban agriculture  
20 initiatives.

21 Section 3: Funding for this bill will come from government grants and  
22 donations from private corporations.

23 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
24 repealed.

25 Section 5: This act shall take effect June 1, 2017 the public welfare  
26 requiring it.  
27  
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31 establishment. This will assist in reducing plastic bag waste and litter  
32 throughout the state of Tennessee.

33  
34 Section 5: This act will allow the retail establishments to retain \$.01 of  
35 each \$.05 collected. The remaining of each fee collected shall be paid to  
36 the Office of Tax and Revenue.

37  
38 Section 6: This act will not require any funding from the state budget.

39  
40 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
41 repealed.

42  
43 Section 8: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.  
44





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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Anna Hall, Olivia Bailey  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be
- 2 defined as follows:
- 3 a) Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV): any motor vehicle that can be recharged from
- 4 an external source of electricity, such as wall sockets, and the electricity stored
- 5 in the rechargeable battery packs drives or contributes to drive the wheels.
- 6 b) Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV): a type of hybrid vehicle and electric vehicle
- 7 that combines a conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) propulsion
- 8 system with an electric propulsion system (hybrid vehicle drivetrain).
- 9 c) Registration fee: \$21.50 per year per registered vehicle.
- 10 d) Gas tax: 21.4 cents per gallon.
- 11
- 12 Section 2: This act will require owners of PEVs to pay an annual fee of \$140
- 13 which includes the cost of their annual registration fee, making the fee for a PEV
- 14 \$118.50, or approximately what the average Tennessean pays in gas tax each
- 15 year.
- 16
- 17 Section 3: This act will require owners of HEVs to pay an annual fee of \$70
- 18 which includes the cost of their annual registration fee, making the fee for an
- 19 HEV \$48.50, or approximately half of what the average Tennessean pays in gas
- 20 tax each year.
- 21
- 22 Section 4: This act will increase the revenue made off of PEVs alone by
- 23 \$325,940 annually.
- 24
- 25 Section 5: This act will not come at any additional cost to the State of
- 26 Tennessee, as PEV and HEV owners will simply pay the new fee at the time of
- 27 their annual tag renewal.
- 28
- 29 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
- 30
- 31 Section 7: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.



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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Ellie Thompson, Sarah Dillender  
Committee: Senate - Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act To Prevent Riparian Habitat Degradation**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
- 2
- 3 Section I: Terms in this act will be used as follows:
- 4 Biodiversity: the variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or
- 5 ecosystem.
- 6 Drain water: surface and sub-surface water from an area.
- 7 Ecosystem: a biological community of interacting organisms and their
- 8 physical environment.
- 9 Water treatment: any process that makes water more acceptable for a
- 10 specific end use. The end use may be drinking, industrial water supply,
- 11 irrigation, river flow maintenance, water recreation or many other uses,
- 12 including being safely returned to the environment.
- 13
- 14 Section II: Currently, drain water/runoff goes directly from contaminated
- 15 streets into the Tennessee rivers and bodies of water via storm drains.
- 16 This water does not undergo water sanitation and is thus equally
- 17 contaminated as the streets that it runs off of. This poses a danger to all
- 18 who are exposed to/consume the water.
- 19
- 20 Section III: This act resolves to redirect drainage water to pre-existing
- 21 water treatment facilities before redistribution into Tennessee rivers,
- 22 lakes, and ravines. Given the already operating treatment plants located
- 23 on river banks, this bill would only require new piping to redirect water.
- 24
- 25 Section IV: The project will work in collaboration with the \$2.6 million
- 26 USD already allocated toward water facility improvement outlined in the
- 27 2017-18 state budget.
- 28
- 29 Section V: This bill will cost an additional \$2 million USD to supplement
- 30 the project, coming from the Natural Resources and Regulation budget.
- 31
- 32 Section VI: If signed into law, this bill will go into effect June 15, 2017.



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Livvy Gaglione, Lauren Hays, Abby Norton  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Brentwood Academy

**An act to ban the sale of alcohol to people with three or more  
drunken driving convictions**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be  
4 as follows:  
5 a) alcohol: a colorless volatile flammable liquid that is produced by the  
6 natural fermentation of sugars and is the intoxicating constituent of wine,  
7 beers, spirits, and other drinks  
8 b) drunken driving conviction: operating a motor vehicle while one's blood  
9 alcohol content is above the legal limit set by a statute, which supposedly is  
10 the level at which a person cannot drive safely  
11 c) blood alcohol concentration : The blood alcohol concentration is the  
12 concentration of alcohol in the blood, expressed as the weight of alcohol in a  
13 fixed volume of blood and used as a measure of the degree of intoxication in  
14 an individual. The concentration depends on body weight, the quantity and  
15 rate of alcohol ingestion, and the rate of alcohol absorption and metabolism.  
16 This is also referred to as the blood alcohol level. The legal level in all 50  
17 states is 0.08%.  
18  
19 Section 2: If enacted, any individual who receives a third drunken driving  
20 conviction will no longer be permitted to purchase alcohol of any kind for the  
21 amount of time that their DUI sentence revokes their license.  
22  
23 Section 3: If a store violates the restrictions put into place, their permit to  
24 sell alcohol will be temporarily suspended for a minimum of six months.  
25 Meanwhile, if an individual fails to follow their instructions, their ability to buy  
26 alcohol will be prohibited for an additional six months.  
27  
28 Section 4: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
29  
30 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
31 repealed.  
32  
33 Section 6: This act will take effect on January 1, 2018.



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Sponsors: Betsy Spurgeon, Vicky Caldwell, McLain Brown  
Committee: Senate - Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO BAN PESTICIDES THAT ARE MARKETED TO HARM AND  
KILL BEES**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows  
5 Pesticide: A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms  
6 Insecticides: A substance used to kill insects  
7  
8 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will make the use of pesticides marketed  
9 towards the harm or killing of bees illegal.  
10  
11 Section 3: If the company or individual continues to buy or use products  
12 that promote the harming or killing of the bee species, a fine up to  
13 \$25,000 can be given, and if a company or individual sells these illegal  
14 products the fine can be accompanied with up to 30 days in prison.  
15 Punishment for repeat offenders shall be determined on a case by case  
16 basis judging by the severity and quantity of offenses.  
17  
18 Section 4: The money collected from these fines will be used for research  
19 to find bee friendly pesticides. There will be no cost to the state of  
20 Tennessee  
21  
22 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
23 repealed  
24  
25 Section 6: This act shall take effect June 1, 2017.  
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27



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Sponsors: Kaylie Ward, Sarah Tindall  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USAGE OF A BICYCLE LANE IF ONE EXISTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

- 3 a) Bicycle lane- A designated facility for the use of bicyclists on a
- 4 roadway.
- 5 b) Normal vehicular traffic lane- Part of a roadway that is designated for
- 6 use by motor vehicles
- 7 c) Electric bicycle- A device upon which any person may ride that is
- 8 equipped with two or three wheels, any of which is twenty inches or more
- 9 in diameter, fully operable pedals for human propulsion, and an electric
- 10 motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts, and meets the requirements
- 11 of one of the three classes of electric bicycles.
- 12
- 13

14 Section 2: This act will require operators of bicycles, excluding electric

15 bicycles, to utilize a bicycle lane, if there is one on the road they are

16 traveling on.

17 Section 3: This act forbids the usage of normal vehicular lanes by non-

18 electric bicycle operators if there is a bicycle lane available.

19 Section 4: A violation of this shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed

20 fifty dollars.. A person who violates shall commit a Class C misdemeanor.

21 Section 5: This act will require the use of lanes that are already in place

22 on Tennessee roadways.

23 Section 6: This act will decrease traffic issues and congestion.

24 Section 7: This act will increase safety for both bicyclists and motor

25 vehicle operators.

32 Section 8: This act will not require funding from the state budget but may

33 generate revenue resulting from fines.

34 Section 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

35 repealed.

36 Section 10: This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and

37 bicyclists must comply with guidelines by January 1, 2018.



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Kiley Hickman, Emma Hill  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMPETENCY AND SAFETY OF ALL  
DRIVERS SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OR OLDER BE IT ENACTED BY THE  
THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE**

1 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless context requires otherwise, shall be  
2 as follows:  
3 Physician: A physician is a person who is to perform the physical exam  
4 and provide needed signature. A physician is a person who has medical  
5 knowledge and experience.  
6 Eye exam: In order to pass the eye exam vision should be 20/40 or  
7 correctable to 20/40 in each eye.  
8 Driver's exam: Driver's exam will be comparable a standard initial driver's  
9 exam.  
10  
11 Section 2: If enacted, an individual who is seventy five years of age or  
12 older will have to renew their driver's license at least once every three  
13 years. This will include an eye exam, a physical exam completed by  
14 physician, and a driver's exam.  
15  
16 Section 3: Renewal of license requires a signature from physician.  
17  
18 Section 4: License examiners have the authority to add restrictions, such  
19 as only allowing daytime driving, banning freeway driving, and limiting  
20 the distance driven from home.  
21  
22 Section 5: This will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
23  
24 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
25 repealed.  
26  
27 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.  
28



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Jessie Loewen, Emmanuel Blackson  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: West High School

**An Act to Safeguard the Walking Commute of Bus Passengers**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

1  
2 Section I: The terms in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall  
3 be defined as follows  
4 a. Sidewalk: A concrete pathway lining streets with the dimensions as  
5 follows: 2 inches deep and 42 inches wide.  
6 b. Bus Stop: A public, city stop where citizens wait for city bus  
7 transportation.  
8 c. Bus fares: The cost for someone to ride a city run bus.  
9  
10 Section II: For every bus stop there shall be a mandatory quarter mile  
11 radius of sidewalk lining either side of the surrounding streets.  
12  
13 Section III: All constructed sidewalks will connect at the bus stop by  
14 either leading to it or proceed with pedestrian crosswalks across  
15 obstructed streets.  
16  
17 Section IV: Any and all already existing sidewalks will remain intact and  
18 operational.  
19  
20 Section V: To help fund this act, bus fares will be increased by \$0.05.  
21  
22 Section VI: If enacted, this bill will cost the State of Tennessee \$8,500  
23 per sidewalk constructed.  
24  
25 Section VII: All laws, or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
26 repealed.  
27  
28 Section VIII: This act will take effect immediately.  
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Sponsors: Braden Elmlinger, Spencer Townnes  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO PASS A  
BREATHALYZER TEST PRIOR TO TRANSPORTING SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) School Bus: a bus that transports students from home to school, school to

6 home, or to school-sponsored events.

7 B) School Bus Driver: one who drives a school bus.

8 C) Breathalyzer: a device used to measure the amount of alcohol in a

9 person's breath.

10 D) Blood Alcohol Level (Sobriety Level): the blood alcohol level in Tennessee

11 is 0.08% and percentile above that the person is considered intoxicated and

12 can be fined or brought to jail.

13 E) Public School: a school supported by public funds.

14

15 Section 2: This act requires school bus drivers to be subjected to a

16 breathalyzer test prior to operating a school school bus.

17

18 Section 3: Bus drivers found violating the breathalyzer test shall be subject

19 to suspension until further notice.

20

21 Section 4: If enacted this bill will require one million dollars in the first year

22 for implementations, to be budgeted from Tennessee State Department of

23 Education. Subsequent years would require annual maintenance and

24 replacement funding in the approximate amount of \$130,000.

25

26 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

27 repealed.

28

29 Section 6: This act will go into effect prior to June 30th of the year

30 subsequent to the passage of this bill, the public welfare requiring it.

31



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Sponsors: Michelangelo Hooghkirk, Eli Christoph, Nicholas Ma  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO AMEND TCA 55-8-199 TO INCREASE SEVERITY OF  
TEXTING AND DRIVING PENALTY TO FURTHER ROAD SAFETY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2017 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2

3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 A) "Class C Misdemeanor" a misdemeanor punishable by no more than

5 thirty (30) days or a fine not to exceed fifty (50) dollars

6 B) "Class B Misdemeanor" a misdemeanor punishable by no more than six

7 (6) months or a fine not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars

8

9 Section 2: This act will increase the penalty for texting while driving from

10 a Class C Misdemeanor to a Class B Misdemeanor.

11 Enacting this will raise the current fine of fifty (50) dollars to one hundred

12 (100) dollars, with fifty (50) dollars added for each additional offense,

13 with the total to not exceed five hundred (500) dollars, as mandated by

14 TCA 40-35-111, on punishment for a Class B Misdemeanor.

15

16 Section 3: The enforcement of this act will be up to the existing local

17 police forces.

18

19 Section 4: This bill will have a positive fiscal impact on the state.

20

21 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

22 repealed.

23

24 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,

25 the public safety requiring it

26



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Daniel Nicastro  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE TENNESSEE INFRASTRUCTURE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) High speed rail: a type of train transportation using rolling stock

6 technology allowing trains to move at speeds of up to 300 mph

7

8 Section 2: This act establishes a ten-year program to gradually

9 implement high-speed rail tracks across the state of Tennessee. The first

10 line, to be completed in five years, will string together Memphis,

11 Nashville, and Knoxville, allowing transportation across our lengthy state.

12

13 Section 3: After the first line's completion, a Committee on Tennessee

14 Rail will be formed of state senators to weigh the effectiveness and

15 popularity of the line.

16

17 Section 4: At the committee's discretion, they can choose to implement

18 more lines connecting Chattanooga, Dickson, or Clarksville to the three

19 major cities over the next 5 years.

20

21 Section 5: Funds to support this act will come from TDOT's budget and

22 federal allocations over the ten years of its implementation. It is

23 estimated to cost between around \$5 billion dollars over 10 years. After

24 the first line is completed, the project will begin to pay for itself.

25

26 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

27 repealed.

28

29 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,

30 the public welfare requiring it.

31



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Maria Sekyi, Aries Ballard  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Ravenwood High School

**An act to increase driver's safety by requiring driver tests for persons aged 75 and above. Tests are taken preferably 3 years apart for maximum safety.**

1 Section 1:

2 A) Voucher system: Vouchers are paper-based or electronic-based

3 tickets, coupons, "checks" or other media that eligible riders give to

4 participating transportation providers in exchange for rides. The coupon,

5 ticket, or "check" is a guarantee that a rider's trip has been pre-paid OR

6 that a volunteer driver, taxi company, vanpool provider, or transit agency

7 will be paid later for giving the customer a ride at that time.

8 B) TDOT: Tennessee Department of Transportation; provides safe and

9 reliable transportation for people, goods, and services economically

10 beneficial to Tennessee.

11

12 Section 2: Bill calls for any person aged 75 and/or above to take a driving

13 test every 3 years to prove that they are still capable of safely driving.

14 When driver's test is taken, the person testing must pass; if unable to do

15 so, a class is provided to re-teach the individual the basic skills of driving.

16 If an individual is in the working class, have failed the test, and are

17 unable to attend the class, they may be provided a voucher for rides to

18 and from work, and other places needed. If the person is out of work and

19 in need of rides elsewhere it is mandatory to take the provided test in

20 order to drive alone.

21

22 Section 3: Civilians aged 75 and above are required to take a vision and

23 driven test. These tests will be taken every three years as proof that the

24 cognitive skills are still to par. Instructors must be provided in each

25 county to account for the population who have not passed their driving

26 test. Driving companies will be informed of the voucher system and will

27 be paid by TDOT for their cooperation.

28

29 Section 4: The price will be an estimated \$3,895,000, which will be

30 granted by the TDOT. The \$3 million will be used to hire instructors and





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Sponsors: Garrett Linney, Casey Crowe, Collin Maldonado  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Brentwood High School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE SPEED LIMIT FOR LEFTMOST LANES ON HIGHWAYS**

31 pay them to teach those who are required to take a driving class. TDOT  
32 will fund voucher systems, using an approximated \$2,000,000. There are  
33 unused funds from the Department of Transportation's budget that will  
34 not be used towards this bill.

35 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
36 repealed.

37  
38  
39 Section 6: With passage of this bill, this act shall take effect June 30th. A  
40 trial run of one month is recommended to provide an estimated amount  
41 of people and funding that will be need for the bill.  
42

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2  
3 SECTION I: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A. Highway-- Public roads with a speed limit of at least 55 miles per hour  
6 and 2 or more lanes in both directions.

7 B. Decriminalize- To treat a normally illegal activity as if it is not illegal.

8  
9 SECTION II: This act, if enacted, will fully decriminalize driving at speeds  
10 of 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit in the leftmost lane of 2  
11 and 3 lane highways as well as the 2 leftmost lanes on 4 and above lane  
12 highways. If the leftmost lane is an HOV lane, it will still be treated as a  
13 lane with decriminalized speeding of 10 or less miles per hour.

14  
15 SECTION III: Decriminalization of driving 10 miles per hour in the  
16 leftmost lanes entails police officers allowing these speeds to be driven at  
17 without police intervention. Individuals charged with speeding 10 or less  
18 miles per hour above the posted speed limit in the specified lanes will not  
19 be prosecuted.

20  
21 SECTION IV: This act is designed to increase efficiency on highways by  
22 channeling faster traffic to the left and slower traffic to the right which  
23 has been shown to prevent gridlock on highways.

24  
25 SECTION V: No state funds are required for the implementation of this  
26 act.

27  
28 SECTION VI: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

29  
30 SECTION VII: This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare  
31 requiring it.



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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Juliana Bobo, Tariah Lane, Kristen Louderback  
Committee: Senate - Transportation and Safety  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT.  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be as follows:  
5 a) Three-point seat belt: Seatbelts that go over the waist and shoulder of  
6 the occupant and secures the person to prevent injury, especially in a  
7 vehicle or aircraft.  
8 b) School buses: A vehicle used for the transportation of children to or  
9 from school or on activities connected with school.  
10 c) Public school: A free tax-supported school controlled by a local  
11 government authority.  
12  
13 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will ensure that all public schools will be  
14 required to install 3-point seat belts on school buses, to increase the  
15 safety of students. Each school will install seatbelts on 20% of their buses  
16 each year.  
17  
18 Section 3: The funds will be delivered and this will be enforced by the  
19 Board of Education prior to the start of each school year.  
20  
21 Section 4: This will cost the state of Tennessee nothing, as the Tennessee  
22 Lottery will donate \$8 million to be spread out over 5 years among public  
23 schools in Tennessee.  
24  
25 Section 5: All laws and parts of the laws in conflict with this act are  
26 hereby repealed.  
27  
28 Section 6: This act shall take effect 1 June 2017.  
29



**TENNESSEE YMCA  
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**



**SENATE  
COMMITTEE 3**

**Maya Daniel**



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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Angela Lee, Mary McFarlane  
Committee: Senate - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO OFFER LANGUAGE CLASSES AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
 2 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
 3 shall be defined as follows:  
 4  
 5 A. Foreign Language Classes: any course in a language (as recognized by the  
 6 United Nations) other than English  
 7 B. Middle School: a Tennessee public school servicing grades six (if  
 8 applicable, grade five) through eight.  
 9  
 10 Section 2: This bill shall require all Tennessee State Public Middle Schools to  
 11 offer at least one Foreign Language Course option to its students in grades  
 12 six through eight.  
 13  
 14 Section 3: Middle Schools shall have the option of transporting students to  
 15 the nearest High School for classes OR employing at least one teacher (with  
 16 all qualifications as specified by Tennessee Code Annotated) per middle  
 17 school school to teach a Foreign Language Class.  
 18  
 19 Section 4: The purpose of this bill is to further the education of Tennessee  
 20 Public School Students and better prepare them for Higher Secondary  
 21 Education as well as an increasingly connected world.  
 22  
 23 Section 5: All Middle School Students are required to take at least one credit  
 24 (two semesters) of a Foreign Language Class.  
 25  
 26 Section 6: This act shall cost the state approximately seven million dollars.  
 27 These funds shall be provided by The Tennessee Department of Education.  
 28  
 29 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
 30  
 31 Section 8: This act shall take effect on August 1, 2018.  
 32



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Sponsors: Bailey Lanai, Harrison Taylor  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Amend Section 28 of Article 2 of the Tennessee Constitution**

1 Whereas Tennessee has the highest average sales tax rate and the eighth  
 2 highest poverty rate among states in the United States of America, and  
 3 the high sales tax disproportionately hurts poor Tennesseans,  
 4  
 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2017 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
 6  
 7 Section I: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
 8 Income tax: a state and/or local tax on one's income in salary or wages  
 9 Sales Tax: a state and/or local tax on goods such as food, goods,  
 10 services, etc. already specified and levied by the Tennessee State  
 11 Legislature  
 12  
 13 Section II: This act will strike the final paragraph in Section 28 of Article 2  
 14 of the Tennessee Constitution and replace it with the following:  
 15 "The Tennessee State Legislature shall no longer be permitted to increase  
 16 the sales tax rate in the state of Tennessee; however, it shall be  
 17 authorized with the power to levy and/or permit a state and/or local  
 18 income tax upon payroll or earned personal income."  
 19  
 20 Section III: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
 21 repealed.  
 22  
 23 Section IV: This act shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.  
 24



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**Sponsors: Jacob Hisscock, Taylor Green**  
**Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means**  
**School: Franklin High School**

**Increasing the maximum amount of assets allowed to be eligible for Tennessee's TANF program**

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
2 shall be defined as follows:  
3 a.) Per Capita Income: Mean money income received per person 15 years  
4 old or older.  
5 b.) Temporary Assistance: Temporary solution providing transportation,  
6 child care assistance, education, job training, employment activities, and  
7 other support services, as well as temporary cash assistance for those  
8 unable to pay for essential living expenses, with the goal of helping  
9 participants gain self-sufficiency through employment  
10 c.) Assets: Any resource that an individual owns or controls with the  
11 expectation that it will provide future benefit.  
12

13 Section 2: This act will be attempt to revise the current Temporary  
14 Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) in Tennessee, known as  
15 Families First, regarding restrictions in the amount of savings a family  
16 receiving temporary assistance may have in order to continue receiving  
17 aid from the Families First program. It will increase the maximum amount  
18 in savings that a family will be allowed to have while receiving benefits  
19 from the Tennessee Families First program.  
20

21 Section 3: This act will increase the current limit in savings for families in  
22 the Families First program from 2,000 dollars in assets to 5,000 dollars in  
23 assets if the participant is unemployed at the time this act is enacted. In  
24 addition, if a participant becomes employed for 3 months or more, or has  
25 already been employed for 3 months or more while he or she is/was  
26 receiving temporary assistance, then the limit in savings will be increased  
27 to 12,000 in assets dollars. If a Families First participant becomes  
28 unemployed then the limit on his or her savings will decrease from  
29 12,000 dollars by 2,000 dollars each month after they become  
30 unemployed, and the decrease will stop once the participant is back to  
31 the 5,000 dollar savings limit. This act will begin with a two year trial

32 period in which 10 counties will be selected to participate by sorting the  
33 95 counties of Tennessee from greatest to least based on per capita  
34 income and counting every 10 counties to make 9 groups of 10 counties  
35 and 1 group of 5 counties, and finally selecting 1 county at random from  
36 each of those 10 groups. After the 2 year trial period, the results will be  
37 studied and presented to be used to make the decision of whether this act  
38 will continue and be applied to all counties of Tennessee.

39  
40 Section 4: The cost of this act will be fully determined after a 2 year trial  
41 period, the details of which is explained in section 3. The cost of the  
42 program will primarily come from a possible initial increase in the number  
43 of people that qualify, apply, and receive aid from Families First once the  
44 limit in savings of participants is increased, however the cost will be  
45 limited because of the use of the 2 year trial period.

46  
47 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
48 repealed.  
49

50 Section 6: This act shall take effect at the beginning of the Tennessee's  
51 state government 2017 fiscal year, July 1st, 2017.  
52



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**Sponsors: Jamie Gim, Nayan Chavan**  
**Committee: Senate - Education**  
**School: Centennial High School**

**AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE BILITERACY AMONGST TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:

5 Certificate: an official state document attesting a level of achievement in  
6 a course of study or training.

7 Seal of Biliteracy: an award given by a school, district, or county office of  
8 education in recognition of students who have studied and attained

9 proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.  
10 Biliteracy: ability to proficiently demonstrate reading and writing in two  
11 languages.

12 Foreign language: refers to any language other than English including  
13 modern languages, Latin, American Sign Language, Native American  
14 languages, and native languages.

15 Transcript: an official record of a student's work, showing courses taken  
16 and grades achieved.

17  
18 Section 11: All public high schools in the state of Tennessee will be  
19 required to offer students a state issued certification or the Seal of  
20 Biliteracy, once this is implemented.

21  
22 Section 111: As used in this bill, "certificate" refers to the state certificate  
23 of biliteracy created under section two of this bill. The state certificate of  
24 biliteracy is created to result in the following:

25 (1) encourage students to study languages;

26 (2) certify the attainment of biliteracy;

27 (3) provide employers with a method of identifying individuals with  
28 language and biliteracy skills;

29 (4) provide postsecondary educational institutions with an additional  
30 method to recognize applicants for admission;

31 (5) prepare students with twenty-first century skills;

32 (6) recognize the value of foreign language and native language  
33 instruction in public schools;  
34 (7) strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and  
35 honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community.  
36

37 Section IV: The state will determine the assessments that are acceptable  
38 for purposes of demonstrating proficiency in a language other than  
39 English. Examples include, but are not limited to the following: Advanced  
40 Placement Exam, International Baccalaureate Exam, Oral Proficiency  
41 Interview, Reading Proficiency Test, or Writing Proficiency Test,  
42 Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP4S), ACTFL  
43 Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL),  
44 Tribal language assessments, Signed Language Proficiency Interview  
45 (SLPI) for American Sign Language, ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading  
46 Exam (ALIRA), and any other assessments correlated to the required  
47 minimum level of language proficiency.  
48

49 Section V: The county office can provide assistance in identifying  
50 appropriate language assessments and publicizing a Seal of Biliteracy  
51 model. It is up to the schools and/or districts to actually engage students,  
52 put together an application process, and certify that students have met  
53 the requirements for a Seal. The list of students who qualify is then  
54 submitted to the county office.  
55

56 Section VI: The Seal of Biliteracy is currently in its early stages of  
57 implementation in the state of Tennessee; therefore, until then, a state  
58 issued certificate will be awarded instead.  
59

60 Section VII: This act will require that the appropriate designation appear  
61 on the student's transcript.  
62

63 Section VIII: This act will not cost the state of Tennessee any additional  
64 funding from the state budget because the assessments needed to qualify  
65 are those which are usually given within a course the student is already  
66 taking.  
67

68 Section IX: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
69 repealed.  
70

71 Section X: This act shall take effect August 1st, 2018 or the school's  
72 2018-2019 school year.  
73



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Sponsors: Will Shipp, Sarah Edwards  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO OFFER TAXE BRAKES ON BUSINESSES THAT INSTALL RECHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC CARS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill will be defined as follows:

4 Electric Cars: Any standard road legal vehicle that is powered by

5 electricity

6 Recharging Stations: A station designed to recharge electrical vehicles

7 Tax Break: a tax concession or advantage allowed by a government

8  
9 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will offer a tax break on business that  
10 install charging stations for electric vehicles. This break will equal the  
11 price of the station installed. A business must fill out a form through the  
12 IRS to apply for this break. The break will no longer be allowed once a  
13 total of \$60,000,000 of tax breaks has been allowed with a limit of  
14 \$10,000,000 a year.

15  
16 Section 3: This bill will apply to any business within the state of  
17 Tennessee that owns property at a physical location.

18  
19 Section 4: The fiscal impact of this bill will be an estimated loss of  
20 0.03125% of the total state revenue.

21  
22 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflicts with this act are here by  
23 repealed.

24  
25 Section 6: This act will take effect upon January 1st, 2018, the public  
26 welfare requiring it.  
27



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Sponsors: Abigail Ezell, Brooke Baldwin, Madison Young  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Provide A Tax Credit For Food Donations**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 "Nonprofit food bank" means an entity that is exempt from taxation under  
5 § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized with a principal  
6 purpose of providing food to the needy.

7 "Apparently wholesome food" means food that meets all quality and  
8 labeling standards imposed by federal, state, and local laws and  
9 regulations even though the food may not be readily marketable due to  
10 appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions. The  
11 donated food may not be damaged or unfit for human consumption.  
12 "Fair market value" means the monetary value determined using the  
13 guidelines set forth in IRS regulation 1.170A-13(b).

14  
15 Section 1: For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 any  
16 business (including, but not limited to, restaurant, bakery, grocery store,  
17 or farm) that donates apparently wholesome food to a nonprofit food  
18 bank shall be allowed a credit against the state sales tax for the taxable  
19 year of the donation. The tax credit shall be equal to 30 percent of the  
20 fair market value of the food donated but not to exceed an aggregate  
21 credit of \$5,000.

22  
23 Section 11: The tax credit is only claimable if (i) the donee nonprofit food  
24 bank either donates the food to the needy or sells the food to the needy  
25 at reduced prices, and (ii) the donated food crops are not transferred for  
26 use outside Tennessee.

27  
28 Section 111: In no case shall the state collect more than \$1,000,000 in tax  
29 credits pursuant to this bill in any fiscal year. In order to claim any credit,  
30 the business making the donation shall attach a certification written by  
31 the donee nonprofit food bank to their sales tax return. The certification  
32 shall identify the donee nonprofit food bank, the person donating food



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Sponsors: Connor Capell, Benjamin Walker, Jeremy Long  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: West High School

**An Act to Insure Democratic Election Competitiveness**

33 crops to it, the date of the donation, the number of pounds of food  
34 donated, and the fair market value of the food donated. The certification  
35 shall also include a statement by the donee nonprofit food bank that its  
36 use of the food complies with the requirements laid out in Section II.  
37

38 Section IV: The amount of the credit claimed shall not exceed the total  
39 amount of sales tax imposed upon the business for the taxable year. Any  
40 credit not usable for the taxable year for which the credit was first  
41 allowed may be carried over for credit against the sales tax of the  
42 business in the next five succeeding taxable years or until the total  
43 amount of the tax credit has been taken, whichever is sooner.  
44

45 Section V: This bill requires no funding.  
46

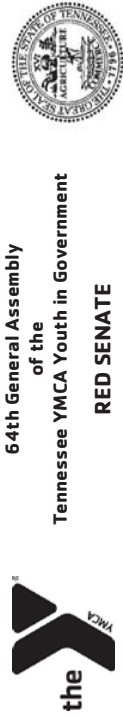
47 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
48 repealed.  
49

1 To insure an equal playing field for all nominees in Tennessee, be it  
2 hereby enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government that  
3 elected officials must not deny their provided salary, as the capital that  
4 would be retained by an employee's budget denial would contribute  
5 negligibly to the state budget.  
6

7 Section I. State-Employed, elected officials must receive the salary  
8 guaranteed to them by the state. This would allow candidates who are  
9 unable to deny salary the ability to run without bias, which would limit  
10 capital influence on elections, keeping the democratic process fair. Since  
11 the salaries of employees are built into the budget, the theoretical cost to  
12 the state would be nothing.  
13

14 Section II. Implemented at the state level, applies to all elected, State-  
15 employed public servants.  
16

17 Section III. To be enacted by the end of the next fiscal year after the bill's  
18 passage into law.  
19  
20



Sponsors: Vamsi Konjeti, Hanna Cho  
 Committee: Senate - Education  
 School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD LITERACY RATES AND FOSTER PARENT - CHILD RELATIONSHIPS**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 A) Child: An individual from ages 1-10
- 6 B) Parent: Any legal guardian of a child
- 7 C) State Book: symbol that represents the cultural heritage and natural
- 8 treasures of the state of Tennessee.
- 9
- 10 Section 2: Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is to be
- 11 amended by adding the following language as a new section:
- 12
- 13 Goodnight Tennessee by Adam Gamble is hereby designated as the
- 14 official state book.
- 15
- 16 Section 3: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 17 repealed.
- 18
- 19 Section 4: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the
- 20 public welfare requiring it.
- 21



Sponsors: Josiah Kareck, Andrew Nguyen  
 Committee: Senate - Education  
 School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF DEPENDENTS RECEIVING TUITION-BASED PRIVATE EDUCATION TO FILE FOR A TAX CREDIT**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 4 be as follows:
- 5 a) Private Education: education provided by a private individual or
- 6 organization, rather than by the state or a public body. This is includes
- 7 private schools, homeschools, faith-based private schools, and boarding
- 8 schools.
- 9 b) Tax Credit: an amount of money that can be offset against a tax
- 10 liability.
- 11
- 12 Section 2: If enacted, families with children in private education may
- 13 apply for and possibly receive a tax credit/refund.
- 14
- 15 Section 3: A family can receive half of its money back in the form of a tax
- 16 credit/refund, up to \$2,500 per dependent. Additionally, 100% of families
- 17 with children in private education are eligible to apply.
- 18
- 19 Section 4: This will cost the state of Tennessee approximately
- 20 \$236,000,000 million dollars.
- 21
- 22 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 23 repealed.
- 24
- 25 Section 6: This act shall take effect July 1st, 2017, the public welfare
- 26 requiring it.
- 27





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**Sponsors: Alexandra De Marco, Emma Mayhan, Ursula Strayer**  
**Committee: Senate - Education**  
**School: Franklin High School**

**An Act to Ban Online, End of Year Testing for Elementary Students**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as followed:  
4 a) Elementary school- education for students in grades from kindergarten  
5 to fifth grade  
6 b) Online testing- testing that is administered and distributed online, with  
7 students performing the tests on computers  
8 c) School district- any official organization of schools within the state  
9 d) Measurement Incorporated- the technological company that created  
10 the MIST and TN Ready programs, which have failed in the past  
11  
12 Section 2: This bill is enacted as a result of former misdemeanors  
13 involving the failure of MIST and TN Ready software programs, both of  
14 which are a product of the Measurement Incorporated company  
15  
16 Section 3: School districts will be prevented from utilizing online testing  
17 for elementary school students  
18  
19 Section 4: If end of the year testing occurs for elementary school  
20 students, the tests must be distributed on paper, without the involvement  
21 of computer technology  
22  
23 Section 5: In addition, Tennessee school systems may not partner with  
24 the company Measurement Incorporated, which has created the past  
25 programs MIST and TN Ready, both of which have failed in operations  
26  
27 Section 6: In the case of final paper tests (whose presence is determined  
28 by individual districts), all companies distributing paper copies of tests  
29 must be aware of a no-tolerance policy regarding late deliveries. Failure  
30 to execute requirements will result in a fee of \$100 per late day, to be  
31 paid by the company delivering the tests  
32

33 Section 7: One employee per school district will be allocated to regulate  
34 appropriate testing materials  
35  
36 Section 8: If a school district attempts to implement online testing, it will  
37 be immediately halted from further procedures, fined \$1,000, and any  
38 later testing in that district will be administered by state education  
39 officials  
40  
41 Section 9: This bill will be enacted beginning with the 2017-2018 school  
42 year.  
43





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**Sponsors: Hadassah Betapudi**  
**Committee: Senate - Education**  
**School: Evangelical Christian School**

**AN ACT TO INSPIRE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOLS**

- 1 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 2 A) Exemption- status granted to students allowing them to opt- out of the
- 3 examination.
- 4 B) Midterm- cumulative examination of the 1st semester of a class that is
- 5 not mandated by the State of Tennessee.
- 6 C) Public School- the basic administrative unit of a state, county, city or
- 7 special district school system, which school shall be subject to the
- 8 statutes of the State of Tennessee, and to rules, regulations, and
- 9 minimum standards of the Tennessee State Board of Education.
- 10
- 11 Section 2: All high school students enrolled in Tennessee public high
- 12 school grades nine through twelve shall be granted exemption from
- 13 midterm examinations if the following requirements are met as defined in
- 14 Section 3.
- 15
- 16 Section 3:
- 17 A) The student shall have attained an A (93 or above) in the class for the
- 18 semester, as maintained in the Tennessee Uniform Grading policy.
- 19 B) The student must not have been suspended, expelled, or received any
- 20 other form of disciplinary punishment that would require the student to
- 21 not participate in regularly scheduled classes.
- 22 C) The student may not have had more than 10 unexcused absences from
- 23 school during the semester.
- 24 D) This act does not apply to students enrolled in AP classes, Dual Credit
- 25 courses, and International Baccalaureate.
- 26
- 27 Section 4: Any student who qualifies for an exemption may take the
- 28 midterm and have it count toward his or her if he or she chooses to do
- 29 so.
- 30

- 31 Section 5: Tests and other exams that students are not allowed to be
- 32 exempt from include, but are not limited to: state End of Course (EOC)
- 33 exams, the ACT as is required by individual districts to graduate, TCAP
- 34 tests, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- 35 (PARCC) tests.
- 36
- 37 Section 6: This act shall have no fiscal impact upon the State of
- 38 Tennessee.
- 39
- 40 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 41 repealed.
- 42
- 43 Section 8: This act shall take effect May 31st, 2017 the public welfare
- 44 requiring it.
- 45



Sponsors: Mick Rash, Sami Isaac  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: West High School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
4 a) Cigarette- a thin cylinder of tobacco rolled in paper for smoking  
5 b) Excise Tax- taxes included in the price of a specific product when one  
6 purchases that product  
7 c) Pack of Cigarettes- the packaging that cigarettes come in with  
8 approximately 20 cigarettes included  
9 d) Tennessee Department of Revenue- the Tennessee state agency in charge  
10 of the collection of all taxes in the state  
11  
12 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will raise the Tennessee state excise tax on  
13 cigarettes from \$0.62 per pack to \$1.60 per pack.  
14  
15 Section 3: This increase of the excise tax is required for all packs of  
16 cigarettes, regardless of the number of cigarettes in the pack.  
17  
18 Section 4: This excise tax increase only applies to cigarettes and does not  
19 include other forms of tobacco.  
20  
21 Section 5: The Tennessee Department of Revenue will remain in charge of  
22 the collection of these excise taxes. Additionally, the penalties for non or late  
23 payment will remain the same, as defined by the Tennessee Department of  
24 Revenue.  
25  
26 Section 6: The implementation of this excise tax will raise the state of  
27 Tennessee \$0.98 more per pack of cigarettes that are sold within the state  
28 boundaries.  
29  
30 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
31 repealed.  
32  
33 Section 8: If enacted, this resolution will begin on June 1st, 2017.



Sponsors: Spencer Catron, Beck Hamstead, Brandon Wilhoit  
Committee: Senate - Education  
School: West High School

**AN ACT TO YIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PERSONAL DAYS BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:**

1  
2 Section I: Terms of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, will be defined  
3 as follows:  
4 A) Student Personal Day- an excused absence from a student's normal education  
5 time for one to focus on their personal matters.  
6 B) Formal Excuse- a written explanation by a parent or guardian as to why the  
7 student was absent.  
8 C) State Mandated Testing- testing taken by the student that is required by the  
9 state.  
10 D) Midterms- an exam in the middle of an academic term.  
11 E) Finals- an exam at the end of an academic term.  
12  
13 Section II: If enacted, this bill will allow high school students, with a 3.5 weighted  
14 GPA or higher, one student personal day every nine weeks, up to four personal  
15 days a school year.  
16  
17 Section III: This act will allow students up to four excused personal days a year out  
18 of the one hundred and eighty days of the regular school year without a formal  
19 excuse, but the teacher must be warned ahead of time that the student will be  
20 using a personal day.  
21  
22 Section IV: With the addition of these personal days, the absence will not affect  
23 the student's school attendance record, and the student will be eligible to complete  
24 makeup work provided by the teacher.  
25  
26 Section V: Students will not be allowed to use these personal days for state  
27 mandated testing, midterms, or finals.  
28  
29 Section VI: If passed, this bill will have no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.  
30  
31 Section VII: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
32  
33 Section VIII: This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school  
34 year, the public welfare requiring it.  
35



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Sponsors: Michael Radick, Justin Buske  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Amend Section 1. (Title 67, Chapter 5) of the (\$ 67-5-1322 ) Code, Relating to Property Taxes and Its Allocation Towards Public School Funding**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2017 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
2  
3 The people of the state of Tennessee do enact as follows:  
4  
5 Section 1. Chapter (5 ) of the ( § 67-5-1322) is amended to read: that  
6 100% of local property taxes are allocated to local school systems'  
7 general funds instead of part of the tax going to a 8 state general fund.  
8  
9 Section 2. The local government positions and agencies are supported by  
10 state property taxes.  
11  
12 Section 3. The state funding of school will change to supplement the local  
13 government positions and agencies funding provided previously by the  
14 local government.  
15  
16 Section 4: This bill will create a positive fiscal impact for schools  
17  
18 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
19 repealed.  
20  
21 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,  
22 the public safety requiring it.  
23



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Sponsors: Jack Nickels, Sam Walters, Cameron Hawkins  
Committee: Senate - Finance, Ways and Means  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO CREATE EARMARK TRANSPARENCY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
2  
3 Section I: Terms in this bill are defined as follows:  
4 a) Earmark - a directed spending item, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff  
5 benefit that is targeted to a specific entity, in exchange for, but not limited  
6 to, a vote.  
7 b) Budget Summary — A single page overview of all funds allocated by a bill,  
8 as well as a description of the recipients of these funds. The summary must  
9 provide the exact information as to where the funds will be allocated, as well  
10 as indicating any funds allocated post original submission. It must also  
11 include the requested earmarks with the name of the representative who  
12 requested it.  
13 c) Pork Barrel Spending — The act of using government funds on local  
14 projects that are primarily used to bring more money to a specific  
15 representative's district.  
16  
17 Section II: If enacted, this bill will require the author(s) and co-author(s) of  
18 each bill presented in Tennessee state legislature to attach a brief one-page  
19 budget summary including any requested earmarks with the name of the  
20 representative who requested it.  
21  
22 Section III: Bills without budget summary will not be approved for  
23 committee. If a bill is passed with a budget summary not representative with  
24 the bills fiscal allotments, the author(s) and co-author(s) will be subjected to  
25 the Tennessee Ethics Commission, as is current procedure.  
26  
27 Section IV: This bill will cost nothing to the State of Tennessee.  
28  
29 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
30 repealed.  
31  
32 Section VI: This bill will take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring it.  
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**64th General Assembly**  
of the  
**Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government**  
**BLUE SENATE**



**Sponsors: Grant Stansbury, Sam Colvett, Zaac Colvett**  
**Committee: Senate - Education**  
**School: Franklin High School**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
2 be defined as follows:  
3  
4 A: Rotational Class- a class that students visit at a designated time slot  
5 once a week.  
6 B: Designated Salary- an annual payment for the teachers, which will be  
7 determined by the school boards.  
8 C: Select Counties- Davidson, Knox, and Shelby county. These were  
9 selected because the state's three largest cities are located in these  
10 counties.  
11 D: Expansion of Program- later adding the counties that border the three  
12 selected counties  
13  
14 Section 2: This act will provide a rotation-based Spanish and French class  
15 in elementary schools starting in a few select counties.  
16  
17 Section 3: The course will be an introductory level course that will aim to  
18 provide basic Spanish and French skills, as well as a cultural  
19 understanding, from years 1 to 5.  
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21 Section 4: A teacher with proficient knowledge of the languages will be  
22 assigned to each school with a designated salary. Students will visit this  
23 teacher as a part of regular rotations.  
24  
25 Section 5: If enacted, this bill will be effective for 5 years, after which  
26 time the program will be reevaluated in hopes of its expansion.  
27  
28 Section 6: If enacted, this bill will have an initial yearly cost of \$5.6  
29 million to compensate the designated salaries of the teachers. These  
30 funds will be taken from Tennessee's recurring appropriation for  
31 education (K-12).

32 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
33 repealed.  
34  
35 Section 8: This act will go into effect at the start of the next school year  
36 in 2018 after becoming a law.  
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**Sponsors:** Mykal Manfred, Quinton Hiatt  
**Committee:** Senate - Education  
**School:** Gallatin High School

**An Act to Change Tennessee's Statewide High School Grading Scale**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
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 3 Section 1: Terms to be defined as follows:  
 4 A) 7-Point Grading Scale- Grading scale that assigns letter grades based  
 5 on points out of 100, where each letter grade goes down by increments of  
 6 7 Ex. 93-100 - A  
 7 B) 10-Point Grading Scale- Grading scale that assigns letter grades based  
 8 on points out of 100, where each letter grade goes down by increments of  
 9 10 Ex. 90-100 - A.  
 10 Section 2: This act will implement the 10-point grading scale in all public  
 11 high schools across the state.  
 12 Section 3: This act will replace the current 7-point grading scale with the  
 13 10-point grading scale.  
 14 Section 4: This act will have no effect on the state budget because this  
 15 act is only replacing a pre existing set of guidelines.  
 16 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
 17 repealed.  
 18 Section 6: This act will go into effect at the beginning of the 2017-2018  
 19 Tennessee school year.  
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**Sponsors:** Marcel Wilder, Tajes Gaertner  
**Committee:** Senate - Education  
**School:** West High School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS WHILE REDUCING STRESS**

1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE ENACT:  
 2  
 3 Section 1: For the purpose of this bill, a 15 minute period of reading shall  
 4 be defined as a mandatory period of reading a book/magazine.  
 5 Section 2: There shall be an allotted 15 minutes of reading in a student's  
 6 classroom, the class period is determined by the respected school.  
 7 Section 3. The students shall be permitted to read any book that follows  
 8 school guidelines and shall be allowed to position themselves anywhere in  
 9 a room. No student shall be allowed to talk or do anything that disturbs  
 10 another student.  
 11 Section 4: This time will be used to read any book that either peaks the  
 12 students interests or increases their educational potential. A student must  
 13 use this time to read, any other activities shall be prohibited.  
 14 Section 5: This will go into effect in all state approved schools beginning  
 15 the next calendar school year. After three years of trial, if Lexile scores  
 16 and state level test scores do not increase, then the above bill will be  
 17 submitted to the Tennessee general assembly for reevaluation.  
 18 Section 6: Students who are in the special education program will be  
 19 given a special education teacher to help the student read. Families of a  
 20 student in the special education system can tailor this to meet educational  
 21 needs and the individual educational plan of the student.  
 22 Section 7: This bill will not require capital from the state budget.  
 23 Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
 24 repealed.  
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64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Taylor Ann Carpenter, Kaitlyn Phillely  
Committee: Senate - Education  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL AND MEASURE OUTCOMES BY A LONGITUDINAL STUDY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

- 4 a) Year- Round School - Kindergarten through 12th grade education that
- 5 occurs over a 12-month period rather than the traditional 10-month
- 6 period. Year-round school must include the required 180 days of
- 7 education prescribed in state law. As referenced in this measure, school is
- 8 in session 45 days and out of session 15 days, known as the 45/15
- 9 model.
- 10 b) Longitudinal Study- observational research method in data is gathered
- 11 on the effects of year-round school over the course of 5 school years
- 12 c) Urban Schools- school contained within the cities of Memphis,
- 13 Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville
- 14 d) Rural Schools- schools located in a county with a population of less
- 15 than 100,000 residents

16  
17 Section 2: This act allows a pilot program to be created to determine the

18 viability and effectiveness of year- round schools.

19  
20 Section 3: This act requires two high schools, two middle schools, and

21 two elementary schools that meet the following requirements: a) One of

22 each type of school shall be from an urban district and one each type

23 shall be from a rural district as defined in this act. b) Two schools shall be

24 chosen from each grand division: East, Middle, and West. c) At least one

25 of the six schools shall have a majority minority population.

26  
27 Section 4: The schools chosen for the pilot program shall be

28 recommended by The State Commissioner of Education and approved by

29 a majority vote of the State Board of Education. In addition, the local

30 education agency must agree to allow the chosen school to participate.

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32 Section 5: A longitudinal study shall be conducted by a task force of

33 academics appointed by The Commissioner of Education from the

34 following in state institutions: University of Memphis, Vanderbilt

35 University, Tennessee State University, and The University of Tennessee

36 at Knoxville. The study shall include data on: student achievement,

37 graduation rates, dropout rates, crime rate, teacher satisfaction, teacher

38 recruitment, parent and student satisfaction, and any other data the task

39 force deems appropriate and is approved by the Commissioner of

40 Education.

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42 Section 6: To implement this pilot program the state will appropriate

43 \$1,275,600 in total.

44 a) \$1,075,600 will be allocated to the schools in the pilot program for the

45 anticipated increased cost to implement year-round school;

46 b) \$200,000 will be allocated to the cost of the study;

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48 Section 7: Title 49 is amended by adding these new sections.

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50 Section 8: This act shall take effect in the coming school year starting in

51 September of 2017.

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**of the**  
**Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government**  
**BLUE SENATE**



**Sponsors: Katherine Woodard, Rachel Myatt**  
**Committee: Senate - Education**  
**School: Franklin High School**

**AN ACT TO INTEGRATE UNIVERSAL MEASUREMENT**

1 Section 1:

2 The terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 3 a) Metric system: the decimal measuring system based on the meter,
- 4 liter, and gram as units of length, capacity, and weight or mass.
- 5 b) Universal Measurement: the metric system; measurement system
- 6 used by the majority of the World excluding the US
- 7 c) Imperial Measurement: the American System of measurement which
- 8 uses units such as inches, feet, and miles; basic knowledge of this system
- 9 is required to graduate elementary school
- 10 d) Learning targets: topics that must be covered by law during the school
- 11 year; serves as the basis for curriculum planning
- 12

13 Section 2:

14 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
15 This bill will require the Tennessee Public Education System to implement  
16 Imperial Measurement into elementary school learning targets and  
17 curriculum. Use of the Metric system shall be taught one grade level after  
18 the introduction of the American system of measurement, allowing  
19 students to have a firm grasp on Imperial measurement before  
20 introducing new concepts.

21 Section 3:

22 This law will require the Tennessee State Board of Education to include  
23 learning and using metric system units in the state standards for 4th  
24 grade, considering the American system of measurement is included in  
25 3rd grade state standards. From 4th grade on the metric system must be  
26 included in yearly learning targets for each grade, in order to keep  
27 students up to date on the topic. Metric units are to be included in all new  
28 Math and Science text books ordered after the date this law is enacted.  
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30 Section 4:

31 This act has no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.

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Section 5:  
"All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed."

Section 6:  
This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law, allowing  
implementation to begin for the next school year.





**TENNESSEE YMCA  
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**SENATE  
COMMITTEE 4  
Preston Gates**



**64th General Assembly**  
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**Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government**  
**RED SENATE**



**Sponsors: Sophia Rowlett, Jule Voss**  
**Committee: Senate - Government Operations**  
**School: St. Cecilia Academy**

**An Act to End Ghost Voting in the State Legislature**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 a) Ghost voting- the process by which a representative or senator votes  
5 in the place of another representative or senator who is not present with  
6 or without the permission of this individual.

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8 Section 2: No representative or senator may mark another person as  
9 present for a legislative session; individuals must mark themselves as  
10 present.

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12 Section 3: Any legislator who marks another legislator as present  
13 regardless of whether the person is actually present or whether the  
14 person gave permission for the legislator to mark them as present will be  
15 fined \$5000 per infraction.

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17 Section 4: Any legislator who is not present at a session may not receive  
18 payment for attending the session.

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20 Section 5: Any legislator who receives such payment shall be fined \$5000  
21 per infraction and shall not be given their per diem payment for that  
22 session.

23  
24 Section 6: This act forbids all state representatives and senators from  
25 voting on any legislation as individuals other than themselves during any  
26 legislative session, regardless of the consent of the person for which they  
27 are voting.

28  
29 Section 7: Any legislator who votes for another legislator shall be fined  
30 \$5000 per infraction.

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32 Section 8: Any money generated from such fines shall be put into the  
33 state budget for the Tennessee Ethic Commission the following fiscal  
34 year.

35 Section 9: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
36 repealed.

37  
38 Section 10: This act will be enacted by the state upon passage.  
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64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Logan Hyesen, Noah Cook  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Establish a Nonpartisan State Redistricting Commission**

1 Be it enacted by the by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2  
3 WHEREAS, the State Legislature currently redraws state Congressional  
4 district lines,

5 WHEREAS, the majority party has the potential to redraw lines to benefit its  
6 party and its absolute power in the state legislature, also known as

7 gerrymandering,

8 WHEREAS, the potential for competitive and transparent local elections is  
9 less feasible,

10  
11 Section 1: Terms in this Act are defined as the following.

12 Gerrymandering: to manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency)  
13 so as to favor one party or class.

14 Nonpartisan: not partisan; especially : free from party affiliation, bias, or  
15 designation.

16 Commission: The act of granting certain powers or the authority to carry out  
17 a particular task or duty.

18 Independent Redistricting Commission: a nonpartisan commission  
19 established to redraw Tennessee's congressional and legislative districts to

20 reflect the results of the most recent census.

21 State Congressional District Lines: non tangible boundaries established to  
22 elect representatives based on population within those boundaries.

23 Neither Party: Independents or registered members of neither party.

24 Democrat/Republican/Independent: Members with voting records and party  
25 affiliation that connect them to certain party.

26  
27 Section II:  
28 This Act will establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the

29 purpose of preventing gerrymandering, both potential and current.

30 Members of said Commission will be selected through a random application  
31 process, in which applicants will submit an application to the Tennessee

32 Secretary of State's office. These applications will be randomly chosen to fill  
33 the first eight(8) seats, however three(3) must be Democrats, three(3) must

34 be Republicans, and two(2) must be neither out of the eight(8), on the

35 Commission, and the applicants selected will then choose the remaining  
36 six(6) members of the Commission with unanimous consent.

37 This Commission must be composed of five(5) members of the Democratic  
38 Party, five(5) members of the Republican Party, and four(4) members of

39 neither party.

40 Should there be an insufficient number of independents qualified for the  
41 position, the number of republicans and democrats able to be seated on the

42 commission will be raised by one member for each party.

43 The application period will open on January 1 of the year prior to the year in  
44 which the Census will take place, and will close on December 31 of that same

45 year.

46 A Commission member may not run for any legislative seat within the next  
47 two election cycles.

48 Members of the Commission must be reimbursed in monetary form in the  
49 amount of three hundred(300) dollars for every day that they spend no less

50 than five(5) hours on redrawing state district lines.

51 The Commission members will be disbanded upon creating the new state  
52 district lines, and may submit another application for the next census.

53 Commission members will have a deadline of three(3) months to complete a  
54 draft of the new state district lines and to submit it to the governor's office

55 for approval.

56 Commission members will be fully staffed with workers of the Secretary of  
57 State, with no monetary.

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59 Section III:  
60 The Tennessee Independent Redistricting Commission will obtain the United

61 States Census data, and will draw new state legislative district lines to  
62 increase the transparency and competitiveness of state elections, and

63 attempt to eliminate gerrymandering.

64  
65 Section IV:  
66 The Tennessee Independent Redistricting Commission will submit its

67 legislative district line drafts to the governor for his or her approval. Such  
68 oversight allows for the Commission to be held accountable to the taxpayers

69 and the state of Tennessee.

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71 Section V:  
72 The funding for this commission will come from appropriations from the

73 general government portion of the budget.

74  
75 Section VI:  
76 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

77  
78 Section VII:  
79 This Act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law, the public

80 welfare requiring it.



64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Pratheeksha Sujay, Jessica Gupta  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY VOTER SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO SUBMIT A COPY OF AN IDENTIFICATION FORM ACCEPTABLE BY LAW**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A.) Absentee Ballot: A completed ballot that is sent preceding an election

6 by a voter who is unable to be in attendance at the election polls.

7 B.) Identification Form: Any type of government identification justifying

8 the legality of a voter. Acceptable forms of identification include birth

9 certificates, driver's licenses, social security cards, passports, etc.

10 C.) Voter Fraud: A criminal offense subject to interference with the

11 process of an election, either to increase the number of votes of a

12 particular candidate, or decrease the number of votes of an opposing

13 candidate by registering to vote multiple times under different and false

14 names.

15 D.) Voter: A United States citizen that either votes or is eligible to vote in

16 held elections.

17 E.) Disabled Persons: An individual who is incapable of attendance to the

18 voting polls due to his/her disability, illness, or any other medical

19 preventions.

20 F.) Military Voters: An individual, enrolled in the military, that lives

21 outside of his/her voting province.

22 G.) Overseas Voters: A US citizen that resides outside of United States

23 borders.

24

25 Section 2: As of 2016, numerous counts of voter fraud were allegedly

26 reported in Tennessee--- more than any other state in the country.

27 Currently, the state of Tennessee does not require credible identification

28 information upon the submission of an absentee ballot, allowing many the

29 unjust advantages of manipulating the system. Due to these consistent

30 manipulations and interferences by fraudulent voters who either create a

31 counterfeit identity or vote outside of a previously designated voting

32 district, vote counts in Tennessee are being obstructed in order to bring

33 about a favored election result. In order to prevent further manipulations

34 to reform voting in an objective manner, requiring certified identification

35 upon submission of an absentee ballot will clearly decrease the overall

36 counts of voter fraud in Tennessee.

37

38 Section 3: Section 2-6-202 of the Tennessee code is to be amended

39 adding the following as subsection (c) : "The applicant, with the exception

40 of disabled persons, military voters, and overseas voters, shall be

41 required to submit with his or her voting application a copy of one of the

42 forms of identification acceptable by law." Additionally, subsection (d) is

43 also to be added as follows: "Voting applications submitted without

44 credible identification upon submission will not be considered, and hence

45 voided." The Tennessee Department of Elections is given the

46 responsibility for the proper implementation of this amendment.

47

48 Section 4: The expense of the enactment of this bill will be of no cost to

49 the state of Tennessee.

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51 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

52 repealed.

53

54 Section 6: In order to essentially enact this bill, the state legislature has

55 to approve the bill. Thus, the exact execution date can neither be stated

56 nor can it elaborated; however, if the legislative hearing can occur within

57 the next six months, this bill shall go into effect and be properly executed

58 by January 1, 2018.

59



64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
RED SENATE



Sponsors: James Hickman, Louise Klinke  
Committee: Senate - Judiciary  
School: Westminster Academy

**AN ACT TO AMEND TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 17,  
CHAPTER 3, RELATIVE TO THE ATTENDANCE OF RETIRED JUDGES  
AT CONFERENCES FOR JUDGES AND CHANCELLORS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 (a) Annual Meetings for Judges and Chancellors--any congregation of  
5 judges and chancellors held by the state in order to conduct business  
6 relating to the judicial system of Tennessee.

7 (b) Retired Judges--lawyers elevated to the level of judge, having  
8 precedent over a court, who have served the State of Tennessee for an  
9 extended number of years and have willingly stepped down from their  
10 seat in retirement.

11  
12 Section 2: Tennessee Code Annotated Title 17, Chapter 3 currently reads:  
13 (a) It is the official duty of each member of the conference to attend its  
14 annual meetings unless otherwise officially engaged or for other good and  
15 sufficient reasons.

16  
17 Section 3: TCA 17-03-0105 shall be amended by deleting the subsection  
18 above and replacing it with the following--  
19 (a) While it is the official duty of each member of the conference to  
20 attend its annual meetings unless otherwise officially engaged or for other  
21 good and sufficient reasons, retired judges are hereby exempt from the  
22 duty of attendance.

23  
24 Section 4: This amendment shall take effect upon passage.  
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64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Richard Ly, Nathaniel Croft  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO END THE EXPLOITATION OF PRISON WORKERS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Currently many state prisoners have been forced to work in  
4 slavish type labor usually making less than a dollar an hour and in some  
5 cases being paid nothing to produce manufacturing items. Even though  
6 Federal minimum wage requirements were put in during the 1900's these  
7 laws seem to skip over legal U.S. citizens within the confinements of a  
8 prison. This is not to mention the amount of money spent by tax payers per  
9 resident at a state prison (\$23,000 annually per person).

10  
11 Section 2: We wish to add to the Tennessee code an extension of the federal  
12 minimum wage (\$7.25 an hour) to prison workers so that they can pay for  
13 families, debts, and part of their stay at the prison to create a surplus within  
14 the state budget.

15  
16 Section 3: These Prison workers will be contracted out to businesses and to  
17 encourage them to come we will provide tax cuts (they will depend on the  
18 amount of people they hire).

19  
20 Section 4: After every year, the prison worker will be able to keep \$1,500  
21 and the rest will go to pay off debts, family, and the 50-80% payment for  
22 staying in the prison. The \$1,500 dollars they keep they can invest or save  
23 teaching many of them financial responsibility and hopefully putting an end  
24 to a cycle of crime.

25  
26 Section 5: Because all we ask is to keep to extend the federal minimum wage  
27 to prison workers and they will pay for part of their stay, this will only create  
28 a surplus of \$300,000,000-\$400,000,000 per year to be spent elsewhere.

29  
30 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

31  
32 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring it.

33



64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Vishnu Reddy, Jacob Yousief  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Require Proportional Allocation of Electors in  
Presidential Elections**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 a. Elector: A member of the United States Electoral College whose duty it  
6 is to elect a president and vice-president of the United States on behalf of  
7 the State of Tennessee as stated in Article II of the United States  
8 Constitution.  
9 b. Proportional Allocation: Electors are awarded to candidates based on  
10 the percentage of popular vote earned.  
11 c. Faithless Elector: An elector who does not vote for the presidential or  
12 vice-presidential candidate for whom they had pledged to vote.  
13 d. Statewide Political Party: A political party that had at least one  
14 statewide candidate in the past four calendar years receive 5 percent of  
15 the total number of votes cast for a statewide office.  
16 e. Recognized Minor Party: A political party that collectors the signatures  
17 of registered voters equal to at least 2.5 percent of the total number of  
18 votes cast for gubernatorial candidates in the most recent election for  
19 governor.  
20 f. Independent Candidate: A candidate who runs for office with no formal  
21 party affiliation.  
22  
23 Section II: Electors shall be allocated proportionally. When electors  
24 cannot be allocated evenly, the remaining electors are awarded to the  
25 candidate who received the plurality of the popular vote.  
26  
27 Section III: Statewide political parties, recognized minor parties, and/or  
28 independent candidates running in presidential elections must choose  
29 eleven electors and rank those electors in order of preference. No more  
30 than three electors may be chosen from the same congressional district.  
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32 Section IV: Faithless electors must pay a fine of \$1000.  
33  
34 Section V: This act will generate \$1000 for the State of Tennessee for  
35 each faithless elector.  
36  
37 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
38 repealed.  
39  
40 Section VII: This act will go into effect on January 1, 2020.  
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64th General Assembly  
of the  
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Amelia Doyle, Akhasa Young, Etain Williams  
Committee: Senate - State & Local Government  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WITH MANUAL LABOR**

1 To be enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in the act will be as follow:

4 Inmate- a person confined to an institution such as a prison or hospital.  
5 Solitary confinement- the isolation of a prisoner in a separate cell as a  
6 punishment.

7  
8 Section 2: This act regards the persons imprisoned under the Tennessee  
9 state law. Prisoners that have violated the regulations in which they are  
10 imprisoned under will be forced to serve a certain amount of manual labor  
11 which will be provided by the prison authority. If inmates do not comply  
12 with the manual labor, they will be forced into solitary confinement for no  
13 more than 6 days, spending 20 hours per day in the cell and 1 hour  
14 outside in the prison courtyard.

15  
16 Section 3: Inmates in solitary confinement will be fed the same meals  
17 other prisoners are fed.

18  
19 Section 4: Depending on the severity of the violation, prisoners will first  
20 receive manual labor as a punishment, and if further action is necessary,  
21 the inmate will be assigned solitary confinement as a last resort.

22  
23 Section 5: The manual labor will be assigned by the prison's correctional  
24 officer/administrator and will include, but not be limited to, any  
25 reconstruction or general labor required within the perimeter of the  
26 prison. If labor within the prison is not available, infrastructure within the  
27 community will then be assigned to the inmates. Violation in completing  
28 the manual labor in which the person has been assigned will result in  
29 solitary confinement.

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31 Section 6: The duration of all punishments such as manual labor/solitary  
32 confinement will be determined by the Warden, Deputy Warden, or  
33 correctional managers and will vary based on the punishment necessary.

34  
35 Section 7: If the inmate's sentence is elapsed before they have completed  
36 the manual labor/solitary confinement, prisoners will be forced to  
37 overstay their prison sentence. During that time they must complete their  
38 manual labor/solitary confinement.

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40 Section 8: Prisoners that fail to comply with the terms of solitary  
41 confinement will receive increased prison sentences, be sent to the  
42 psychiatric ward for further examination, or upgraded to a maximum  
43 security prison, depending on the transgression displayed.

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45 Section 9: This act applies to all prisons within Tennessee including, but  
46 not limited to, juvenile correctional facilities, private prisons and  
47 maximum security prisons.

48  
49 Section 10: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
50 repealed.

51  
52 Section 11: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law  
53 and the public welfare requiring it.  
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**BLUE SENATE**



**Sponsors: Ella Rhoades, Bella Dawson**  
**Committee: Senate - State & Local Government**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**An Act to Inhibit Civil Forfeiture**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 a) Civil Forfeiture- legal process in which law enforcement officers can  
6 seize personal assets from persons suspected in involvement of illegal  
7 activity without charging the owners with offense.  
8 b) Assets- personal possessions belonging to civilian.  
9 c) Law Enforcement- Every local, county, or state local law enforcement.  
10 d) Convincing Evidence- any standard of proof needed for law  
11 enforcement to enforce civil forfeiture.  
12 e) Unprecedented Circumstance- a situation that requires property to be  
13 confiscated.  
14 f) Defendant- civilian(s) whose assets will or will be confiscated.  
15  
16 Section 2: Property from an individual cannot and will not be confiscated  
17 from individual until a detailed report has been filed by law enforcement  
18 to the court explaining why the property has been confiscated, unless an  
19 unprecedented circumstance occurs. Passage of this bill will allow  
20 defendant to have a court hearing, and trial so their property will not be  
21 confiscated subject to civil forfeiture.  
22  
23 Section 3: Assets may not be sold, used, or disposed of by law  
24 enforcement until following principles have been met and approved by the  
25 court:  
26 a) A judge must rule at a different hearing to make sure when an asset is  
27 confiscated meets the requirements for standard of proof.  
28 b) During a trial, if a judge rules in favor of the seizure of an asset, then  
29 it will be held with the government until the conclusion of terms decided  
30 by judge. If the judge rules against the seizure of an asset, then the  
31 property must be given back to the rightful owner after the duration of  
32 the hearing.

33 c) If the defendant is not found guilty, the assets must be returned to  
34 owner immediately. If defendant is guilty, assets are in the possession of  
35 law enforcement and can be disposed of, sold, or used.  
36 d) If defeated side of case appeals to decision appeals the decision, then  
37 another hearing at a later date shall occur. The requirements stated  
38 above apply to the preceding court hearing.  
39

Section 4: With passage of this bill, citizens who have been falsely  
40 accused of obtaining criminal objects will receive a chance to acquire their  
41 assets. There is no fiscal effect of this bill on the state budget.  
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Section 5: All laws in in conflicts with this bill will be hereby repealed.  
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Section 6: This bill shall be enacted immediately upon passage.  
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**Sponsors: Alan Boles, Artman Kasraei**  
**Committee: Senate - Judiciary**  
**School: West High School**

**AN ACT TO REFORM AND IMPROVE CIVIL LEGAL AID IN TENNESSEE**

1 WHEREAS, the current civil legal aid in the great State of Tennessee  
2 infringes upon the civil liberties of many of its citizens,  
3

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:**

5 Section 1: Terms of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
6 be defined as follows:

- 7 a) Legal Aid Clinic: a place where one can obtain legal advice, assistance,  
8 and defense, paid for by legal aid.
- 9 b) Congressional District: an electoral constituency that elects a single  
10 member to the House of Representatives.
- 11 c) TBA: Tennessee Bar Association.
- 12 d) Pro Bono: free legal services that a professional provides to poverty-  
13 stricken clients.
- 14 e) Federal Poverty Level: the minimum amount of gross income a family  
15 or individual requires for basic necessities, defined annually by the  
16 Department of Health and Human Services.

17 Section 2: The State of Tennessee hereby will fund and establish legal aid  
18 clinics across the state. In Congressional District 1, there will be 3 state  
19 legal aid clinics, in Congressional District 2, there will be 3 state legal aid  
20 clinics, in Congressional District 3, there will be 3 state legal aid clinics, in  
21 Congressional District 4, there will be 4 state legal aid clinics, in  
22 congressional district 5, there will be 2 state legal aid clinics, in  
23 Congressional District 6, there will be 4 state legal aid clinics, in  
24 Congressional District 7, there will be 4 state legal aid clinics, in  
25 Congressional District 8, there will be 3 state legal aid clinics, and in  
26 Congressional District 9, there will be 2 state legal aid clinics. The position  
27 of the legal aid clinics can and may be added, relocated or removed based  
28 on redistricting and said movements will fall under the authority of the  
29 state congress.  
30  
31

32 Section 3: Lawyers of the State of Tennessee are required to perform at  
33 least 50 hours of pro bono cases per year. If they are unable to fulfill this  
34 requirement they will be charged \$100 per hour not completed. This will  
35 be a requirement under the TBA. All attorneys who register must report  
36 their pro bono hours and/or their contributions.  
37  
38 Section 4: This bill will institute a requirement for all applicants to be  
39 admitted to the TBA in 2018 and onward. Applicants must perform at  
40 least 50 hours of pro bono service to qualify. As Lawyers are required to  
41 pay an annual fee along with their statement of renewal to the TBA, they  
42 will also be required to submit their hours of civil aid work and, if not  
43 completed, their additional fee. If these are not received, by the first of  
44 the day of the lawyer's birth month, they will lose their license.  
45  
46 Section 5: In respect to the requirements for legal aid at the state-funded  
47 clinics, families, and individuals with incomes at or below 250% of the  
48 federal poverty level will receive legal aid at no cost to the person(s).  
49  
50 Section 6: If enacted, this bill will cost the State of Tennessee \$50 million  
51 dollars to be budgeted from the Department of Human Services.  
52  
53 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
54 repealed.  
55  
56 Section 8: This act shall take effect on October 1st of 2018, the public  
57 welfare requiring it.  
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**Sponsors:** Spencer Hayes, Sophie Tusant  
**Committee:** Senate - Government Operations  
**School:** Westminster Academy

**An Act to Create Term Limits for Legislative Representatives in the State of Tennessee**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government.
- 2
- 3 **Section 1:** Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 4 a) **Term:** The length of time a representative holds office after being
- 5 elected once. The length of a Tennessee State Senator's term is four
- 6 years. The length of a term for a Tennessee State Representative in the
- 7 House of Representatives is two years.
- 8 b) **Term Limit:** A limit placed on the number of terms a Tennessee State
- 9 Representative can hold his or her office.
- 10 c) **Legislative Representative:** One who holds office in a House of
- 11 Representatives or a Senate.
- 12
- 13 **Section 2:** This bill will limit the number of times a Legislative
- 14 Representative may hold office in the State of Tennessee. Senators will
- 15 only be able to serve three terms (totaling twelve years) and Members of
- 16 the House will only be able to serve four terms (totaling eight years).
- 17
- 18 **Section 3:** Terms that a Representative serves may or may not be
- 19 consecutive, as long as the total number of years does not exceed the
- 20 aforementioned limits.
- 21
- 22 **Section 4:** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby
- 23 repealed.
- 24
- 25 **Section 5:** This bill will be put into effect November 6, 2020.
- 26



**Sponsors:** Brannon Guffee, Anna Bryant  
**Committee:** Senate - Judiciary  
**School:** Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ADD PARENT-CHILD PRIVILEGES TO TCA RULE 501**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
- 2
- 3 **Section 1:** Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 a) **PARENT-CHILD PRIVILEGE:** the ability for a parent or child to opt out
- 6 of testifying against each other in a civil or criminal court.
- 7 b) **PARENT:** a birth parent, adoptive parent, step-parent, foster parent, or
- 8 legal guardian of a child or any other person that a court has recognized
- 9 as having acquired the right to act as a parent of that child.
- 10 c) **CHILD:** with respect to an individual, a birth, adoptive, or step-child of
- 11 the individual and any person such as a foster child or a relative of whom
- 12 the individual has long term custody with respect to the court recognizes
- 13 the individual as having the right to act as a parent.
- 14 d) **TCA RULE 501:** rule outlining privileges recognized by Tennessee
- 15 courts.
- 16
- 17 **Section 2:** If enacted, this bill will allow for the choice of a Parent-Child
- 18 Privilege in a court of law in the state of Tennessee.
- 19
- 20 **Section 3:** The privilege does not apply when:
- 21 a) the parent and child are opposing parties;
- 22 b) the child's parents are opposing parties;
- 23 c) the parent or child is a party and both were jointly involved in the
- 24 activity that is the focus of the proceeding;
- 25 d) either is a party to a criminal or juvenile proceeding based on alleged
- 26 acts committed against the person or property of a family member;
- 27 e) an action is to commit the parent or child due to mental incompetence
- 28 or disorder or to establish mental competence;
- 29 f) an action is to place the person or property of the parent or child in the
- 30 custody or control of another due to mental or physical incompetence;
- 31 g) neglect, dependency, deprivation, abandonment, or nonsupport of
- 32 either is at issue;



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Sponsors: Jacob Alexander, Jack Vaughn  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Gallatin High School

**A Resolution to Declare the Chess Pie as the Tennessee State Pie**

33 h) mental, physical, or sexual abuse of either is at issue; or  
 34 i) the termination of parental rights is at issue.  
 35  
 36 Section 4: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
 37  
 38 Sections 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
 39 repealed.  
 40  
 41 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public  
 42 welfare requiring it.  
 43

1 Section 1: Definition:  
 2 a) Chess Pie is a dessert characteristic of the Southern United States  
 3 Cuisine.  
 4 b) Any of a pie containing a single crust, eggs, butter, sugar, vanilla,  
 5 possibly containing other ingredients including buttermilk, vinegar,  
 6 cornmeal, lemon, or chocolate.  
 7  
 8 Section 2: The only state food of Tennessee is the state fruit, which is the  
 9 tomato.  
 10  
 11 Section 3: Several states including, Texas and Florida have official State  
 12 Pies.  
 13  
 14 Section 4: Chess Pie is hereby designated as the official Tennessee State  
 15 Pie.  
 16  
 17 Section 5: The Tennessee Secretary of State's Office shall put the State  
 18 Pie in the future editions of the Tennessee Blue Book.  
 19  
 20 Section 6: This resolution imposes no financial burden upon the state of  
 21 Tennessee.  
 22  
 23 Section 7: Any law or portions of a law which are in conflict with this  
 24 resolution are hereby repealed.  
 25  
 26 Section 8: This Resolution will be enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth  
 27 in Government upon passage on January 1st, 2018.  
 28



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Sponsors: Sarah Teague, Sarah Singleton, Abbay Kellum  
Committee: Senate - Judiciary  
School: Westminster Academy

**AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY VIOLENT FELONY COMMITTED BY A CHILD  
OVER THE AGE OF 15 TO BE SHOWN ON THEIR PERMANENT  
RECORD.**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
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- 3
- 4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 5 be defined as follows:
- 6 a) violent felony- any crime in which another person(s) is harmed, such
- 7 as murder, rape, assault
- 8 b) permanent record- the official administrative record held by the
- 9 government for an indefinite period of time
- 10
- 11 Section 2: The distinction between violent felonies and non-violent
- 12 felonies is dependent upon the manner of the crime. If another person,
- 13 the victim, suffers from physical damage or pain, then it is classified as a
- 14 violent felony.
- 15
- 16 Section 3: All minors above the age of 15, who commit a violent felony in
- 17 which another person(s) is harmed will have his/her actions to be on
- 18 his/her permanent record although he/she is under the age of 18.
- 19
- 20 Section 4: Be it enacted, this bill will have no direct cost to the state of
- 21 Tennessee.
- 22
- 23 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 24 repealed.
- 25
- 26 Section 6: This act will go into effect June 1st, 2017.



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Sponsors: Will Riddle, Mason Fry  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Require Background Checks**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
- 2
- 3
- 4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be
- 5 defined as follows:
- 6 Background check: a background investigation is the process of looking up
- 7 and compiling criminal records, commercial records, financial records, and
- 8 abuse records of an individual or an organization.
- 9 Camp counselor: an assistant at a children's camp, often a high-school or
- 10 college student, who supervises a group of children or directs a particular
- 11 activity, as nature study or a sport.
- 12 Adolescent: someone under the age of 18.
- 13
- 14 Section 2: This act shall require a background check to be conducted on any
- 15 person hired in a religious, charitable, scientific, educational, athletic, or
- 16 youth service institution or organization that contains adolescents in the
- 17 state of Tennessee.
- 18
- 19 Section 3: These background checks will ensure the safety of any children or
- 20 adolescents attending a certain religious, charitable, scientific, educational,
- 21 athletic, or youth service institution or organization.
- 22
- 23 Section 4: This will prevent people with violent pasts and/or histories of
- 24 arrests, from being able to interact with children illegally by being placed in a
- 25 leadership position in said organizations.
- 26
- 27 Section 5: This act will require \$29 per background check without
- 28 fingerprinting and \$50 per background check with fingerprinting.
- 29
- 30 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 31 repealed.
- 32
- 33 Section 7: This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and
- 34 businesses must comply with guidelines by January 2018.



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**Sponsors: Nolan McGinnity, Kevin Frost**  
**Committee: Senate - Government Operations**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO BOOST IMPLEMENTATION OF NEXT GENERATION 911 SYSTEMS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A. Public-Safety Answering Point (PSAP)- a call center responsible for  
6 answering calls to an emergency telephone number for police, firefighting,  
7 and ambulance services.

8  
9 Section 2: Next Generation 911 (NG911) services are the solution to  
10 bringing outdated law and emergency establishments into this century.  
11 NG911 is an Internet Protocol based system that allows the public to send  
12 information such as text messages, photos, and videos to 911  
13 corresponds and emergency responders almost effortlessly, making it  
14 easier for callers to quickly connect to a PSAP and for 911 services to  
15 more accurately pinpoint the location of callers who urgently need to be  
16 reached, especially those on wireless devices. In addition, the system  
17 enables separate jurisdictions to share information like maps and calls  
18 with one another. This works through Internet Protocol, a set of rules  
19 governing the format of data sent over the Internet. The National  
20 Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cyber security system is  
21 recommended for preventing any issues with the system.

22  
23 Section 3: The process for updating to NG911 requires multiple new  
24 technologies, such as Emergency Services IP Networks, Internet  
25 Engineering Task Force (IETF) based IP protocol standards, and training  
26 to show 911 operators how to use it. An estimated \$13 million will be  
27 used to help fully establish NG911's in the PSAPs of Davidson, Knox, and  
28 Shelby counties. With this financial help, these high population areas can  
29 smoothly transition from the current E911 system to NG911.

31 Section 4: After a year, the state of the NG911s in these cities will be  
32 reviewed. If they are working as properly and efficiently as expected, the  
33 state can further implement the systems in additional cities.

34  
35 Section 5: As previously stated, the implementation will require \$13  
36 million, along with the funds Tennessee has already put aside for NG911s.  
37 This will come from the more than \$30 billion state budget of Tennessee,  
38 and any leftover money will be used to maintain and update the system as  
39 needed. Because NG911 is so efficient, it will save money in the long run.  
40 The cost also includes cyber security from the NIST cyber framework. The  
41 funding for this system will be provided through what remains from the  
42 \$13 million funding, which will be enough for NIST and future updates or  
43 maintenance.

44  
45 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
46 repealed.

47  
48 Section 7: This act shall take effect June 26th, 2017, the public welfare  
49 requiring it.  
50



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Sponsors: Grayson Blount, Zack McLain, Thomas Finley  
Committee: Senate - Government Operations  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act To Allow Minors To Register to Vote in Primary Elections If They Become Of Age By The General Election**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall be  
4 defined as follows:  
5 A) Primary Election - A preliminary election to select the candidates from  
6 each political party to run for any elected position.  
7 B) General Election - The election where candidates chosen from the  
8 Primary Election run for elected position.  
9 C) Minor - Anyone under the age of 18 years old.  
10  
11 Section 2: This act would allow any minor who will turn 18 years old  
12 before the General Election for any government position to register to  
13 vote in the Primary Election for that position. Seeing as states are granted  
14 the power to list qualifications of voters in both state and federal  
15 elections, this legislation does not violate any federal laws.  
16  
17 Section 3: All voting registration locations will be required to allow minors  
18 who meet these qualifications to register.  
19  
20 Section 4: Voting registration locations will be subject to random  
21 monitoring exercises in order to ensure compliance, but no additional  
22 monetary costs to this state will come from this act.  
23  
24 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
25 repealed  
26  
27 Section 6: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law.  
28



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Sponsors: Will Swanner, JonMarc Smith  
Committee: Senate - State & Local Government  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USAGE OF HOVER BOARDS**

1 BE ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 a) Hover board: a means of transport resembling a skateboard that  
6 travels above the surface of the ground, ridden in a standing position.  
7 b) Prohibited area: an area forbidding an action or activity by authority or  
8 law.  
9 c) Certain means of transportation: the action of transporting someone or  
10 something by an object.  
11  
12 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will restrict the permitted locations of the  
13 usage of hover boards.  
14  
15 Section 3: This law will follow the previous laws restricting the usage of  
16 certain means of transportation in public streets, parks, and sidewalks.  
17 Certain means of transportation that resemble a hover board include  
18 skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, long boards, etc.  
19  
20 Section 4: If a citizen should be found riding a hover board in a prohibited  
21 area, a fine previously instated for the certain means of transportation  
22 will be given.  
23  
24 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
25 repealed.  
26  
27 Section 6: If passed, this act will have no fiscal effect on the state of  
28 Tennessee.  
29  
30 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.  
31  
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Sponsors: Anna Bryn Williams, Langston Shellist, Whitney Flautt  
Committee: Senate - Judiciary  
School: Webb School

**AN ACT TO amend TCA 68-3-306, Artificial Insemination Bill of 1977.**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2
- 3 Section I: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 4 TCA 68-3-306 reads as follows: "A child born to a married woman as a
- 5 result of artificial insemination, with consent of the married woman's
- 6 husband, is deemed to be the legitimate child of the husband and wife."
- 7 This act proposes that the word "husband" in TCA 68-3-306 be changed
- 8 to "spouse".
- 9
- 10 Section II: This amendment would allow for both spouses of a same sex
- 11 couple to have the right to receive custody of the child in question.
- 12
- 13 Section III: This act will have no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.
- 14
- 15 Section IV: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 16 repealed.
- 17
- 18 Section V: This act shall take effect July 6, 2017 the public welfare
- 19 requiring it.
- 20
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COMMITTEE 1**

**Alton Stovall**



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RED HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Julia Cook, Emma Harris, Abigail Coughlin  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Webb School

**AN ACT TO PERMIT THE USE OF MECHANICAL PENCILS ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 2 a) Standardized tests: is any form of test that (1) requires all test takers
- 3 to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions from common
- 4 bank of questions, in the same way, and (2) is scored in a "standard" or
- 5 consistent manner, which makes it possible to compare the relative
- 6 performance of each individual.
- 7 b) Mechanical Pencil: a pencil with a plastic or metal case and a thin
- 8 replaceable lead that may be extended as the point is worn away by
- 9 twisting the outer casing.
- 10 c) No. 2 Pencil: A pencil, with a graphite core "2"
- 11 d) Graphite core: is often marked on the pencil and the higher the
- 12 number, the harder the writing core and the lighter the mark left on the
- 13 paper.
- 14
- 15 Section 2: This act will permit students participating in standardized
- 16 testing to have the option to use a mechanical pencil with No. 2 lead
- 17 while testing.
- 18
- 19 Section 3: The current official rules for the ACT and SAT are as follows: "A
- 20 No. 2 pencil is required for the test. Do not bring a mechanical pencil or a
- 21 pen."
- 22
- 23 Section 4: The official rules for the ACT and SAT will change to: "A No. 2
- 24 pencil is required for the test. Do not bring a pen."
- 25
- 26 Section 5: If enacted, this bill will cost \$0 for the education committee.
- 27
- 28 Section 6: The act will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 29



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RED HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Cecelia Cordera, Julie Anne Joyner, Emily Persons  
Committee: House - Education  
School: St. Georges Independent School

**An Act to Amend Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3001**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, are
- 4 defined as follows:
- 5 Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3001: Attendance at school between
- 6 ages 6 to 17 is required excluding exceptions listed. After notice and
- 7 failure to comply, Judge may fine up to \$50 or 5 hours of community
- 8 service; class C misdemeanor.
- 9
- 10 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will amend the above annotated code by
- 11 replacing "\$50 or 5 hours of community service" with "\$10,000 or 100
- 12 hours of community service". Fines will now be placed in the education
- 13 fund to make improvements on the public school system in Tennessee.
- 14
- 15 Section 3: This enactment of this bill will have no negative fiscal impact
- 16 on the state.
- 17
- 18 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this law are hereby
- 19 repealed.
- 20
- 21 Section 5: This act shall take effect October 1st, 2017 upon passage.
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RED HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Anu Raju, Sarah Reidy  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO INITIATE A SELF DEFENSE PROGRAM TO BE REQUIRED  
IN ALL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:

- A) S.A.F.E.: Students Acquiring Defense Education; a new self-defense and safety awareness education program focusing on preventing danger and increasing safety knowledge and preparing students to leave high school with confidence in their safety skills.
- B) Self Defense: a countermeasure that involves the health and well-being of oneself from harm
- C) Aggravated Assault: when an individual attempts to cause serious injury on another individual with or without a weapon
- D) Physical Education: education on physical exercise behavior, required to be taught in schools
- E) Public School: education systems (school) supported by the government and public funding; required attendance under law if not enrolled in a private institution.
- F) Human Trafficking: the act of illegally transferring individuals from one area to another area for reasons of sexual exploitation and forced labor.
- G) Rape: the act of sexual intercourse or sexual penetration without consent from the victim
- H) Battery: the crime of threatening an individual by making physical contact with them

Section 2: The self-defense program being initiated will go by the name S.A.F.E. which stands for Students Acquiring Defense Education. The main purpose of this program would be to lessen crime rates that include human trafficking, battery, aggravated assault, and rape through increasing awareness, caution, and knowledge of dangerous situations and response if in one.

Section 3: Acknowledging that even with a 7.9% drop in Tennessee aggravated assault rates, Tennessee still has the second highest rates in the United States. Alarmed by the continually increasing rates of assault in Tennessee, and deeply concerned that aggravated assault occurrences were accounted for more than 75% of all violent crimes within state of Tennessee, the commencement of the program S.A.F.E. will decrease these rates dramatically.

Section 4: Physical Education teachers must receive a certification in self-defense and be well educated and informed on the topic, while also having prior experience in teaching being that the program will be taught during a high school physical education course. The specific certification needed can be acquired through an online self-defense certification course.

Section 5: Tenn. Code Ann. 49-10- 1035 Domestic Violence Awareness Education Program shall be amended to add "and Assault" after Domestic Violence in the Section Title to refer to all types of violence seen in Tennessee. Also, "and Action" shall be added after Awareness in the title to show that the program goes beyond prior established plans in adding a course of action to respond to a dangerous situation.

Section 6: With the establishment of this program, threat perception and response to dangerous situations will become universal knowledge for teens across Tennessee. This program will allow students to become well equipped to defend themselves in hazardous situations. Not only will this program train students on how to defend themselves in frightening situations, but will also educate youth on how to act and respond when encountering these unsafe circumstances.

Section 7: This act causes no financial effect upon the state. No money from the Department of Education will be needed in order to fund this bill, but rather places all expenses for equipment and enactment at the discretion of each individual school district. The costs can come from pre-existing district budgets or class fees. This bill only includes start-up costs and does not require continual funding from the districts.

Section 8: Take note that the effects of this program will be reviewed in five years to decide whether or not this program is beneficial to the reduction of any and all crimes having to do with the harming of other individuals in Tennessee. If there is a continual decrease in crime statistics within Tennessee, then this act will continue and possibly be enacted in other states. If this act doesn't show its success in decreasing crime rates, then this act shall be repealed.

Section 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section 10: This act shall take effect at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, the public welfare requiring it.

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Sponsors: Kiana Ho, Vanassa Yang, Noelle Link  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO EXTEND SUMMER BREAK BY REDISTRIBUTING UNUSED SNOW DAYS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
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6 Snow Day: A day on which a school is closed due to inclement weather  
7 Instructional Day: A day on which students are attending school,  
8 including testing days  
9 Summer Break: A school holiday between school years and is the longest  
10 break of the year  
11 School District: A geographical unit for the local administration of schools  
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13 Section 2: All school districts in Tennessee will have the option to transfer  
14 unused snow days from instructional days to an extended summer break.  
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16 Section 3: This act will not require any state funding. Individual school  
17 districts can decide whether to extend summer break in this manner, and  
18 are encouraged to include any fiscal repercussions of doing so in their  
19 decision-making.  
20  
21 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
22 repealed.  
23  
24 Section 7: This act shall take effect beginning in the 2017-2018 school  
25 year, the public welfare requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Gracie Hill  
Committee: House - Government Operations  
School: Gallatin High School

**An Act to Amend the Vital Records Act of 1977**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government  
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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 Vital Records Act of 1977: Establishes regulations for the creation and  
6 amendment of records such as birth, marriage, annulment, divorce, and  
7 death certificates. Also deals with stillbirths.  
8 TCA 68-3-203: A portion of the Vital Records Act which states general  
9 requirements for the amendment of records  
10 Clause D of TCA 68-3-203: "The sex of an individual shall not be changed  
11 on the original certificate of birth as a result of sex change surgery."  
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13 Section 2: The following shall be substituted for Clause D of TCA 68-3-  
14 203, "The sex of an individual may be changed on the original certificate  
15 of birth and shall not require any form of medical transition to do so."  
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17 Section 3: The passage of this bill shall be at no cost to the state of  
18 Tennessee.  
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20 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
21 repealed.  
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23 Section 5: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018, the public welfare  
24 requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Matthew Walters, Kennedy Davis, Benjamin Campbell  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act To Give Vocational Options To Tennessee High School Students**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government, this bill  
 2 would allow high school students to opt out of highschool after 2 complete  
 3 years and instead, advance into a secondary trade school which would  
 4 teach career specific skills such as mechanics, programming, electrician.  
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 6 These trade schools are funded by taxes like any public school in  
 7 Tennessee.  
 8  
 9 However, if the students choose to drop out of this program or regular  
 10 high school before graduation, they will not be eligible for state  
 11 unemployment benefits or welfare.  
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 13 This program will cost 228 million.  
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 15 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
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 17 This act shall take effect immediately after the end of the 2016-2017  
 18 school year.  
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Sponsors: Katharine McGuire, Bella D'Aprile, Meghan Doyle  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Reform Teacher Evaluations By Amending the Evaluation Process Set Forth by the Tennessee Department of Education**

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government Assembled  
 2 Today that in order to improve the quality of education and prevent the  
 3 exacerbation of educational disparity in Tennessee public schools, standardized test  
 4 scores should be removed from the current teacher evaluation criteria.  
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 6 SECTION 2: The system established by the Tennessee Department of Education  
 7 entails a two part system for teacher evaluation- the first being teacher  
 8 performance and classroom observation, the second being student scores on state  
 9 standardized tests such as EOC and TCAP. If enacted, this bill will eliminate the  
 10 consideration of standardized test scores in teacher evaluations, and teacher  
 11 evaluations will henceforth be conducted solely on the basis of teacher  
 12 performance during classroom observations.  
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 14 SECTION 3: Observations shall take place on a bimonthly basis.  
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 16 SECTION 4: Observations will be conducted within a school by the school's  
 17 principal or vice principal.  
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 19 SECTION 5: An additional observation conducted by a member of the Tennessee  
 20 Department of Education shall take place in the final month of the school year so  
 21 as to ensure the accuracy of those preceding it.  
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 23 SECTION 6: Jurisdiction over this bill falls to the Tennessee Department of  
 24 Education.  
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 26 SECTION 7: The existing tax for education is sufficient to provide for the  
 27 enforcement of this bill.  
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 29 SECTION 8: This bill shall go into effect upon the commencement of the 2018-2019  
 30 school year.  
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 32 SECTION 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.



Sponsors: Sarah Logan, Ashton Smith  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Require Class D Driver's Education Courses to Inform Students about Organ Donation**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
- 2 Section I: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be
- 3 defined as follows:
- 4 a) Driver's Education Course: a course of study that teaches the techniques of
- 5 driving a vehicle, along with basic vehicle maintenance, safety precautions, and
- 6 traffic regulations and laws.
- 7 b) Class D License: a regular driver's license required to operate a passenger
- 8 vehicle that is less than 26,000 pounds and contains no more than fifteen
- 9 passengers including the driver.
- 10 c) Organ Donation: the donation of biological tissue or an organ of the human body
- 11 from a living of deceased human to a living recipient in need of a transplant.
- 12 d) a person of any age enrolled in a Driver's Education course.
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- 14 Section II: This act will require all licensed and certified public and third-party
- 15 driver's education instructors to educate their students on the demands and effects
- 16 of organ donation as a part of their curriculum.
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- 18 Section III: This bill would work to educate and clarify misunderstandings about
- 19 organ donation. It will encourage people of all ages to exercise their opportunity to
- 20 save another human being's life. This bill will only require a small fraction of time
- 21 to educate on a life-changing cause.
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- 23 Section IV: Failure to comply with this act will result in a \$1,000 fine for the first
- 24 and second occurrence. A third occurrence will result in the revocation of the
- 25 instructor's certification for a minimum of one year.
- 26
- 27 Section V: The enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on the state of
- 28 Tennessee.
- 29
- 30 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
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- 32 Section VII: If enacted, this bill will take effect on January 1, 2018.



Sponsors: Jay Horner, Trey Royalty  
Committee: House - Education  
School: St. Georges Independent School

**A Bill to Make Computer Programming Classes Count as Language Credits in Public Schools**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 4 a) Computer Programming Class - any class that teaches students any
- 5 programming language used on a computer
- 6 b) Programming Language - An artificial language used to write
- 7 instructions that can be translated into machine language and then
- 8 executed by a computer.
- 9
- 10 Section 2: This act requires that Tennessee Public schools will count
- 11 classes that teach the following programming languages as language
- 12 credits needed for graduation:
- 13 a) Python
- 14 b) Java
- 15 c) C++
- 16 d) Any other programming language deemed acceptable at the
- 17 discretion of the school board
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- 19 Section 3: This bill will have no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.
- 20
- 21 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 22 repealed.
- 23
- 24 Section 5: This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2017-2018
- 25 school year.
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**Sponsors: Sasank Kandipati, Chase Kerr**  
**Committee: House - Government Operations**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE TWO-ROUND VOTING SYSTEM FOR STATE-ONLY ELECTIONS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section I: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:  
5 Two-Round Voting System: a voting method used to elect a single winner,  
6 where the voter casts a single vote for their chosen candidate. If no  
7 candidate receives the required number of votes, then those candidates  
8 having less than a certain proportion of the votes, or all but the two  
9 candidates receiving the most votes, are eliminated, and a second round  
10 of voting is held  
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12 Section II: This act will first implement a one-round majority election. If a  
13 candidate receives the majority of the votes in this round, there is no  
14 need for a second ballot. If no candidate receives the majority in the first  
15 round, a second ballot will be held and the top two candidates from the  
16 first round will have a runoff election in the second round. The winner of  
17 the second round is elected.  
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19 Section III: If passed, the following section will be added to T.C.A. § 2-  
20 13-203:  
21 All procedures dealing with methods of nominations will be replaced with  
22 Section II of the ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE TWO-ROUND SYSTEM FOR  
23 STATE-ONLY ELECTIONS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, including the  
24 details of counties and administrators in charge of voting procedures.  
25 The following section will be added to T.C.A. § 2-12-109:  
26 Any expenses concerning polling places and compensations for officials  
27 will be dealt with in the same manner as before.  
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29 Section IV: If enacted, this act will have a negative impact on the fiscal  
30 budget. Since existing polling costs are approximately \$230 million, the  
31 two-round voting system would cost \$100 million more because the

32 system would cost approximately 1.5 times the existing expense of polls,  
33 due to an increase in expenditure for compensation for local election  
34 officials, election-related supplies, and voter information dissemination.  
35 The expenditures will be covered by the Tennessee general funds.  
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37 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
38 repealed.  
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40 Section VI: This act shall take effect immediately on February 12, 2018,  
41 the public welfare requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Sara Beth Hollandsworth, Alyssa Garnett  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Smyrna High School

**College Tuition Waiver Act for TN Children Raised by Non-birth Parents**

32 program. All former scholarships for adopted children, unless for private  
33 institutions will no longer be active. Once a child enters college, they will  
34 have to maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher in order to continue college free of  
35 tuition.

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37 Section VI: This bill will be retroactive for those who have aged out of  
38 the system but are currently within the above stated age range.

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40 Section VII: The bill will go into effect July 1, 2017.  
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1 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth in Government:

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3 Section I: The following word in this act will be defined as:

4 Non-birth parent — non-biological parent and or guardian

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6 Section II: This act will allow college tuition and fee exemptions for the  
7 following students if

8 a) He or she is or was at the time he or she reached age 18 in the

9 custody of the Department of Child Services;

10 b) He or she was adopted from the Department of Child Services after

11 July 1, 1989;

12 c) He or she is or was at the time of reaching age 18 in the custody of a  
13 relative in TN;

14 d) He or she is or was at the time of reaching age 18 in the custody of a  
15 non-relative within TN; or,

16 e) He or she was placed in a guardianship by the court after spending at  
17 least 6 months in the custody of the department after reaching 16 years  
18 of age.

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20 Section III: This program is valid at Tennessee's public universities, public  
21 community colleges and public vocational schools until the child is age 28.  
22 The students are exempt from paying tuition and fees, including lab fees.  
23 The state will pay the colleges just as they would the TN Hope scholarship  
24 or TN Promise.  
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26 Section IV: All funds taken for this bill will come from the Tennessee  
27 Lottery. The Tennessee Lottery has raised more than \$4 billion for  
28 education.  
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30 Section V: All families adopting will still receive benefits already listed for  
31 adopting in the state of Tennessee in addition to the new tuition waiver



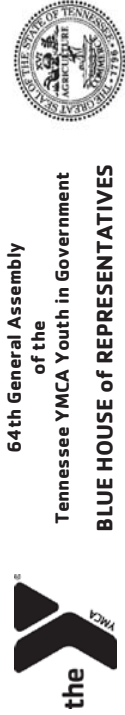


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Sponsors: Nathan Springman, Maddie Strom  
Committee: House - Government Operations  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCESS FOR ELECTORS AND ELECTORS AT LARGE**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:  
2  
3 Section I: Terms in the act shall be defined as follows:  
4 a) Electoral College: A body of people representing the states of the US,  
5 who formally cast votes for the election of the president and the vice  
6 president.  
7 b) Electors at large: Electors chosen to represent the whole of a State in  
8 the United States Senate, in distinction from those chosen to represent  
9 particular districts within a state.  
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11 Section II: If enacted, this bill shall amend TN Code § 2-15-104 to read  
12 as follows:  
13 (c) (1) The winner of the popular vote in each congressional district shall  
14 receive one elector. Two electors at large shall be awarded to the winner  
15 of the popular vote state-wide.  
16  
17 Section III: This will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
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19 Section IV: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
20 repealed.  
21  
22 Section V: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public  
23 welfare requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Katie Davis, Meleena Waters  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO SOLIDIFY THE EQUAL FINANCIAL REPRESENTATION OF THE FINE ARTS TO OTHER PROGRAMS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 A) Adequate Funding: Funding that entails the basic education and  
6 enrichment of all it's students.  
7 B) Average Daily Membership (ADM): Number of students enrolled in a  
8 school district who are either in attendance or have an excused absence  
9 as counted in the first full week of October and the first full week of  
10 February, as verified by the superintendent of public instruction.  
11 C) Basic Education Program (BEP): The funding formula which accounts  
12 for various components - instructional salaries, classroom equipment  
13 school construction and the ADM - through which state education dollars  
14 are generated and distributed to Tennessee schools  
15 D) Basic Funding: This method generally is not tied to outcomes, such as  
16 academic performance, but rather to specific inputs to the education  
17 process, such as the number of books in a library or computers in a  
18 school.  
19 E) Fiscal Year: The 12-month period ending on September 30th of that  
20 year, having begun on October 1st of the previous calendar year. In  
21 particular, the identification of a fiscal year is the calendar year in which it  
22 ends.  
23 F) Restricted Fund: The restricted fund is used to account for money that  
24 is restricted for the use of a specific segment of the school population or  
25 legally restricted for a specific purpose and not intended to benefit the  
26 general school population.  
27  
28 Section 2: Upon enacting this bill, the school districts are to be held  
29 responsible for the partial funding of the fine arts programs in Tennessee  
30 public schools.  
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**Sponsors: Clay Holmes, Tommy Pitts, Brock Seiler**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Brentwood Academy**

**AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN RECEIVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATION AS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN**

32 Section 3: A minimum of three percent of the funds given to districts  
33 from state and local funding such as BEP and property taxes are to be  
34 allocated to the fine arts programs of public intermediate and high  
35 schools under their jurisdiction at the beginning of each fiscal year. This  
36 will serve as a restricted fund that is assigned to a fine arts account.  
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38 Section 4: Districts with adequate level funding are required to enact this  
39 bill. Public schools that only have basic or below basic level funding will  
40 not be included in this initiative.  
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42 Section 5: Extra funding will not be necessary in the redistribution of  
43 funds throughout school districts.  
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45 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
46 repealed.  
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48 Section 7: All budgeting rearrangements will be implemented by the 2018  
49 Fiscal Year.  
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless context requires otherwise, shall be as  
3 follows  
4 a) Superintendent of Schools: an administrator or manager in charge of a  
5 number of public schools or a school district.  
6 b) Designee: a person selected or designated by the Superintendent to go and  
7 represent the Superintendent.  
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9 Section 2: If enacted, parents and guardians have a right to homeschool their  
10 child according to the parent's or guardian's values, the parent or guardian  
11 must keep samples of lesson plans and the child's work in a portfolio to be  
12 evaluated by the Superintendent of schools or his designee once a year to  
13 ensure that the student's education meets standards set by the state and of the  
14 standardized testing.  
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16 Section 3: The child would be required to take the same standardized tests  
17 provided in the public school for which the student is zoned.  
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19 Section 4: If the student fails to meet the standards set by the state then the  
20 child would be required to attend to the public school for which the student is  
21 zoned.  
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23 Section 5: If the student meets the standards set by the state then the child  
24 would also be allowed to compete in athletics and use the library belonging to  
25 the public school for which the student is zoned.  
26

27 Section 6: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
28

29 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
30

31 Section 8: This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



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**Sponsors: Megha Chitturi, Joanna Lee**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO TRANSITION HOMELESS YOUTH INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A - Homeless Youth: anyone under the age of 18 who does not have a  
6 permanent place of stay.

7 B - D.A.E.S.: Displaced Adolescent Education System

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9 Section 2: This act will benefit homeless youth in need of educational  
10 opportunities by creating and implementing the program, Displaced  
11 Adolescent Education System. In partnership with the Salvation Army, the  
12 Displaced Adolescent Education System, also known as DAES, will work to  
13 provide aid in the transition to public schools for the homeless youth.

14 While the Salvation Army already has a tutoring program in place, there  
15 are only three available facilities currently in Tennessee. DAES would  
16 contribute volunteers that would be able to cover larger areas; therefore,  
17 every child has an equal opportunity.

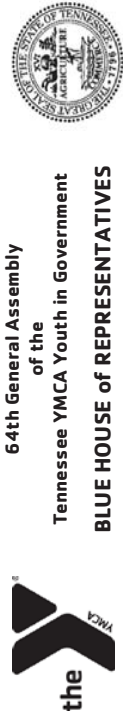
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19 Section 3: DAES would assist in the assimilation by providing tutoring  
20 sessions in available schools that have given consent. These sessions  
21 would continue until the child and the volunteer feel confident enough to  
22 transition into a public school learning environment.

23  
24 Section 4: Volunteers for DAES are chosen through a moderately selective  
25 process in which they are tested on teaching skills as well as how  
26 efficiently they work with the youth. They will need at least a high school  
27 education and a clear background check.

28  
29 Section 5: This act will require no money from the state education  
30 budget. The tutors are volunteers and the program is partnered with the  
31 Salvation Army which is a nonprofit organization.

32  
33 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
34 repealed.

35  
36 Section 7: This act will go into effect on the start of the next public  
37 educational year in 2018.  
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Sponsors: Hiren Bagga, Jake Looney  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

Sponsors: Virginia Sances, Sidney Matlock  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Webb School

**AN ACT TO LOWER THE HIGH SCHOOL OBESITY RATE**

**An Act to Allow Permitted Firearms onto University of Tennessee Campuses**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2 Section I: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
3 shall be defined as follows:  
4 High school obesity rate: percent of high school students with a body  
5 mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher  
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7 Section II: Teaching of Healthy Choices in Middle School Classes  
8 All Physical Education classes shall be required the equivalent to one  
9 week of education on the importance of healthy choices in food,  
10 moderation of unhealthy food, and physical exercise.  
11 All seventh grade science classes shall also be required to teach the  
12 equivalent of three days of lecture in the importance of healthy choices  
13 and physical exercise.  
14  
15 Section III: Change in the High School Breakfast and Lunch Program  
16 Tennessee high schools will change their lunch and breakfast program to  
17 be modeled off the Arizona "Farm to School" program, due to similar  
18 school population and similar expenditure on school food.  
19  
20 Section IV: Should this bill fail to lower the high school obesity rate by  
21 three percent by January 1, 2022, this bill will cease in effect and the  
22 previous systems will be reimplemented.  
23  
24 Section V: Fiscal Line Item  
25 This bill should not cost any money to implement and could end up  
26 costing the state less than present.  
27  
28 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
29 repealed.  
30  
31 Section VII: This act shall take effect on the beginning of the 2017-2018  
32 school year, the public welfare requiring it.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1) Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined  
4 as follows:  
5 firearms license-is a license or permit issued by a government authority that allows  
6 the licensee to buy, own, possess, or carry a firearm, often subject to a number of  
7 conditions or restrictions, especially with regard to storage requirements or the  
8 completion of a firearms safety course, as well as background checks, etc.  
9 sexual assault- any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the  
10 explicit consent of the recipient  
11 age restriction of carrying a weapon- 21 years of age or honorably discharged, a  
12 retired veteran, or an active duty member of the military  
13  
14 Section 2) This act allows students and the general public to bring concealed  
15 firearms on University of Tennessee's 5 main campuses and the state's 13  
16 community colleges and 27 technical colleges.  
17 Students and the general public must have a firearms license  
18 Students must register their firearms with the university  
19 If not passed, it does not give students, teachers, and general public the chance to  
20 protect themselves in the face of danger  
21  
22 Section 3) Firearms are not permitted in stadiums or gymnasiums during school  
23 sponsored events and teachers are not allowed to bring firearms into meetings  
24 dealing with discipline or tenure.  
25  
26 Section 4) Any citizen who goes against the restrictions stated in this bill or commits a  
27 crime on a University of Tennessee campus will be held entirely accountable  
28  
29 Section 5) This act will not require funding from the state budget  
30  
31 Section 6) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed  
32  
33 Section 7) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage and the schools must  
34 comply with guidelines by July 1, 2017.



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**Sponsors: Katie Bart, Celia Brazil, Aspen Martin**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**A Bill To Provide Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education To Children In Tennessee**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2  
3 Section 1: Tennessee's Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) program will provide all  
4 eligible 4-year-olds with access to developmentally appropriate  
5 classrooms so they can attain the academic and personal skills necessary  
6 to be ready for school.

7  
8 Section 2: An eligible 4-year-old must be a Tennessee resident, must  
9 have at least one parent or guardian that is a lawful US citizen, and must  
10 turn 4 years of age on or before September 1.

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12 The number of children in an early childhood education class shall not  
13 exceed twenty.

14  
15 Teachers in Tennessee's Pre-K program must have at least a Bachelor's  
16 degree in Early Childhood Education.

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18 Access to universal Pre-K will only be available during the school year, 3  
19 times a week (Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays from 8-3:30), and will follow  
20 the elementary school year calendar.

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22 Curriculum in universal Pre-K will focus on the basic skills needed to  
23 succeed in kindergarten.

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25 State law will allow public school early childhood programs to operate in  
26 collaboration with other public and private early childhood programs. Each  
27 district will allocate for the preschools as resources and demand allow.

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29 This bill will be funded by raising tourism-based taxes. Each district will  
30 determine the amount of money needed for the schools and raise taxes  
31 accordingly.

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33 Section 3: The Tennessee Department of Education will be responsible for  
34 implementing and enforcing this bill.

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36 Section 4: This bill will go into effect prior to the 2018-2019 school year.

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38 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
39 and void.  
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Sponsors: Ethan Smith, Mackenzie Stearns  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Gallatin High School

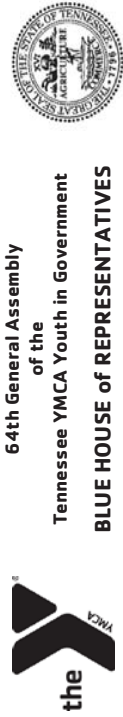
Sponsors: Abbey Brown, Emily Berhow, Kendall Dyer  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Brentwood Academy

**An Act to Prohibit Conflict of Interest in Standardized Testing**

**AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS THE DAY OFF OF SCHOOL ON INAUGURATION DAY**

1 Section 1: Definition  
2 a)Standardized test: A standardized test is any form of test that (1) requires all  
3 test takers to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions from  
4 common bank of questions, in the same way, and that (2) is scored in a  
5 "standard" or consistent manner, which makes it possible to compare the  
6 relative performance of individual students or groups of students.  
7 b)Testing Services: Anything related to the use of standardized tests, including,  
8 but not limited to: providing paper or electronic testing, grading paper or  
9 electronic testing, providing paper or electronic study materials.  
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11 Section 2: No one may sit on a committee that approves contracts with a  
12 company that is bidding for or provides standardized tests or testing services  
13 for the State of Tennessee Department or Education if they have received  
14 campaign contributions, gifts or remuneration from any testing company or  
15 affiliated companies or non-profits organizations within the previous 2 years.  
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17 Section 3: Any person serving on a committee that selects any vendor that  
18 provides standardized testing and or testing services in Tennessee may not  
19 receive any remuneration from any of the companies under consideration within  
20 2 years of serving on the committee.  
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22 Section 4: These prohibitions shall apply to members and staff of the General  
23 Assembly; employees, including the Commissioner, of the Department of  
24 Education; County Directors of Schools or members of their staffs.  
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26 Section 5: Any costs incurred by this act will be minimal and shall be incurred  
27 by the budget(s) of the appropriate department(s).  
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29 Section 6: All laws and portions of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
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31 Section 6: Upon passage, this act will take effect on July 1, 2017, the public  
32 welfare requiring it.

1 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
2 be as follows:  
3 Student: Any person enrolled in an preschool to 12th grade accredited  
4 education program in the state of Tennessee  
5 Inauguration Day: The swearing in of the new president and vice  
6 president of the United States  
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8 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will allow students to watch the transition  
9 of the power from one administration to the next on Inauguration Day by  
10 giving them the day off  
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12 Section 3: On each Inaugural year, public schools will replace one snow  
13 day with the Inauguration  
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15 Section 4: This bill will require no money from the state  
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17 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
18 repealed  
19  
20 Section 6: This act shall become effective on July 1, 2017  
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**Sponsors:** Katie Burnside, Meredith Owen  
**Committee:** House - Education  
**School:** Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO ALLOW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HAVE RECESS SO THEY CAN PERFORM HIGHER IN SCHOOL**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
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- 3 Section One: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 Students should have recess time to increase the ability to focus better in
- 6 class.
- 7 Recess: a time for students who have been working hard to take some time
- 8 off and allow their brain to not stress every hour of every school day.
- 9 Research indicates adolescents perform better on literacy tasks after they
- 10 have had recess.
- 11 Allowing 30 minutes of recess for high school students a day, will lead to
- 12 higher performance in class and an increase in work ethic.
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- 14 Section Two: This act will require all students needing a break to relax
- 15 and get refocused enough to bring up their grades and not be so
- 16 stressful.
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- 18 Section Three:
- 19 Having this law in effect will increase students' attention span and work
- 20 ethic. Students will look forward to this free time and relieve stress from
- 21 daily school hassles.
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- 23 Section Four:
- 24 Teachers and staff will also get 30 minutes to work or relax while the
- 25 students are in free time. Students can go to teachers during this time to
- 26 get extra help with their class or to make up any needed late work.
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- 28 Section Five:
- 29 There will be no change in the amount of time for each class period. The
- 30 other half of students' lunch period (enrichment period) will be replaced
- 31 by this recess period.

32 If ACT prep is sought after by students, they may apply to attend an ACT  
33 preparation course on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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35 Section Six: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
36 repealed.

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38 Section Seven: This act will be enacted by the state upon passage by  
39 June 1, 2017.  
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# TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



## HOUSE COMMITTEE 2

**Griffin Klein**



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Sponsors: Amelia Maxwell, Kelly Gim  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Centennial High School

**An act to remove teacher tenure system for the improvement of public school education**

Section 1: terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows  
a. Tenure: a status granted after a trial period to a teacher that gives protection from summary dismissal.  
b. Probationary period: 5 year period without employment guarantee where teachers become eligible for a tenure through annual evaluations.

Section 2: The state of Tennessee recognizes the tedious process in removing ineffective teachers in the classroom. It also recognizes administrators are less likely to discipline a teacher who is tenured compared to one who is a probationary teacher even if they have committed the same offence.

Section 3: When enacted, this will eliminate the tenure system in all public schools in the state of Tennessee

Section 4: It will be of no cost to the state of Tennessee

Section 5: This will apply to all public schools in Tennessee that were accounted for under the tenure law enacted in 2011

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7: This act will go into effect on July 1, 2018

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Sponsors: Cassie Heath, Ember Brewer  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Smyrna High School

**An Act to Require Card Readers in Public High School**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1: The following term in this act will be defined as follows:

A) card reader — an electronic sensor that reads a magnetic strip or bar code on a credit card, membership card, etc.

Section 2: Every public high school in the state of Tennessee will be required to have a maximum of four card readers that will primarily be used for students to pay for school lunch. The number of card readers will be based on school population.

Section 3: If a school finds that four card readers are not needed for this purpose, the facility may use them for other financial transactions within the school.

Section 4: The costs for this act will be drawn from the education funds for the state of Tennessee. Schools will be provided with four VeriFone VX680 Wireless card readers, priced at \$249.95 each.

Section 5: The maximum cost will be \$479,904.

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section 7: This law shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



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**Sponsors:** Caroline Harrison, Alira Thomas  
**Committee:** House - Government Operations  
**School:** Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO AUTOMATICALLY REGISTER CITIZENS OF AGE TO VOTE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Citizens of age: All people 18 years or older, as of the voting day, who

6 were born in the United States, or who have obtained legal citizenship, or

7 visa, etc.; and who are a legal resident of the Tennessee

8 B) Felony: any crime a citizen has committed that resulted in

9 imprisonment for more than one year

10 C) Minor's felony: Any crime that was tried in an adult court, and resulted

11 in a minor being imprisoned for a year or more

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13 Section 2: This act will automatically register US citizens to vote in

14 federal, state and local elections, given that they meet the conditions for

15 voting rights in the United States, if they are not already registered, and

16 on minor's eighteenth birthdays.

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18 Section 3: The Department of Transportation will give the Secretary of

19 State each citizen of age's birth place, residence, legal name, age, and

20 signature, for each person who meets the voting requirements. This

21 information will then be relayed to the clerk of the county in which the

22 citizen lives.

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24 Section 4: The county clerk will then determine whether the citizens are

25 eligible for voting rights, and send a notice to all those who qualify. This

26 notice will give the prospective voters the chance to deny their voter

27 registration, and the chance to affiliate with a political party.

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29 Section 5: Anyone who does not reject their registration within 30 days of

30 the notice being sent, will be issued a voter registration card, and will

31 therefore be able to vote in upcoming elections.

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33 Section 6: Any voters who have been registered who commit a felony or

34 are later found to not be in compliance with the voter registration

35 guidelines in the Tennessee Constitution, will be stripped of their right to

36 vote, as their records are updated.

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38 Section 7: The fiscal line for this act is \$0. All people involved in the new

39 registration process are already being payed by the government, and

40 trained to register voters. No further training will be needed to implement

41 this bill, only a new system.

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43 Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

44 repealed.

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46 Section 9: This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2018, the public

47 welfare requiring it.

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**Sponsors: Sara Ali, Lohita Kollipara**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE STUDENT REPRESENTATION IN SCHOOL DECISION MAKING**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5 A) Local County Board: a local board or authority responsible for the
- 6 provision and maintenance of schools.
- 7 B) Local Board Student Leader Selection: the process nominated
- 8 candidates will undergo in order to receive a chair in the county board.
- 9 C) Tennessee Board of Education: a board controlling the public-school
- 10 education in the entire state of Tennessee.
- 11 D) Tennessee Board of Education Student Advisory Council: a council of
- 12 nine students, each elected to represent their congressional district on a
- 13 non-voting board.

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15 Section 2: The first part of this act concerning local councils will increase  
16 student representation in county school boards across the state of  
17 Tennessee through allowing at least one student per three adult  
18 representatives on the local county board. Students will first undergo a  
19 school election process then advance to the county level where popular  
20 votes will determine the student representative(s) for that county. Voters  
21 must be in high school. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age and  
22 meet minimum requirements at the county's discretion. Students on their  
23 county's board of education will have voting rights in board decisions.

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25 Section 3: The second part of this act concerning the Tennessee Board of  
26 Education will add an advisory council of nine students (one for every  
27 congressional voting district). Students must have served at least one  
28 year in a local county board and will be nominated by the adult board  
29 members. In order to further advance, nominees from each county will  
30 undergo a primary election within their congressional district, narrowing  
31 one representative per congressional district. Each of these student

32 representatives will go on to form the student advisory council on the  
33 Tennessee Board of Education. This advisory board will not have voting  
34 power but will provide serious input and perspective from their districts,  
35 thus increasing student representation across the state.

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37 Section 4: Each student's term expires at the end of the school year and  
38 must be re elected in order to serve again (excluding elected Tennessee  
39 Board of Education Student Advisory members).

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41 Section 5: Any minor expenses as a result of county school board  
42 elections will be covered at the discretion of the county. Any minuscule  
43 expenses as a result of congressional district elections shall be covered by  
44 the Tennessee Board of Education.

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46 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws that conflict with this act are hereby  
47 repealed.

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49 Section 7: The first part of this act shall take effect upon passage,  
50 elections will begin at the start of the new school year. The second part  
51 will take effect a year after passage during the new election cycle.  
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Sponsors: Brannon Garrett, Brandon Seymour  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act To Require All Tennessee Public Schools To Have A 45 Minute Lunch Period**

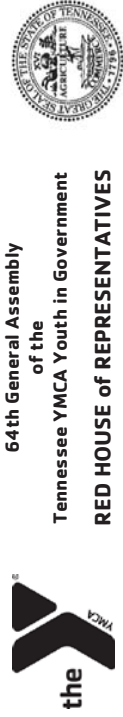
1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT that all  
2 Tennessee Public Schools are mandated a 45 minute lunch period.

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4 Section 1: By extending the current lunch times to 45 minutes, students  
5 will have the right amount of time to properly consume and digest their  
6 food before heading back to class. Due to nutritional issues associated  
7 with the shorter lunch periods, public schools in the State of Tennessee  
8 will be required to put in place 45 minutes of regular lunch time in their  
9 daily schedules.

10 Section 2: The average school lunch in the United States is 31 minutes  
11 long. Although the U.S. Government recommends a MINIMUM of 20 mins  
12 of eating time, statistics show that this is not enough time to properly  
13 consume and digest food. Eating faster can double the risk of obesity  
14 because the human brain cannot send signals of fullness until after 20  
15 minutes of eating.

16 Section 3: There will be no fiscal impact whatsoever on the State of  
17 Tennessee or the schools within it following the passing of this bill.

18 Section 4: If passed, this act will go into effect at the start of the 2017-  
19 2018 school year.  
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Sponsors: Charlie Morton, Jonothan Seifried, Collins Crawford  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Webb School

**An Act to amend Section 5 of the Model K-12 Substance Abuse Instruction Act Code, relating to education techniques, such as law enforcement participation and the D.A.R.E. program.**

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act will be defined as follows:  
2 a). D.A.R.E. program - a drug education program typically conducted by  
3 state police officers  
4 b). Scare tactics - exposing a person to images, stories, or other things  
5 that revolve around a negative experience used to deter them from  
6 performing a target action.  
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8 Section 2: This act requires teachers to conduct drug education programs,  
9 not police officers, with a state approved method that does not use scare  
10 tactics or expose or educate children about drugs otherwise unknown to  
11 them. Additionally, this act eliminates the D.A.R.E. program from  
12 Tennessee State Education systems.

13 Section 3: With an online course made available to teachers in the state  
14 of Tennessee, it would be an insignificant cost to the state budget.  
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17 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
18 repealed, especially Section 5b of the Model K-12 Substance Abuse  
19 Instruction Act.

20 Section 5: This [Act] shall be effective at least one year after its adoption  
21 to allow for proper planning and implementation of its sections and shall  
22 begin with the August 2018 school year.  
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**Sponsors: Sam Dillard, Matthew Ikard, Tyler Shiflett**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**AN ACT TO REFORM SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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3 Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 "Sex education" means school instruction on issues concerning human

5 sexuality, including emotional relations and responsibilities, human sexual

6 anatomy, sexual activity, sexual reproduction, age of consent,

7 reproductive health, reproductive rights, safe sex, birth control and sexual

8 abstinence.

9 "Abstinence-only sex education" means sex education that informs

10 students that the only safe or responsible sexual lifestyle is abstinence,

11 where one abstains from sexual intercourse until marriage. "Abstinence-

12 only" often excludes other components of sex education such as safe sex

13 and birth control, and it is often influenced by religious or cultural bias.

14 "Comprehensive sex education" means sex education that INCLUDES

15 abstinence as a viable sexual lifestyle, but also informs students of using

16 contraception (I.E. CONDOMS) to reduce the risk of contracting STD's and

17 unplanned pregnancy. It also teaches interpersonal and communication

18 skills and assists students in evaluating their own values, goals, and

19 options. This essentially equips students with ALL of their potential

20 choices, and it allows students to make their own informed opinions and

21 decisions.

22 "Medically accurate information" means information supported by the

23 majority of qualified scientific research, free from any form of bias or

24 agenda.

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26 Section 1: The instruction of abstinence-only sex education will be banned

27 in sex education curriculums in all public school districts.

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29 Section 2: This does not mean that abstinence will not be taught in sex

30 education curriculum; it just means that curriculum cannot teach it

31 exclusively as the only safe and healthy option.

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33 Section 3: An unbiased, comprehensive sex education will be required

34 from the sex education curriculum of all public schools (given that sex

35 education is already part of the curriculum)

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37 Section 4: All facts and information given to students during sex

38 education will be required to be medically accurate

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40 Section 5: This will affect all K-12 public schools in the State of

41 Tennessee, but it will primarily focus on sex education at the high school

42 level.

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44 Section 6: This bill requires no funding.

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46 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

47 repealed

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49 This act shall take effect on April 20th 2017

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Sponsors: Max Baker, Jack Keith  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Westminster Academy

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH PARENTS WHOSE  
RELATIONSHIP STATUS IS TROUBLED, DIVORCED, OR DIVIDED  
WITH THE OPTION OF AN ACCESSIBLE AFTER SCHOOL MULTI-  
PURPOSE CLASS**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act will be defined as follows:  
4 a) Children- anyone legally enrolled in a Tennessee school between the  
5 ages of 11-15

6 b) Troubled relationships- any form of severe negativity between the  
7 parents that could be seen as harming or stunting to the child, be the  
8 parents legally apart or not.

9 c) Divorced- legal process of separating the parents.

10 d) Divided- separated due as a result of anything. This includes a parent  
11 absent due to death, disease, just absence without reason, or any other  
12 reason.

13 e) Multi-purpose class- has many uses for the parent as it is a  
14 correctional/ precautionary class as well as a place for the child to be safe  
15 while the parent can work  
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17 Section 2: This act would require all Tennessee public middle schools to  
18 allow for a class spanning from 1 to 2 hours to take place somewhere in  
19 the building after school. The time and on what day the classes take  
20 place is subject to change but at the start it will take place after school on  
21 one day a week.  
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23 Section 3: Teachers of the school may suggest children to the class if  
24 they are struggling in the class or if the teacher sees that the student  
25 may benefit from the class. The recommendation to the class does not  
26 require the student to attend, but it does heavily suggest that they may.  
27 Even if the teacher does suggest the class, the choice is still solely upon  
28 the guardian and the child. Those enrolled in the class do not have to pay  
29 an enrollment fee. The registration of the students will happen via a

30 document given to the legal guardians or parents of the children. The  
31 document will be turned in and reviewed and then the child will then be  
32 eligible to attend class.  
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34 Section 4: The curriculum taught by the leaders is completely dependent  
35 upon what the leader sees fit for the students. Topics may include  
36 dangers of drugs and crime, importance of respecting authority, etc. The  
37 state will not intervene in the moral teachings given by the leader, but  
38 will set boundaries on topics that should not be spoken of e.g. specific  
39 political views or religion.  
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41 Section 5: The leaders and aids selected will be experts at dealing with  
42 middle schoolers and will not be staff of the school. Experts are  
43 considered to be people like teachers or child psychologists. Also, the  
44 program is open to volunteer helpers or speakers that the state will  
45 approve through an interview given by a class leader.  
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47 Section 6: As there are 306 public middle schools in Tennessee, the first  
48 month will cost \$318,240 assuming each head leader be paid \$30 an  
49 hour and the assistants be paid \$20 per hour with each school having 2  
50 leaders and 10 assistants. After the first month, the schools with unused  
51 classes will have the resources removed and relocated to other schools  
52 that may need them. If some schools do not use as many leaders, again  
53 some of the leaders may be moved to other areas, or, if not needed, let  
54 go. The total cost that the leaders would need if every class was needed  
55 by the schools and if no school needed more resources is \$16,548,480.  
56 The class would also have a base budget for tools of learning, speakers,  
57 or anything else the class may need of \$20,000 totaling to \$6,120,000.  
58 This budget is subject to change via results based finances just like the  
59 employment of the leaders and the funds may be moved around. The  
60 class would be funded as a school program and take from funds collected  
61 from the state income and sales taxes. This program will not directly  
62 raise money for the government but will indirectly do so by creating men  
63 and women who will stay out of state prisons, costing the state less  
64 money to keep up with, and who will get jobs and be able to contribute to  
65 the state's economy  
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67 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
68 repealed.  
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70 Section 8: This act shall take effect the at the beginning of the next public  
71 school year.  
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Sponsors: Jack King, Jaclyn Eberling, Rachel Lucas  
Committee: House - Government Operations  
School: Webb School

**Nation Popular Vote Interstate Compact Act**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
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3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:  
4 National Popular Vote Interstate Compact-a compact of states pledging  
5 their electoral votes to the plurality winner of the national popular vote  
6 once the number of electors pledged by the states in the compact  
7 surpasses 50% of all available electoral votes.  
8 Section 2: This act will join the State of Tennessee in the National Popular  
9 Vote Interstate Compact. By doing so, Tennessee pledges all of its  
10 electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote once the sum of  
11 the electoral votes of the states that have joined this compact reaches a  
12 majority of the electoral votes.  
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14 Section 3: The electors to attend Tennessee's electoral college vote shall  
15 be selected by the state party of the Presidential nominee who receives  
16 the most popular votes in all states and federal districts which have been  
17 apportioned electoral votes.  
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19 Section 4: This act will cost the State of Tennessee nothing.  
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21 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
22 repealed.  
23  
24 Section 6: This law will take effect as soon as enough states have joined  
25 the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to comprise a majority of  
26 the electoral votes.  
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Sponsors: Will McClellan  
Committee: House - Government Operations  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO LIMIT EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TAKEN AGAINST PEACEFUL PROTESTERS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
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3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be as follows:  
5 a) Peaceful Protest: the act of expressing disapproval through a  
6 statement or action without the use of violence.  
7 b) Excessive Force: the use of force greater than that which a reasonable  
8 and prudent law enforcement officer would use under the circumstances.  
9 c) Police: the civil force of a national or local government, responsible for  
10 the prevention and detection of crime and the maintenance of public  
11 order.  
12 d) Threatening Behavior: intentionally or knowingly putting another  
13 person in fear of bodily injury.  
14 e) Military Grade Weapons: any firearms that would not be legal and  
15 sensible for an ordinary non-military citizen to own, i.e., assault rifles,  
16 grenades, RPGs, and semi-automatic firearms.  
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18 Section II: If enacted, this act will prohibit the display of threatening  
19 behavior by police against a peaceful protest. This includes, but is not  
20 limited to:  
21 a) Disrupting assemblies of peaceful protest using excessive force.  
22 b) Targeting peaceful protesters with military grade weapons, regardless  
23 of intent to fire.  
24 Further assessments of threatening behavior would be determined by the  
25 Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.  
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27 Section III: Local police departments seeking federal aid and equipment  
28 from the United States Department of Defense in preparation for peaceful  
29 protest must now make requests to the Tennessee Department of Safety  
30 and Homeland Security. This department will determine whether any aid





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31 is necessary and/or appropriate for specific police departments based on

32 statistical data.

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34 Section IV: Violation of the terms stated in this act by a police

35 department will include mandatory training on how to deal with peaceful

36 protests, funded by the offending police department.

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38 Section V: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.

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40 Section VI: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

41 repealed.

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43 Section VII: This act will take effect immediately upon passage, the public

44 welfare requiring it. Local police departments must comply with the

45 guidelines of this act six months after passage.

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**Sponsors: Matthew Doucette, Spence Burford  
Committee: House - Education  
School: St. Georges Independent School**

**An Act to Require Driver's Education For Teenagers obtaining  
Driver's licenses**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be  
4 defined as follows:

5 A) DMV: The Department of Motor Vehicles, a state-level government agency  
6 that administers vehicle registration and driver licensing and learner's permits.

7 B) Driver's education: a formal class or program that prepares a new driver to  
8 obtain a learner's permit or driver's license. These classes are provided through  
9 both public and private institutions.

10  
11 Section 2: This act requires all residents of Tennessee between the ages of 16  
12 and 18 to pass a driver's education class, before registering his or her driver's  
13 license at the DMV

14 A) The driver's education class must be taken through a public or a certified  
15 private third-party institution.

16 B) This act does not require people who already have a license registered in  
17 another state, to pass a driver's education course, in order to register his/her  
18 license in Tennessee, after moving to Tennessee

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20 Section 3: This act will not require those of and over the age of 18 to pass a  
21 driver's education class in order to have his or her license registered with the DMV.

22

23 Section 4: This act will not require any extra money from the state of  
24 Tennessee to be implemented.

25

26 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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28 Section 6: This act does not apply to people who have registered his/her license  
29 before the act has been passed.

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31 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law.



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**Sponsors: Emaleigh Bell, Petra White  
Committee: House - Education  
School: West High School**

**An Act to Progress Sexual Education**

1 Be it enacted by the 2017 Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government as  
2 follows:

3  
4 Section I: This act involves the following defined terms, unless otherwise  
5 required by context:

6 Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections- (commonly referred to as  
7 STDs and STIs) any diseases or infections transmitted through direct  
8 sexual contact

9 Sexually Transmitted Disease and Infection Testing- analysis of sexually  
10 transmitted diseases present in a person through blood tests, oral swab  
11 tests, urine tests, pelvic exams, physical exams, and test of vaginal  
12 discharge, as well as other fluids.

13 Pregnancy- period from conception to birth as a fetus develops

14 Pregnancy Testing- measurement of human chorionic gonadotropin  
15 (HCG), a hormone produced during pregnancy

16  
17 Section II: It shall be unlawful educational practice for an education  
18 system to fail to provide a proper sexual education by a trained  
19 instructor, who fully explains sexual intercourse, STDs/ STIs, pregnancy,  
20 how to practice safe sex, including where and how to get tested for  
21 sexually transmitted diseases and infections and pregnancy. Other related  
22 topics, such as abortion and adoption, should also be elaborated on in this  
23 educational process.

24  
25 Section III: It shall be unlawful educational practice for an education  
26 system to permit a school employee not trained in sexual education to  
27 provide a sexual education to students without parental or guardian  
28 consent and the permission of the school administration.

29  
30 Section IV: The penalties for noncompliance are based on the level of  
31 negligence and may range from \$100 to \$1,200 per violation with a

32 maximum penalty of \$2,500 per year for violations of an identical  
33 provision.

34  
35 Section V: This act will have a fiscal cost of \$26,520 by providing a 4%  
36 pay raise to sexual educators' salaries and \$25,000 to pay for training  
37 sessions that will be required to certify sexual educators for teaching in  
38 the State of Tennessee. This fiscal cost will come from the Tennessee  
39 Education Lottery.

40  
41 Section VI: All laws, or sections of laws, which conflict with this act are  
42 hereby repealed.

43  
44 Section VII: This act will take effect immediately following the date of  
45 January 1st, 2018.  
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Sponsors: Ashwin Balaje, Samarth Sharma  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO Create a Truancy Intervention Program in The Public School System**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall

4 be defined as follows:

5 A. Truancy: Any intentional unauthorized or illegal absence from

6 compulsory education. It is typically absences caused by students of their own

7 free will, and usually does not refer to legitimate "excused" absences, such as

8 ones related to medical conditions.

9 B. Juvenile Court: A special court or department of a trial court which

10 deals with under-age defendants charged with crimes or who are neglected or

11 out of the control of their parents. The normal age of these defendants is under

12 18, but juvenile court does not have jurisdiction in cases in which minors are

13 charged as adults.

14 C. Public School: Any elementary or secondary educational institution,

15 and "public college" means any institution of higher education or any technical

16 or vocational school above the secondary school level, provided that such public

17 school or public college is operated by a State, subdivision of a State, or

18 governmental agency within a State, or operated wholly or predominantly from

19 or through the use of governmental funds or property, or funds or property

20 derived from a governmental source.

21 D. Administrator: An officer, other than a board member, or employee

22 of a local school district who either holds a position which requires a certificate

23 (provided by the state) that authorizes the holder to serve as a school

24 administrator.

25

26 Section 2: This act will create a truancy intervention program in public schools

27 that involves tiers of pre-juvenile court programs designed to keep a truant

28 child out of the court system, including programs to place an increased

29 responsibility on parents.

30

31 Section 3: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007, is amended by  
 32 deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:  
 33 A. On or before the beginning of each school year, an administrator at every  
 34 public school shall notify a student's parent that: If a student is absent from  
 35 school without proper authorization or excuse for a total of 20 days during the  
 36 school year, then the student may be subject to juvenile court.  
 37 B. The school is required to notify the parents of the attendance policy after a  
 38 series of 5 missed days of school. This notification is sent to parents after every  
 39 series of 5 days that a student has missed in the school year.  
 40 a. The parent of the student is held responsible to respond to any notices  
 41 given to them within a period of 2 weeks after the reception of the notice  
 42 C. Violation of any of these law may result conferences between the parent and  
 43 the school's administrators and trigger the first tier of the programs or possible  
 44 court involvement.  
 45  
 46 Section 4: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3009, is amended by  
 47 deleting subsection (c) in its entirety; by adding the following new subsections:  
 48 A. As an alternative to criminal prosecution for educational neglect, a school  
 49 district shall adopt progressive truancy interventions for students who violate  
 50 attendance regulations. These interventions must be designed to: Address  
 51 student conduct related to truancy in the school setting and minimize the need  
 52 for referral to juvenile court.  
 53 B. The first tier of progressive truancy interventions is triggered by at least  
 54 three (3) unexcused absences within a school year:  
 55 a. The first tier of progressive truancy interventions will include:  
 56 i. A conference with the student and the student's parent or guardian;  
 57 ii. Signed agreements (signed by student, parent, and administrator;  
 58 ensuring that all are held accountable) that ensure the student's  
 59 attendance at school;  
 60 iii. Regularly scheduled follow-up meetings to discuss the student's  
 61 progress;  
 62 b. The following tiers of the program will include:  
 63 i. Individualized assessment of the student's history and an evaluation  
 64 of the reasons provided for the absence.  
 65  
 66 Section 5: The act will neither require funding from the state budget, nor need a  
 67 change in the existing resources for implementation.  
 68  
 69 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
 70  
 71 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public  
 72 welfare requiring it.  
 73



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**Sponsors: Kajal Patel, Annie Eichstaedt**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO FUND CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN HIGH SCHOOLS FOR TEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Child Care Facility- Space for infants and toddlers (0-4 years) to be  
6 watched during the day. In this case, school hours for teachers and  
7 students with children.

8 B) Child Care License- is governed by state law, the state agency  
9 administering childcare licensing is responsible for protecting the health,  
10 safety, and well being of children who attend regulated child-care  
11 facilities.

12 C) Student Parent-Student attending school whose child needs to be  
13 watched during the day in order for student to continue attending school.

14 D) Public High School- Government-funded school.

15 E) Private High School-Non-government funded school.

16  
17 Section 2: If a public high school needs a day care/child care facility for  
18 student parents or teachers, the government will fund a free day care  
19 facility for infants and toddlers.

20  
21 Section 3: This facility will be an on-campus site, for accessibility and  
22 convenience for the students and teachers.

23  
24 Section 4: Each high school will only be eligible for this if they meet the  
25 following criteria: Must have at least 10 students and/or teachers that  
26 need this program, must be a public high school, each student using  
27 program must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, teachers and students  
28 must be eligible for financial aid.

29  
30 Section 5: Funding for this will come from this bill come from the  
31 Department of Education and Human Services. The maximum amount of

32 money given per school will be \$25,000, assuming the high school meets  
33 the criteria and has the need for a daycare program.

34  
35 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
36 repealed.

37  
38 Section 7: This act shall take into effect January 10, 2018.

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Sponsors: Ethan Copeland, Leanna Davidson, Chase Joyner,  
Conner Hood, Abby Heck  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Tipton Christian Academy

**Life Skills Course for high school seniors**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

2  
3 Section 1: To clarify the term, "life skills," used in this act, unless the  
4 context requires otherwise shall be defined as follows:

5 Life Skills: This course is designed to inform and enhance student  
6 knowledge in a series of life skills including but not limited to the  
7 following:

8 Basic car care- check fluid levels and change a tire

9 Basic sewing- mend clothing, sew a button, wash laundry

10 Job placement- Write a resume and complete a job application

11 Safety- basic first aid

12  
13 Section 2: This course would coincide as a half credit course with  
14 personal finance which is an additional life skill. Each course would have  
15 a duration of one semester, and each course would result in a half credit.  
16 This course would be an optional elective for all high school seniors.

17  
18 Section 3: The content of the course would progress in segments. Each  
19 segment would last for a period of 90 minutes per day until the  
20 curriculum for each life skill is exhausted.

21  
22 Section 4: Costs associated with change to the educational requirements  
23 will vary based upon how each school district determines to implement  
24 the course and hire additional staff.

25  
26 Projected costs of this particular program are estimated to \$350-\$400 in  
27 materials for each student. Because schools already have some  
28 components of this course in place, the costs vary across the spectrum of  
29 schools. Complete funding for this act would not exceed .25 % property  
30 tax increase for citizens across the state.

31

32 "All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed."

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34 Section 6: It is proposed that upon the approval of this law, schools will  
35 have one year to make the necessary preparations for implementing such  
36 coursework, and the new course would begin in the 2018-2019 school  
37 year.

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**Sponsors: Mary Grace Gower, Maria Manning**  
**Committee: House - Education**  
**School: Brentwood Academy**

**An Act to Implement a Sliding Scale Concerning Community College Tuition in the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program**

1 Section I: Terms used in the act are defined as follows:

- 2 a)Community college: A non residential junior college offering courses to
- 3 individuals living in a particular area.
- 4 b)Sliding scale: A scale of fees, taxes, discounts, etc. that will vary in
- 5 accordance with variation of some standard.
- 6 c)Tuition fee: The charge or fee for instruction, as at a private school,
- 7 college, or university.
- 8 d)Community service: Time contributed to a nonprofit or public service
- 9 organization.
- 10

11 Section II: Any individual that is attending community college will pay a

12 tuition fee based on their own income or their family's income if their

13 family chooses to pay for the tuition. This will be based on a sliding scale

14 between the numbers seen below. The sliding scale for individuals will be

15 set between a yearly income of \$10,000 and \$35,000.

- 16 a)Incomes lower than \$10,000 will pay no tuition fee.
- 17 b)Incomes between \$11,000 and \$14,999 will result in a discount
- 18 between 90% and 80%.
- 19 c)Incomes between \$15,000 and \$19,999 will result in a discount between
- 20 80% and 70%.
- 21 d)Every other \$5,000 dollars an income increases, the amount of discount
- 22 given will be between increments of 10% less than that of the previous.
- 23

24 Section III: The guidelines for applying for the scholarship will be as

25 follows:

- 26 a)The student must have a 2.0 GPA or higher from a previous education
- 27 institution.
- 28 b)The student must receive a yearly income that is below 35,000 dollars,
- 29 1)if they have an income of \$35,000 or above, they may receive a
- 30 discount depending on their previous academic or athletic performances
- 31 in school.

- 32 c)Individuals with lower yearly incomes and/or higher GPAs will receive a
- 33 higher tuition discount.
- 34 d)The student must perform eight hours of community service per term
- 35 enrolled.
- 36

37 Section IV: Sliding scale factors will differ depending how many

38 individuals are in the student's care.

39 Section V: This will be of no cost to the state of Tennessee.

40 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

41 repealed.

42 Section VII: This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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**Sponsors:** Bella Blanchet, Heather Yang  
**Committee:** House - Education  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**A Bill To Limit the Size of Elementary School Classes**

1 Be It Enacted By the Tennessee State Legislature  
2  
3 WHEREAS the current elementary school class size is about 18 students  
4 per teacher;  
5 WHEREAS each student gets less attention when classes are larger;  
6 WHEREAS elementary school is important in developing cognitive skills  
7 and social capability;  
8 WHEREAS research shows that students in smaller classes have higher  
9 grades and perform higher academically;  
10 WHEREAS individuals are given the opportunity to connect and interact  
11 more;  
12 WHEREAS learning is enhanced in small classes by the increased chances  
13 to ask and answer questions;  
14 WHEREAS students would be given the possibility to have more one on  
15 one time with their teacher when in a smaller class;  
16 WHEREAS teachers are given better opportunities to recognize and assess  
17 the students as individuals when teaching a smaller group of students,  
18  
19 Section I: Tennessee elementary schools will now have to limit their class  
20 sizes to a maximum of 17 students per 1 teacher in grades K-5  
21  
22 Section II: The budget for this project is \$69 million. This money will be  
23 used to hire enough teachers to make the class sizes smaller. It will come  
24 largely from the State Government's Department of Education's budget.  
25  
26 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
27  
28 This bill shall take effect as of August 1st, 2018.  
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**Sponsors:** Corina Angeli, Remi Zwickel, Gracie Lipa  
**Committee:** House - Education  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**AN ACT TO TRAIN EDUCATORS IN SUICIDE PREVENTION**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government:  
2  
3 Section 1: Defining terms used in this act are as follows:  
4 a. Tennessee Suicide Prevention Program: A statewide organization that  
5 works through public education to actively prevent suicide.  
6 b. The Jason Foundation: A program dedicated to the prevention of youth  
7 suicide through educational and awareness programs.  
8 c. Public secondary school: A school which provides secondary education,  
9 between the ages of 11 and 19 depending on location, after primary  
10 school and before higher education.  
11  
12 Section 2:  
13 Monthly suicide prevention lessons will be taught by trained teachers and  
14 are required in all public secondary schools. Teachers must report signs of  
15 suicide to a counselor in order to prevent the student from attempting  
16 suicide.  
17  
18 Section 3:  
19 All teachers must be trained by Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network in  
20 order to teach the curriculum and recognize early signs of suicide.  
21 Annually, speakers from Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network and/or  
22 The Jason Foundation are encouraged to present at a schoolwide  
23 assembly.  
24  
25 Section 4: This law will have no fiscal impact.  
26  
27 Section 5: All laws, or parts of laws in conflict with this act or hereby  
28 repealed.  
29  
30 Section 6: This bill will take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.  
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Sponsors: Gunal Nepoleon, Jason Sim  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO ADEQUATELY FUND TENNESSEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section I: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows

4 A. Achievement School District (ASD)-an organizational unit of the Tennessee

5 Department of Education, the ASD provides oversight for the operation of

6 schools assigned to it or schools which the ASD itself authorizes.

7 B. Basic Education Program (BEP)- a formula that determines the funding level

8 required for each school system to provide a common, basic level of service for

9 all students.

10 C. Fiscal Capacity- a statistical estimate of a county's relative ability to raise

11 revenue. When applied to the Basic Education Program (BEP), the state's K-12

12 education funding formula, fiscal capacity estimates result in the state directing

13 a higher proportion of state funds to districts with less ability to raise local

14 revenue, a process known as equalization.

15 D. National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)- a board with a

16 mission to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing

17 professional standards for accomplished teaching and certifying teachers who

18 have proven they meet those standards.

19

20 Section II: With the population of enrolled students in the various school

21 districts steadily inclining from a base of about 993,000 students, several

22 complications arise. The quality of schools and education in each district is

23 varied due to the financial differences of the public in different counties. Also,

24 the discontinuation of standardized tests provides a lack of data to use in the

25 process of improving the school districts and its leaders. Furthermore, the

26 parents fund extracurricular activities and provide insufficient resources to

27 operate a school. The inadequate funding from the government necessitates

28 other organizations to supply aid. The Achievement School District (ASD) can be

29 broadened to further provide financial aid to other districts. This

30 process would require money to be funneled into district-led efforts, such as the

31 ASD. (Amending Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-102-a).

32

33 Section III: The Basic Education Program (BEP) is a formulated plan that

34 attempts to define the level of funding needed to give a common level of service

35 to the students. Being so, this formula underestimates the costs by a huge

36 amount, thus being inaccurate. There are also expensive reforms that are

37 enacted among the schools, along with the lack of funding. The diminishing

38 support of equal funding in all districts will result in more angry district officials

39 and families. In addition to the limited funding, the background checks of the

40 experience of teachers has diminished in value. Many educators enter their jobs

41 with little to no experience. These issues can be resolved by extra expenditures

42 towards The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). These

43 ancillary funds can improve the advancement of certified teachers to meet

44 certain standards. (Inserting to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104-b ).

45

46 Section IV: Annually, there is an excess of an estimated \$500 million from

47 hundreds of millions in tax revenue. This additional revenue surpasses

48 budgetary expectations. In favor of this bill, this excess supply of money can be

49 used to equalize the proportional funds to all districts. The funds required may

50 be estimated with the application of fiscal capacity to the Basic Education

51 Program. The excess may also be used to place state monitored exams, similar

52 to standardized tests, which will aid in representing data about student

53 performance. (Amending Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-107-a & Tenn. Code Ann. §

54 49-1-107-b).

55

56 Section V: The budget of the state is estimated to be \$33 billion. The majority

57 of the budget comes from the state and a reasonable amount from federal

58 operates. From this budget, about 18% is cut and supplied to the K-12

59 educational sector. This gives us a supply of \$5.94 billion in funds to the

60 different districts, but the distribution, however, is unequal. As established in

61 Section IV, the state usually ends up with an estimated excess of \$500 million

62 from taxes. A total appropriation of \$9.3 million is requested to measure the

63 academic progress of K-12 students. An appropriation of \$97.6 million is

64 recommended for salary increases for teachers and other positions funded

65 through the BEP formula. Due to the inaccuracy of the BEP, an additional \$43.8

66 million is used to enhance this BEP formula. After taking into account these

67 expenses, a generous \$349.3 million is left over. With this amount, efforts to

68 equalize funding in the districts can be successful. ( Information of expenses

69 from "The Budget, Fiscal Year 2015-2016").

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71 Section VI: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

72 The bill requires the vote from the General Assembly to execute it.

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74 Section VII: This bill must be enacted by the approval of the Assembly, and this

75 act shall take full effect immediately upon becoming law, with the public welfare

76 requiring it.

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Sponsors: Mikayla Helton, Mycah Stewart  
Committee: House - Education  
School: Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE TRAINING FOR  
SUICIDE PREVENTION IN HIGH SCHOOLS**

1 Section 1: Terms in this act are defined as followed:

- 2 a.) Suicide - the act or an instance of intentionally causing one's own
- 3 death voluntarily and intentionally.
- 4 b.) Prevention - the action of stopping something from happening or
- 5 arising.
- 6 c.) Training - the action of teaching a person a particular skill or type of
- 7 behavior
- 8 d.) Signs - a gesture or action used to convey information or instructions.
- 9 e.) Jason Foundation - is dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent
- 10 Epidemic" of youth suicide through educational and awareness programs
- 11 that equip young people, educators/youth workers and parents with the
- 12 tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth.
- 13

14 Section 2: To prevent suicide, teachers, staff and students should become

15 aware of signs leading to possible suicide through training and

16 educational videos provided by the Jason Foundation.

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18 Section 3: It should be mandated for high schools to provide teachers,

19 staff and students with helpful, educational videos on training and

20 preparation for the occurring point at issue; teen suicide.

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22 Section 4: This law will not require additional fees from the state, but will

23 require the administration and teachers of public high schools across the

24 state to take initiative and provide said requirement to students.

25

26 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

27 repealed.

28

29 Section 6: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law.



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COMMITTEE 3**

**Kurt Erickson**



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Sponsors: McLane Driskill, Jacob Salyers  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Gallatin High School

**An act to repeal Tennessee State Code 55-10-416**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
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- 3 Section 1: All terms unless otherwise stated, shall be defined as follows:
- 4 (A) Open container- means any container containing alcoholic beverages
- 5 or beer, the contents of which are immediately capable of being
- 6 consumed or the seal of which has been broken;
- 7
- 8 Section 2: If enacted, this bill would make an open container illegal in a
- 9 vehicle with the engine running.
- 10
- 11 Section 3: This act will reduce drunk driving accidents and allow police
- 12 officers a much easier way to determine if alcohol in a running vehicle is
- 13 illegal or not.
- 14
- 15 Section 4: Any costs as a result of this act will be offset by fines and fees
- 16 that will be incurred by offenders.
- 17
- 18 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 19 repealed.
- 20
- 21 Section 6: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018, the public welfare
- 22 demanding it.
- 23



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Sponsors: Hunter Anderson, Sam Smith  
Committee: House - Finance, Ways & Means  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE EXCESS STATE TAX REVENUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 4 be as follows:
- 5 a) Excess Tax Revenue: Additional taxes that were collected after
- 6 meeting the budget for the month or year.
- 7
- 8 Section 2: If enacted this bill will appropriate \$80,000,000 of the excess
- 9 state tax revenue to the Department of Transportation. This will be used
- 10 for priority transportation projects.
- 11
- 12 Section 3: This bill will have no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.
- 13
- 14 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby
- 15 repealed.
- 16
- 17 Section 5: This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 18



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**Sponsors:** Emelyn Cook, Sarah Oleis  
**Committee:** House - Finance, Ways & Means  
**School:** Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO GRANT A TAX BREAK FOR FAMILIES WHO ADOPT**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN LEGISLATURE  
2 Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows: Hall Tax: The only tax  
3 on personal income in Tennessee, which does not levy a general state  
4 income tax. The current tax rate is 7 percent, applied to all taxable  
5 interest and dividend income over \$1250 per person and \$2500 for  
6 married couples filing jointly.  
7

8 SECTION I. Families who pay the Hall tax which have adopted a child  
9 from any state or country will not pay the tax at all for one year as long  
10 as the value does not exceed \$35,000.  
11

12 SECTION II. To be eligible for the credit parent(s) must have adopted a  
13 child other than a stepchild. Child must be under 18 years of age or be  
14 physically or mentally unable to take care of him or herself.  
15

16 SECTION III. Filing for a tax break must occur within a year of the  
17 finalization of the adoption.  
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19 SECTION IV. This would not cost the state any money to implement.  
20

21 SECTION V. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
22 repealed  
23

24 SECTION VI. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018  
25



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**Sponsors:** Nathan Pittman, Will Harding  
**Committee:** House - Criminal Justice  
**School:** Evangelical Christian School

**An Act to Provide Vocational Training for Qualified Prisoners**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Qualified Prisoner:

6 —An inmate who is serving a term of at least 5 years for a non-violent  
7 offense

8 —An inmate with positive behavior and a clean disciplinary record after  
9 serving at least 1 year of their term

10 b) Vocational Training: training for a specific vocation in industry or  
11 agriculture or trade.

12 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will enable qualified prisoners in the State  
13 of Tennessee to receive the vocational training of their choice while  
14 incarcerated.  
15

16 Section 3: Vocational training will enable prisoners to learn job skills so  
17 that they will be employable upon release from prison.  
18

19 Section 4: A maximum of 250 prisoners statewide may be enrolled in this  
20 program at one time.  
21

22 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from government grants and  
23 donations from private corporations.  
24

25 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
26 repealed.  
27

28 Section 7: This act shall take effect June 1, 2017 the public welfare  
29 requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Jackson McNabb, Huzyfa Fazili, Jackson Cho  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Implement High School Level Education in State Prisons**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act are defined as follows:

- 4 a) Recidivism: the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend
- 5 b) RED (Release Eligibility Date): the date the criminal is available to be
- 6 released
- 7 c) TDOC: Tennessee Department of Correction
- 8 d) Class A Behavior offense: an offense that falls under the category
- 9 requiring high levels of discipline as outlined by the TDOC
- 10 e) GED courses: courses to prepare individuals for the General
- 11 Educational Development exams which earns high school diploma
- 12 equivalency

13  
14 Section 2: This act will require all state prisons to offer GED courses to all  
15 eligible inmates. Currently, most prisoners maintain less than 5th grade  
16 proficiency in reading and writing, with 60% of them being functionally  
17 illiterate. In fact, nearly 70% of inmates do not have a high school  
18 diploma, nearly 7 times the general US population. Most disturbingly, this  
19 disproportionately affects youth, low-income groups, and ethnic  
20 minorities. This lack of education has generated a cycle of incrimination,  
21 leading to a current 46% recidivism rate within three years of release  
22 which points to an urgent need for more secondary education within  
23 prisons.

24  
25 Section 3: This act will utilize current full-time and adjunct state licensed  
26 teachers. Teachers will volunteer in exchange for tax deductions  
27 proportional to the number of hours they serve as a prison instructor.  
28 TDOC will be in charge of evaluating and regulating this demand. It will  
29 determine a set amount of total hours that instructors must teach each  
30 semester based on demand in their respective prisons. TDOC will also be  
31 in charge of determining the exact tax deduction that each instructor is

32 eligible for, teaching material costs, refurbishments of utilities, and  
33 regulating a comprehensive curriculum.

34  
35 Section 4: Prisoners will be eligible for the program assuming they meet  
36 the following criteria:

- 37 a) RED equivalent to or less than ten years from date of enrollment
- 38 b) No Class A behavior offenses
- 39 c) Steady attendance in courses and active participation
- 40 Should a prisoner at any point fail to meet any of these criteria during or  
41 before admittance into the course, the discretion is given to the prison  
42 warden for definite or indefinite suspension.

43  
44 Section 5: GED courses in a prison environment effectively reduces  
45 recidivism by 43%. Furthermore, it improves the environment within the  
46 prison itself by empirically improving the psychological well-being of  
47 inmates, reducing rule infractions, facilitating a culture of respect that  
48 allows prisoners to develop personal motivations for enrichment, and  
49 strengthening inmates' personal identities.

50  
51 Section 6: This act will result in a net economic benefit for TDOC and the  
52 state of Tennessee. On average, it costs nearly \$25,000 annually to  
53 incarcerate an individual while the cost of educating an inmate is only  
54 roughly \$1,500. Furthermore, participation in correctional education  
55 programs results in a 72% higher chance of employment and an increase  
56 in annual wage by almost \$1000 within two years of release, thereby  
57 recycling money back into the economy. This act will require \$385,000 for  
58 the first year in order to implement a curriculum and make initial material  
59 purchases. However, this cost is projected to be offset within a single  
60 semester after implementation and will require no further budget  
61 afterward.

62  
63 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
64 repealed.

65  
66 Section 8: This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.  
67  
68



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**Sponsors:** Preston Brady, Caroline Coolidge, Cati Shorten Shea Carruth  
**Committee:** House - Criminal Justice  
**School:** Evangelical Christian School

**An Act to Deny Parental Rights to Rapists**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 a) Parental Rights:  
6 1) the right to physical custody, which means reasonable visitation  
7 with a child and regular contact.  
8 2) right to legal custody, meaning the ability to make major decisions  
9 about the child's health, education, and religious upbringing.  
10 b) Rape: unlawful sexual intercourse without the consent of the victim.  
11  
12 Section 2: Upon passage of this bill, the mother of any child that was  
13 conceived through rape will be allowed to seek court-ordered termination  
14 of the parental rights of her rapist with regard to that child, which the  
15 court shall grant upon clear and convincing evidence of rape.  
16  
17 Section 3: There will be no cost to the State of Tennessee.  
18  
19 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
20 repealed.  
21  
22 Section 5: When signed into law, this bill will go into effect on August 1,  
23 2017.  
24



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**Sponsors:** Mikylia Dedmon, Zaria Bowens  
**Committee:** House - Criminal Justice  
**School:** Smyrna High School

**An Act To Amend TCA 38-1-1 Requiring Body Cameras For Law Enforcement Officers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill are defined as follows:  
4 1.) commercial purpose- used to make money  
5 2.) federal grants - are economic aid issued by the United States  
6 government out of the general federal revenue.  
7 3.) law enforcement officer- means any person authorized to make an  
8 arrest who is employed by the state, or a county, municipality, or  
9 metropolitan form of government.  
10  
11 Section 2: TCA 38-1-1 will be amended by adding the following section:  
12 (a) A law enforcement officer will wear a body camera at all times when  
13 on duty, and will use it to record video footage of the officer's activities.  
14 (b) A video recording made will not be copied or made available to the  
15 public by a law enforcement agency until final settlement or sentencing of  
16 any criminal charges that arise from the event or events that were  
17 recorded. If the video recording does not contain evidence of a crime, the  
18 law enforcement agency shall treat the video recording as any other  
19 confidential document.  
20 (c) Video recordings shall not be revealed or used by any law  
21 enforcement agency for any commercial purpose.  
22 (d) The law enforcement agency that employs the officer shall maintain  
23 video footage from the camera for at least fourteen (14) days, and shall  
24 not destroy the video footage if it contains evidence that may be used in  
25 the investigation of a crime or a complaint against an officer.  
26 (e) A law enforcement agency shall pay the cost of implementing this  
27 section only by grants, private donations, or federal funding. If grants,  
28 private donations, and federal funding are not available to a law  
29 enforcement agency for this purpose, this section shall not apply to that  
30 agency.  
31



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Sponsors: Tyler Smith, Cade Jackson  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO REFORM THE OPEN CONTAINER LAW**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Open Container: Any type of alcoholic beverage whereas the seal to  
6 the drink has previously been broken. Examples being: a cork in a wine  
7 bottle or the cap tightened onto a whiskey bottle.

8 B) Passenger Area: Any area in the car that is either not the driver's seat,  
9 or a compartment of some kind, such as a glove compartment.

10  
11 Section 2: Restatement of the current law

12 The current open container law pertaining to Tennessee states that:

13 (a)(1) No driver shall consume any alcoholic beverage or beer or possess  
14 an open container of alcoholic beverage or beer while operating a motor  
15 vehicle in this

16 (2) For purposes of this section:

17 (A) "Open container" means any container containing alcoholic  
18 beverages or beer, the contents of which are immediately capable of  
19 being consumed or the seal of which has been broken;

20 (B) An open container is in the possession of the driver when it is not  
21 in the possession of any passenger and is not located in a closed glove  
22 compartment, trunk or other non-passenger area of the vehicle; and

23 (C) A motor vehicle is in operation if its engine is operating, whether  
24 or not the motor vehicle is moving.

25  
26 (b)(1) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by  
27 fine only.

28 (2) For a violation of this section, a law enforcement officer shall issue a  
29 citation in lieu of continued custody, unless the offender refuses to sign  
30 and accept the citation, as provided in § 40-7-118.

31  
32 Section 3: Amendment and punishment regulations

32 Section 3: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
33  
34 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws are hereby repealed that are in conflict  
35 wit this act.

36 SECTION 5 : This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare  
37 requiring it.  
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39





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Sponsors: Mary Margaret Foster, Lydia Russell  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Gallatin High School

**An Act Requiring Local Law Enforcement Agencies in Tennessee to  
Create an MOA with ICE**

33 This Act shall amend Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-10-416  
34 (2b): DELETE: An open container is in the possession of the driver when it  
35 is not in the possession of any passenger and is not located in a closed  
36 glove compartment, trunk or other non-passenger area of the vehicle.  
37 Instead, replace it with the following.  
38 (2b): INSERT: "An open container is not allowed in any area directly  
39 accessible to the driver and must be separated by a physical barrier such  
40 as the trunk of a car or the separation between passengers and the driver  
41 of a limousine.  
42 (2b)(1): DELETE: "A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor,  
43 punishable by fine only."  
44 (2b)(1): INSERT: A violation of the section is a Class B misdemeanor,  
45 punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 only."  
46

47 Section 4: Current convictions  
48 Any person charged in the past with a misdemeanor of this type will  
49 continue to possess said citation in their record. No record shall be  
50 immediately expunged of a previous alcohol related conviction or  
51 convictions unless the offender is eligible for expungement as a court of  
52 this State shall determine.  
53

54 Section 5: This bill requires no funding from the state and has the  
55 opportunity to create revenue through fines.

56 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
57 repealed.

58 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,  
59 the public welfare requiring it.  
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62

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this bill shall be defined as follows:  
4 A) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): largest investigative  
5 agency in the Department of Homeland Security; responsible for  
6 enforcing federal immigration laws as part of its homeland security  
7 mission  
8 B) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA): defines the scope and limitations  
9 of the delegation of authority; establishes the supervisory structure for  
10 the designated immigration officers working under the cross-designation  
11 and prescribes the agreed upon complaint process governing officer  
12 conduct during the life of the MOA.  
13 C) Section 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act: authorizes the  
14 Director of ICE to enter into agreements with state and local law  
15 enforcement agencies, provided that the local law enforcement officers  
16 receive appropriate training and function under the supervision of ICE  
17 officers.  
18 D) Local law enforcement agencies: city police departments and county  
19 sheriff's offices  
20

21 Section 2: This act requires local law enforcement agencies in Tennessee  
22 to create a Memorandum of agreement with Immigration and Customs  
23 Enforcement.  
24

25 Section 3: A MOA will delegate authority to local law enforcement  
26 agencies to perform immigration law enforcement functions. Under the  
27 statute, ICE will supervise all cross-designated officers when they  
28 exercise their immigration authorities. The agreement must be signed by  
29 the Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal  
30 Operations, and the governor, a senior political entity or the head of the  
31 local agency before trained local designated immigration officers are

32 authorized to enforce immigration law. The creation of MOAs across the  
33 state of Tennessee will promote the furtherance of strengthening public  
34 safety and ensuring consistency in immigration enforcement across the  
35 country by prioritizing the arrest and detention of criminal aliens.

36 Section 4: This act shall require no extra funding from the state of  
37 Tennessee.  
38

39 Section 5: To ensure expedience of the execution of this act, local law  
40 enforcement agencies shall have three (3) years to create an MOA with  
41 ICE.  
42

43 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
44 repealed.  
45

46 Section: The act shall go into effect on January 1, 2018 the public welfare  
47 demanding it.  
48  
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**Sponsors: Willa Stansell, Elise Jackson**  
**Committee: House - Criminal Justice**  
**School: Brentwood Academy**

**AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR RAPE AND  
SEXUAL BATTERY CASES**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section I: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as followed:

- 5 A) Statute of limitation: the time prosecutors have to file charges against
- 6 a defendant
- 7 B) Statute of limitation for a Class A Felony: 15 years
- 8 C) Statute of limitation for a Class B Felony: 8 years
- 9 D) Statute of limitation for a Class C or D Felony: 4 years
- 10 E) Statute of limitation for a Class E Felony: 2 years
- 11

12 Section II: This act will extend the statute of limitations of all cases of  
13 rape and sexual battery to 15 years by:

- 14 a) Amend law 39-13-503 section b to say "Rape is a Class B Felony but
- 15 has the statute of limitation of a Class A Felony"
- 16 b) Amend law 39-13-504 section b to say "Aggravated Sexual Battery is a
- 17 class B Felony but has the statute of limitation of a Class A Felony"
- 18 c) Amend law 39-13-504 section b to say "Sexual Battery is a class E
- 19 Felony but has the statute of limitation of a Class A Felony"
- 20 d) Amend law 39-13-505 section 2 to say "Statutory Rape is a class E
- 21 Felony but has the statute of limitation of a Class A Felony"
- 22 e) Amend law 39-13-505 section 3 to say "Aggravated Statutory Rape is
- 23 a class D Felony but has the statute of limitation of a Class A Felony"
- 24 f) Amend law 39-13-527 section b to say "Sexual Battery By An Authority
- 25 Figure is a class C Felony but has the statute of limitation of a Class A
- 26 Felony"

27 g) Amend law 39-13-527 section c to say "the statute of limitations for  
28 the offenses in this section shall that of a Class A Felony"

29 h) Amend law 39-13-532 section b to say "Statutory Rape By An  
30 Authority Figure is a class C Felony but has the statute of limitation of a  
31 Class A Felony"



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Sponsors: Sarah Bryant, Micah Skinner,  
Committee: House - Finance, Ways & Means  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO AMEND TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 67,  
CHAPTER 4, PART 17, RELATIVE TO THE PRIVILEGE TAX IMPOSED  
ON PERSONS ENGAGED IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

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3 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 (a) Professional Privilege Tax: an annual tax imposed on persons holding,  
5 on the date of June 1st, an active Tennessee license or registration to  
6 practice the professions of accountant, podiatrist, chiropractor, lobbyist,  
7 psychologist, agent (securities), dentist, optometrist, real estate  
8 principal broker, architect, engineer, osteopathic physician, speech  
9 pathologist, attorney, investment advisor, pharmacist, sports agent,  
10 audiologist, landscape architect, physician, veterinarian, and broker-  
11 dealer.

12  
13 SECTION 2: If enacted, this bill will amend Tennessee Code Annotated,  
14 Section 67-4-1703 by deleting subsection (a) and (b) and substituting  
15 instead the following:

16 (a) (1) For purposes of this part, the tax year begins on June 1 of each  
17 year and ends on May 31 of the following year. The privilege tax  
18 established by this part is due and payable on June 1 following the end of  
19 the tax year. Taxes paid after June 1 are delinquent.

20 (2) The privilege tax imposed by this part shall be:

21 For any tax year ending on or before May 31, 2017	\$400
22 For the tax year ending on May 31, 2018	\$300
23 For the tax year ending on May 31, 2019	\$200
24 For the tax year ending on May 31, 2020	\$100
25 For any tax year ending on or after May 31, 2021	\$0

26 (b) Any person who is licensed or registered for two or more professions  
27 taxed pursuant to this part shall not be required to pay more than one tax  
28 in an amount set by subsection (a).

32 Section III: This bill requires no funding.

33  
34 Section IV: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
35 repealed.

36  
37 Section V: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,  
38 the public welfare requiring it.  
39



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Sponsors: Robert Grissom, Jacob Saripkin  
Committee: House - Finance, Ways & Means  
School: St. Georges Independent School

**AN ACT TO INCENTIVISE MANUFACTURING IN TENNESSEE BY  
CUTTING SALES TAX**

30 SECTION 3: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1703 is further  
 31 amended by deleting the language "in the amount of four hundred dollars  
 32 (\$400)" from subsection (b) and substituting instead the language "in the  
 33 amount set by subsection (a)."  
 34  
 35 SECTION 4: Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 17, is  
 36 amended by adding the following as a new section:  
 37 (a) This part does not apply to any person who engages in a vocation,  
 38 profession, business, or occupation listed in § 67-4-1702 (a) on or after  
 39 June 1, 2020.  
 40 (b) This section does not absolve any taxpayer of liability for any tax duly  
 41 levied by this part during any tax year ending before June 1, 2020.  
 42  
 43 SECTION 5: This act will not require funding from the state budget.  
 44  
 45 SECTION 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
 46 repealed.  
 47  
 48 SECTION 7: This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public  
 49 welfare requiring it, and shall apply to privilege taxes due and payable  
 50 after May 31, 2017.  
 51

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
 2  
 3 Section 1)  
 4 Tennessee Sales Tax- 7%  
 5  
 6 Section 2) Manufacturers would be exempt from taxes for the first year or  
 7 two of construction. After these years the tax would steadily go up by a  
 8 .5% increase the first 3 years. Then it will go up 1% the next two years  
 9 when it will hit the 3.5% mark on taxation.  
 10  
 11 Section 3) This exemption would create more jobs as more factories could  
 12 be built because of the reduction. Also as a result, less people will be  
 13 drawing from the tax base of unemployment benefits such as food  
 14 stamps. Also more people will be paying taxes as they will have the  
 15 means to do so.  
 16  
 17 Section 4) This bill will have the possibility to add 248 million dollars per  
 18 factory to the Tennessee Budget.  
 19  
 20 Section 5) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
 21 repealed.  
 22  
 23 Section 6) This act will take effect Jan. 1, 2018 the public welfare  
 24 requiring it.  
 25



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**Sponsors: Haider Raza, Aarsal Siddiqui**  
**Committee: House - Criminal Justice**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO ALLOW CRIMINALS TO SERVE JUSTICE THROUGH WORKING IN THE LAWFORCE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Felony: A crime, typically one involving violence, regarded as more  
6 serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment for  
7 more than one year or by death.

8 B) Judicial Branch: Part of the U.S government that interprets the law and  
9 administers justice.

10 C) Law Enforcement : Any system by which some members of society act  
11 in an organized manner to enforce the law by discovering, deterring,  
12 rehabilitating, or punishing people who violate the rules and norms  
13 governing that society.

14 D) Clinically Sane: Free from mental derangement; having a sound,  
15 healthy mind.

16 C) Class A Felony: After crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment,  
17 class A felonies are the most serious felonies in Tennessee. They are  
18 punishable by 15 to 60 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.  
19 Reserved for the most serious types of felonies such as first degree  
20 murder, rape, involuntary servitude of a minor, kidnapping in the first  
21 degree, or other crimes that are considered to be heinous.

22  
23 Section 2: This act will require the judicial branch to give same criminals,  
24 convicted of felony the option of working with law enforcement to fulfill  
25 their punishment and decrease their conviction time.

26  
27 Section 3: This act will allow criminals, who are proven clinically sane, to  
28 fulfill their penalty by working with law enforcement helping the criminals  
29 learn from their mistakes and work to stop other criminals while being  
30 supervised by qualified law enforcement.

31

32 Section 4: This act will allow convicted clinically sane criminals, given that  
33 the capacity of this program (20 per county) is not filled and that the  
34 crime they have convicted does not qualify as a Class A Felony, to assist  
35 law enforcement.

36  
37 Section 5: This act will not require funding from the state budget. It will  
38 use police officers and such law enforcement to supervise the working  
39 convicts. These police officers and such law enforcement are paid through  
40 state funding already in present.

41  
42 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
43 repealed.

44  
45 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
46 public welfare requiring it.  
47



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**Sponsors: Sona Davis, Eiric Davis**  
**Committee: House - Criminal Justice**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN TENNESSEE**

1 SECTION 1: Every year 20.9 million victims in the United States alone are  
2 brought into the trade market of human trafficking. Over fifty-percent of  
3 these being innocent children at the average age of 13. However, law  
4 enforcement is unable to fully attack this well hidden problem to due a  
5 lack of training and fatal unpreparedness. 79% of Tennessee respondents  
6 agreed that they did not feel their agencies were adequately trained to  
7 recognize and identify cases of human trafficking.  
8 With the business becoming the 2nd fastest growing criminal industry, it  
9 is imperative to the state's safety that all law enforcement are qualified to  
10 handle the seriousness of these situations. According to the Tennessee  
11 government website there is currently one class included in police training  
12 that enables the students to conduct and coordinate undercover  
13 operations relating to Human Trafficking Investigations. But, nothing that  
14 has to do with identifying the problem or the signs of this undercover  
15 businesses.

16  
17 SECTION 2: We, the delegates representing the future of Tennessee  
18 propose a Tennessee State Human Trafficking Task Force in response to  
19 law enforcement's absence of preparation and ability to identify this  
20 catastrophic crime. This experienced group of local, and federal police,  
21 federal prosecutors, and government leaders will work in training the  
22 hundreds of police departments across the state, raise awareness,  
23 represent those without a voice, and strive to decrease the number of  
24 human trafficking cases.  
25 This method has been proven efficient in California, the leading state in  
26 human trafficking scandals. Within the year of 2005 the state was able to  
27 establish six different task forces who have succeeded in providing  
28 training to 25,591 law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim service  
29 providers, and other first responders between the years of mid 2010 and  
30 2012.

31 The implementation of just these six groups into different regions has  
32 more than doubled the amount of victims identified, and greatly increased

33 the amount of investigations and individuals arrested in the California  
34 area.

35 SECTION 3: With this government and tax- funded bill and the outcomes  
36 that will result from it, human trafficking in Tennessee will soon cease to  
37 be a danger to young men and women. This new task force will educate  
38 the people, the police, and aide the 20.8 million children and innocent  
39 people in our world.

40 SECTION 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act shall be  
41 repealed immediately.

42 SECTION 5: This act will begin to take effect on January 1, 2018, the  
43 public welfare requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Marcos Alvarado, Antonio Benitez  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Smyrna High School

**An Act To Limit Employer's Access to View Misdemeanors**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as followed:  
4 a) Misdemeanor-A criminal offense more serious than an infraction and  
5 less serious than a felony. Federal criminal law classifies a misdemeanor  
6 as one in which the maximum punishment in terms of jail time is less  
7 than one year.  
8  
9 Section 2: All employers are restricted from viewing any misdemeanor  
10 (including the class of the misdemeanor) if the misdemeanor has been  
11 charged five years or longer ago.  
12  
13 Section 3: A misdemeanor that has been charged less than five years ago  
14 will still be available for employers to view.  
15  
16 Section 4: All felonies will remain visible to an employer.  
17  
18 Section 5: This act will be at no cost to the state.  
19  
20 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
21 repealed.  
22  
23 Section 7: This bill will take effect July 1, 2017  
24



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Sponsors: Doug Yount, Will Betz, Jake Yount  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: Webb School

**Prisoner Voting Rights**

1 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States have the right to vote, and  
2 following the example set by both the States of Maine and Vermont who  
3 allow those imprisoned the right to voted take part in our democracy.  
4 Even though prisoners have been convicted of a felony they should not be  
5 denied the right to vote.  
6  
7 BE IT ENACTED JANUARY 1st, 2018 BY TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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9 Section 1. Being that all prisoners are human just like anyone who hasn't  
10 been convicted of a crime, they should be guaranteed the right to vote  
11 and influence the future of their life and The United States.  
12  
13 Section 2. Prisoners would help to influence the diversity of Tennessee  
14 and The United States and their political systems.  
15  
16 Section 3. The correctional system of Tennessee should encourage  
17 prisoners and those affected by the prison system on their right to vote.  
18 (a) Offer course on The United States government  
19  
20 Section 4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018  
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**Sponsors:** Arthur Jenkins, Jake Loveday, Parker Irish  
**Committee:** House - Criminal Justice  
**School:** Webb School

**An Act to Ensure Minors Have a Legal Guardian or a Legal Counsel Present while Interrogated by Law Enforcement**

1 Be It Enacted By The Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

3 a) Legal Guardian — A parent, or a court appointed individual to protect

4 and care for a minor.

5 b) Legal Counsel — One or more attorneys who provide legal services in

6 defense of a minor

7 c) Minor — any individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age

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9 Section 2: This Act requires a legal guardian, or legal counsel to be with

10 the interrogated minor during an interrogation by law enforcement. A

11 minor may not waive such requirement in the course of the interrogation.

12

13 Section 3: An interrogation of a minor by law enforcement in violation of

14 this Act would result in the exclusion of any evidence gleaned from the

15 improper interrogation at trial.

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17 Section 4: All laws or parts of legislation in conflict with this act are

18 hereby repealed.

19

20 Section 5: This act will be enacted immediately after becoming a law.

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**Sponsors:** Kevin Sweda, Jared Mittelberg  
**Committee:** House - Finance, Ways & Means  
**School:** Franklin High School

**An Act Authorizing Fantasy Sports games and Exempting Them from Taxation**

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act are defined as follows:

2 a) fantasy sport - a type of online game where participants assemble

3 imaginary or virtual teams of real players of a professional sport. These

4 teams compete based on the statistical performance of those players'

5 players in actual games.

6 b) Draft King - a daily fantasy sports contest provider. The company

7 allows users to enter daily and weekly fantasy sports-related contests and

8 win money based on individual players and teams.

9 c) Fan Duel - a web-based fantasy sports game and the largest daily

10 fantasy sports company (as measured by entry fees) in the daily fantasy

11 sports industry. The model consists of traditional season-long fantasy

12 sports leagues being compressed into a free and/or paid daily, and

13 occasionally weekly, game of skill.

14

15 Section II: The winner of any Fantasy Sports games will have their

16 earned winnings given to them without a Sales, State, or Federal taxation

17 will take effect on them. And will become legal to the public.

18

19 Section III: The winner of any Fantasy sports game will automatically

20 have his or her innings given to them without taxation.

21

22 Section IV: Upon money transferred to the competitors winnings given to

23 them they will be given

24 a) The money they win will be given tax free.

25 b) The Fantasy sports games will be authorized and legal.

26

27 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

28 repealed.

29

30 Section VI: This bill will take effect July 7, 2017, the public welfare

31 requiring it.





**Sponsors: Myles Dawson, Parker Woods**  
**Committee: House - Criminal Justice**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**An Act To Require All Police Officers to Wear Body Cameras**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 A) Police Brutality — The use of excessive and/or unnecessary force by  
6 police when dealing with civilians  
7 B) Excessive use of force — A force well beyond what would be necessary  
8 in order to handle a situation  
9 C) Body camera — A small camera typically worn on the body, and  
10 typically used by officers to record arrest  
11 D) Cloud Storage- Provides the means to wirelessly back up ios devices  
12 directly to iCloud, instead of being reliant on hard drives  
13 E) Hard drive — A high capacity, self-contained, storage device containing  
14 a read-write mechanism plus one or more hard disk  
15  
16 Section 2:  
17 A) If enacted, every police officer in Tennessee will be required to wear a  
18 body camera that is of national standard and that records footage from  
19 their work and stores it in an  
20 iCloud or hard drive.  
21 B) Both the video and audio recordings must be activated when the  
22 officer is responding to a service call.  
23  
24 Section 3:  
25 A) Any police officer who does not submit their body camera footage or  
26 carry a body camera will be required to pay a fee of \$500 dollars for a  
27 first offense, \$1000 dollars for a second offense, and face suspension  
28 charges if not following the law a third time.  
29 B) The officer must also notify the subjects that they are being recorded  
30 or he/she may be fined up to \$200  
31

32 Section 4: The footage that is recorded will go to a server through iCloud  
33 or a hard drive that is not owned by the police department but a different  
34 branch of government that has no incentive to shield police.  
35  
36 Section 5: The \$12 million dollars needed to purchase body cameras for  
37 all officers throughout Tennessee will be obtained through requesting a  
38 grant from the department of Justice.  
39  
40 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
41 repealed.  
42  
43 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
44 public welfare requiring it.  
45



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Sponsors: Maggie Gordon, Sofia Hamby  
Committee: House - Criminal Justice  
School: West High School

**AN ACT TO BAN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN TENNESSEE STATE PRISONS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall

4 be defined as follows:

5 a.) Solitary Confinement: An isolated prisoner held in a separate cell as

6 punishment

7 b.) Prisons: An institution where people wait on trial or are legally held as

8 punishment for crime/s

9 c.) Criminals: A citizen who has broken the law

10 d.) Inmate: Someone confined to prison, having been charged with a

11 crime and sentenced to prison

12 e.) Security Risk: A person/situation providing a possible threat to

13 inmates or staff in the prison.

14 f.) Tennessee Department of Corrections: A Tennessee state government

15 cabinet-level agency that oversees convicted offenders in Tennessee

16 prisons

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18 Section II: Prisons may not place inmates under solitary confinement

19 unless they pose a threat to the safety of other prisoners and guards.

20 Nonviolent prisoners who do not pose a security risk may never be placed

21 under solitary confinement.

22

23 Section III: Prisons found in violation of this will face fines and further

24 investigation by the Tennessee Department of Corrections. Inmates

25 formerly held in solitary confinement will be confined with other prisoners

26 unless the state deems them a security risk.

27

28 Section IV: To ensure compliance with this act, the Tennessee

29 Department of Corrections will institute bi-monthly inspections of all state

30 prisons. These inspections are to be carried out by a qualified employee

31 of the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

32 Section V: This act will cost the State of Tennessee a total of \$66,846 to

33 pay for the inspector's salary. Funding for this act will come from

34 Tennessee Department of Corrections' annual budget.

35

36 Section VI: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

37 repealed.

38

39 Section VII: This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare

40 requiring it.

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Sponsors: Jirayu Pauksakon, Mark Hancock  
Committee: House - Finance, Ways & Means  
School: Ravenwood High School

**An Act to Allow Property Tax Relief to all Veterans Who Served for  
the Volunteer State of Tennessee**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section I: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall

4 be defined as follows:

5 A) Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans: The diminution of property

6 or business taxes owed by Tennesseans who served time in the military in

7 which the disabled veterans who were affected by paraplegia, permanent

8 paralysis of body parts, loss of body parts, or legal blindness (Tennessee

9 Department of Veteran Services)

10 B) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Abbreviated as PTSD): A disorder that

11 veterans developed when experiencing a life-threatening situation, for

12 example, heated combat or the deaths of fallen comrades.

13

14 Section II: Before the amendment, veterans must be permanently

15 disabled to receive the full prospect of the Property Tax for Disabled

16 Veterans.

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18 Section III: Around 11-22% of veterans from Tennessee who served in

19 the War on Terror experienced PTSD while serving in the line of duty.

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21 Section IV: If enacted, Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-704(a) would be

22 amended to include the current criteria needed for disabled veterans to

23 receive the Property Tax Relief and the insertion of all veterans to receive

24 the Property Tax Relief. The tax will only be accessible to the veterans'

25 primary residence and cannot be given on more than one property.

26 Furthermore, the act will include PTSD as a permanent disability to

27 further the chances of affected veterans to receive the Property Tax

28 Relief.

29

30 Section V: Veterans are required to have proof of their military service to

31 garner the benefits of the Property Tax Relief. Examples of identification

32 are but not limited to:

33 Military I.D. Card

34 Veteran I.D. Card

35 A letter of approval of the respected individual from their branch of

36 military service.

37 The Tennessee Department of Veteran Affairs will examine the

38 applications and proofs. The amount of time to process an application will

39 vary due to the amount of workload received within a tax year.

40

41 Section VI: Disabled veterans who were already receiving the Property

42 Tax Relief will not be affected by the bill.

43

44 Section VII: This bill will require funding under the administration of the

45 Tennessee Department of Veterans Services. The funding will be directly

46 correlated with the property assessment, city, and county tax rate of the

47 veterans. This bill shall acknowledge that the funding for the Property Tax

48 Relief will adjust because of the ever changing number of veterans who

49 will apply. Due to the differences of the tax amount in the 95 counties of

50 Tennessee, there is not a specific amount that will be asked of.

51

52 Section VIII: If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional,

53 it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in

54 full force and effect.

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56 Section IX: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby

57 repealed to the extent of the conflict.

58

59 Section X: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law;

60 the Property Tax Relief will be accessible to all veterans in Tennessee.

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**HOUSE  
COMMITTEE 4**

**Emma Johnson**



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Sponsors: Alex Cobb, Jackson Gregory, Coleman Jones  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT BANNING THE PRIVATE USE OF EXTREMELY LOW MILEAGE PER GALLON AUTOMOBILES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE**

Section 1: Terms used in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:

- a) Automobile: a road vehicle, typically with four wheels, powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor and able to carry a small number of people.
- b) Private: belonging to or for the use of one particular person or group of people only.
- c) Extremely low mileage per gallon: equal to or less than thirteen miles per gallon.

Section 2: If enacted, this bill will forbid the sale to private buyers of all automobiles that get equal to or less than thirteen miles per gallon in the state of Tennessee.

Section 3: All automobiles sold before January 1, 2019 will not be affected. To buy and sell automobiles after January 1, 2019 that get less than or equal to thirteen miles per gallon, there must be identification in the vehicle that states what company and purpose the automobile serves.

Section 4: Violators will get fined \$500.00 for the first three offenses, and then the automobile will be impounded.

Section 5: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee. Money from these fines will go to the Department of Transportation.

Section 6: All laws and parts of the laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7: This act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the general welfare requiring it.



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Sponsors: Elizabeth Burke, Talah Allos, Ellie Yarbrough  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: St. Cecilia Academy

**An Act to Require Citizens Over 70 Take a Driving and Vision Test Every 3 Years to Renew License**  
**Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:**

Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:

- a. Citizen- a legally recognized subject of a state or commonwealth, either native or naturalized
- b. License- an official document permitting a specific individual to operate one or more types of motorized vehicles
- c. Driving Test- a procedure designed to test a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle
- d. Vision Test- a procedure to test the eyesight of an individual and conclude they are safe to drive on the roads without visual aid

Section 2: If enacted, this bill will require citizens over the age of 70 to take a required driving and vision test every 3 years for the renewal of their license

Section 3: If enacted, this bill will give the state of Tennessee the right to suspend or revoke a license at any given time if the license is expired

Section 4: If the drivers fail at least one of the two mandatory exams, they must wait a minimum of two weeks before attempting again

Section 5: If the license is suspended or revoked, the citizen has one week to arrange new methods of transportation

Section 6: If enacted this act will not cost any fiscal interest from the state of Tennessee but will create revenue from the fees from renewing licenses.

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section 8: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it



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Sponsors: Dennis Lee, Tomas Starr  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Brentwood High School

**A Bill to Ensure Public Safety and Environmental Protection  
Through Concealment Regulation**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 TERMS USED IN THIS BILL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

4 POLICE VEHICLE: A police vehicle is any motorized mode of

5 transportation utilized by any domestic police force within the state of

6 Tennessee, including but not limited to cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

7 HIDE: When a policeman, policewoman, or any official currently employed

8 by any Tennessee police force intentionally conceals a police vehicle to

9 catch potential offenders off guard.

10 SURPRISE SYNDROME: When a potential traffic offender experiences a

11 state of shock, or more specifically surprise, upon sight of a police vehicle

12 concealed in an illogical or unnatural state. This often leads to life-

13 threatening accidents or further offenses.

14 GLEE COPACITY: A sensation experienced by a police officer when

15 realizing that HIDING worked.

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17 SECTION I: While the role of police officers is highly important and should

18 be respected by all means, there exists one common action that civilian

19 road-goers can do without. Police officers do not have the jurisdiction to

20 hide a police vehicle and catch civilian drivers off guard, using the victim's

21 surprise syndrome to fulfill his or her own glee capacity.

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23 SECTION II: The action of hiding includes but is not limited to parking on

24 any form of covered land that is not recognizable road and removing

25 required symbols of police identity from police vehicles.

26

27 SECTION III: The elimination of this hiding action will trigger both short

28 term and long term benefits regarding the environment and public safety.

29 Organisms such as shrubs, grass, and trees will no longer be mutilated by

30 the tires of police vehicles, while civilians will no longer have to worry

31 about innocent offenses caused by surprise syndrome.

32 SECTION IV: Breaking this law will result in categorized light to serious

33 punishments designated by each local police department, to be approved

34 by the Tennessee state government. These punishments include but are

35 not limited to fines and suspensions.

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37 SECTION V: This bill shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.

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39 SECTION VI: This bill requires absolutely no funding and requires zero

40 costs.

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42 SECTION VII: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared

43 null and void.

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Sponsors: Tristen Andrews, Tamim Hamdan  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO BE CPR AND FIRST AID CERTIFIED**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5 A) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): a medical procedure involving
- 6 repeated compression of a patient's chest, performed in an attempt to
- 7 restore the blood circulation and breathing of a person who has suffered
- 8 cardiac arrest.
- 9 B) First Aid: help given to a sick or injured person until full medical
- 10 treatment is available.
- 11 C) Public School: a school supported by public funds.
- 12 D) Bus Driver: one who's drive a bus as a job with a Commercial Driver's
- 13 License (CDL) with S (school bus) and P (passenger) endorsement.
- 14 E) Commercial Driver's License (CDL): Class A CDL drivers. Drive vehicles
- 15 weighing twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or greater, or
- 16 any combination of vehicles weighing twenty-six thousand and one
- 17 (26,001) pounds or greater when towing a trailer weighing more than ten
- 18 thousand (10,000) pounds. Transports quantities of hazardous materials
- 19 that require warning placards under Department of Public Safety
- 20 regulations.

21 F) Red Cross: An international organization, founded under the terms of  
22 the first Geneva Convention. Its original duty was to care for those who  
23 were wounded, sick, or homeless in wartime. Today, it also attends to

24 victims of natural disasters.  
25 G) School Bus: any vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license and is  
26 designated for the transportation of students to and from school or any  
27 other designated school activity.

28 H) Department of Health of the State of Tennessee: a department  
29 established by the state of Tennessee whose mission is to protect,  
30 promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

31

32 Section 2: This act shall require all public school bus drivers to become  
33 CPR and first aid certified. Certification must be done under the Red Cross  
34 to ensure quality and consistency. The CPR and first aid certification must  
35 be completed after all other pre-established requirements have been  
36 fulfilled before any and all authorized personnel can operate a school bus.  
37

38 Section 3: This act shall institute a recertification process every two (2)  
39 years upon the expiration of the previous certification. The recertification  
40 process will consist of the same class and test that the bus driver was  
41 required to take upon his/her first completion, in addition to any updated  
42 materials. All recertification will continue to be done with the Red Cross in  
43 hopes of improving the consistency of training within the State of  
44 Tennessee. Failure to recertify before the end of the previous two (2) year  
45 time period shall pay a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine issued every six  
46 (6) months they do not recertify and/or have their license suspended or  
47 revoked. The potential suspension and its length will be determined by  
48 the Department of Health of the State of Tennessee.  
49

50 Section 4: This act shall require all currently employed public school bus  
51 drivers to become CPR and first aid certified within one (1) calendar year  
52 of the enactment of this act. Those who do not meet these requirements  
53 within the designated time period shall pay a five hundred dollar (\$500)  
54 fine issued every six (6) months they do not certify and/or have their  
55 license suspended or revoked. The potential suspension and its length will  
56 be determined by the Department of Health of the State of Tennessee.  
57

58 Section 5: This act shall permit all current and new public school bus  
59 drivers who have already attained CPR and first aid certification from the  
60 Red Cross to utilize the certification to meet the state requirement.  
61 Potential or outstanding bus drivers with this previously held certification  
62 will not be required to take the class again until their recertification is  
63 due. This act shall still require recertification for bus drivers using their  
64 previous certification. Penalties for the failure to recertify are outlined in  
65 section three (3).  
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67 Section 6: This act shall require all certified public school bus drivers to  
68 carry proof of CPR and first aid certification with them at all times when  
69 operating a school bus. Failure to show proof of certification to licensed  
70 personnel will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine and/or a license  
71 suspension. The fine will remain constant for each occurrence. The  
72 potential suspension and its length will be determined by the Department  
73 of Health of the State of Tennessee.  
74

75 Section 7: This Act shall empower the Department of Health of the State  
76 of Tennessee to establish, record, regulate, and enforce all necessary  
77 rules and regulations regarding the mandatory certification of bus drivers  
78 in first aid and CPR. This act shall also draw funding from the state's





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**Sponsors: Cecilia Harvaneck, Camryn Briggs**  
**Committee: House - Transportation**  
**School: Centennial High School**

**An Act To Prohibit The Use Of A Hand-Held Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle**

Whereas, the state of Tennessee, as of 2013, led the nation with the highest percentage of fatalities caused by cell phone use, according to data released in 2013 by the National Safety Council.

Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government that using a handheld device while operating a motor vehicle illegal

Section 1: Terms in this act are defined as  
(A) hand-held device: A mobile computing device, typically, small enough to hold and operate in the hand and having an operating system capable of running mobile applications  
(B) motor vehicle: a road vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine  
(C) operating: controlling the functioning of a motor vehicle while it is in drive  
(D) driver : the person controlling the motor vehicle while it is in drive  
(E) primary offense: an offense for which a law enforcement officer can stop a car and issue a citation for violating.

Section II: The driver of any motor vehicle who is found to be making or answering a call on a hand-held device while they are operating a motor vehicle will be violating a primary offense law.

Section III: Those who are found to be in violation of section two will be faced with the following penalties:

- (A) The first offense warrants a warning.
- (B) The second offense warrants a \$175 fine.
- (C) The third offense warrants a \$500 fine.
- (D) The fourth offense will result in a license suspension of six months.
- (E) The fifth offense will result in the license being suspended indefinitely as well as potential jail time.

79 general funds; said funding shall be monitored and controlled by the  
80 Department of Health of the State of Tennessee.

81  
82 Section 8: This act shall have a negative fiscal impact upon the state.  
83 Spending is based on the nine thousand, one hundred and seventy-eight  
84 (9,178) school buses and their drivers in the state of Tennessee. Each  
85 class costs approximately one hundred dollars (\$100) and shall total  
86 ninety-one thousand, seven hundred and eighty dollars (\$91,780) when  
87 all current drivers are taken into account. In addition, there will be a  
88 twenty-eight thousand, two hundred and twenty dollar (\$28,220) buffer  
89 for new bus drivers and enforcement costs for the Department of Health  
90 of the State of Tennessee. The total funding required shall total one  
91 hundred and twenty thousand dollars paid every two (2) years to the  
92 Department of Health of the State of Tennessee. Money needed for the  
93 passage of this act will come from the State of Tennessee's General  
94 Funds. Any unused funds will be deducted from the next influx or go  
95 directly back into the general fund for use in any bill that the legislature  
96 shall deem necessary and expedient by law.

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98 Section 9: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
99 repealed.

100  
101 Section 10: This act shall take effect on the first (1st) day of August,  
102 2017, the public welfare requiring it.  
103



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Sponsors: Ella Latham, Molly Kate Kreider  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Reduce Accidents in Intersections Caused by Running Red Lights**

Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

Section I: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
Blinking green light- a green light that blinks 3 times (1 per second) that will occur at the last 3 seconds of the green light interval at an intersection. The purpose is to warn drivers that there is an upcoming yellow light and that they should either finish their acceleration through the intersection or come to a complete stop.

Running a red light- continuing to drive through an intersection after the traffic light has already turned red.

Section II: All traffic lights in Tennessee will add a blinking green light before the yellow light.

Section III: Raise the ticket for running a red light from \$50 to \$100 because driver's will have more of an advanced warning, therefore lowering the risk of accidentally running a red light.

Section IV: The funding for the reprogramming of these lights will be \$1,000,000, or .123% of the \$810 million budget Tennessee has already set specifically aside for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Since green lights already have the blinking capacity, the only funding will be used to add the blinking function to the normal light intervals on the traffic lights.

Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section VI: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018 the public welfare requiring it.

32 Section IV: Devices being used for navigation purposes, phone calls, and  
33 music may be used as long as the driver can keep two hands on the  
34 steering wheel while the motor vehicle is in drive. In other words, the  
35 device must remain completely hands-free.  
36  
37

38 Section V: If there are no other passengers capable of making a call,  
39 drivers may use a handheld device only to call 911 if the circumstance is  
40 life threatening and requires the assistance of emergency responders. If  
41 there are no other passengers capable of making a call.  
42

43 Section VI: Drivers who are operating a motor vehicle while acting in the  
44 scope of their employment as a public safety officer or operating an  
45 emergency vehicle may use a handheld device to make a work related  
46 call if there are no other passengers capable of making a call.  
47

48 Section VII: This Act will go into effect January 1st, 2018.  
49



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Sponsors: Tiffany Truong, Sejal Shukla  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23123.5 OF THE VEHICLE CODE TO  
THE DUE CARE LAW**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
3 shall be defined as follows:  
4 A) Section 23123.5 of the Vehicle Code:  
5 (a) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while holding and operating  
6 a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications  
7 device unless the wireless telephone or electronic wireless  
8 communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow  
9 voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner  
10 while driving.  
11 (b) This section shall not apply to manufacturer-installed systems that  
12 are embedded in the vehicle.  
13 (c) A handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless  
14 communications device may be operated in a manner requiring the use  
15 of the driver's hand while the driver is operating the vehicle only if both  
16 of the following conditions are satisfied:  
17 (1) The handheld wireless telephone or electronic wireless  
18 communications device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield in the  
19 same manner a portable Global Positioning System (GPS) is mounted  
20 pursuant to paragraph (12) of subdivision (b) of Section 26708 or is  
21 mounted on or affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a  
22 manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road.  
23 (2) The driver's hand is used to activate or deactivate a feature or  
24 function of the handheld wireless telephone or wireless  
25 communications device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of  
26 the driver's finger.  
27 (d) This section does not apply to an emergency services professional  
28 using an electronic wireless communications device while operating an  
29 authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in Section 165, in the course  
30 and scope of his or her duties.

31 (e) For the purposes of this section, "electronic wireless  
32 communications device" includes, but is not limited to, a broadband  
33 personal communication device, a specialized mobile radio device, a  
34 handheld device or laptop computer with mobile data access, a pager,  
35 or a two-way messaging device.  
36  
37 B) Due Care Law (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-136):  
38 (a) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this chapter, every  
39 driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any  
40 pedestrian upon any roadway, and shall give warning by sounding the  
41 horn when necessary, and shall exercise proper precaution upon  
42 observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a  
43 roadway.  
44 (b) Notwithstanding any speed limit or zone in effect at the time, or  
45 right of way rules that may be applicable, every driver of a motor  
46 vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any other motor  
47 vehicle, either being driven or legally parked, upon any roadway, or  
48 any road sign, guard rail or any fixed object legally placed within or  
49 beside the roadway right of way, by operating the motor vehicle at a  
50 safe speed, by maintaining a safe lookout, by keeping the motor  
51 vehicle under proper control and by devoting full time and attention to  
52 operating the motor vehicle, under the existing circumstances to avoid  
53 endangering life, limb or property.  
54 (c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.  
55  
56 C) Class C Misdemeanor: The least serious misdemeanor, sentence can  
57 not be greater than thirty (30) days in jail or a fine not to exceed fifty  
58 dollars (\$50.00), or both, unless otherwise provided by statute.  
59  
60 Section 2: This Act shall amend Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-136 as follows:  
61 INSERT: Section 23123.5 of the Vehicle Code. All forms of social media  
62 are to be classified as an infringement of The Due Care law.  
63  
64 Section 3: This Act will no longer allow residents of Tennessee to handle a  
65 handheld mobile device while operating a vehicle unless it is mounted to  
66 the vehicle and requires a single tap or swipe.  
67  
68 Section 4: Social media is explicitly prohibited under any circumstances.  
69  
70 Section 5: This Act shall have a positive fiscal impact upon the State.  
71 Revenue is predicted to be about \$1.3 million for the year of 2017.  
72  
73 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
74 repealed.  
75  
76 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
77 public welfare requiring it.  
78



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**Sponsors: Stephen Cole, Brooks Lynn**  
**Committee: House - Transportation**  
**School: Evangelical Christian School**

**An Act to Develop a Hyperloop System Between Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5  
6 a) Hyperloop: a high-speed transportation system, incorporating reduced-  
7 pressure tubes in which pressurized capsules ride on an air cushion driven  
8 by linear induction motors and air compressors.

9 b) Public Private Partnership: a contract between a public-sector  
10 authority and a private party, in which the private party provides a public  
11 service or project and assumes substantial financial, technical and  
12 operational risk in the project.

13 c) Concession Contract: a negotiated contract between a company and  
14 government that gives that company the right to operate a specific  
15 business within the government's jurisdiction, subject to certain  
16 conditions.

17  
18 Section 2: Upon passage of this bill, funds will be appropriated to prepare  
19 a feasibility study on the viability of an Hyperloop system between  
20 Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. If adopted as a feasible  
21 system, then develop and construct an Hyperloop system between these  
22 cities.

23  
24 Section 3: The cost of this bill will be \$500,000 dollars funded through the  
25 Tennessee Department of Transportation Special Programs budget. If  
26 adopted as a viable project, the construction and operation of the  
27 hyperloop system will be managed through the awarding of a Concession  
28 Contract to a private company that will construct the system and manage  
29 the ongoing operations for a period of 25 years, after which the system  
30 will be returned to the State. This concession contract will therefore

31 ensure that there will be no additional cost to the taxpayer other than the  
32 initial investment.

33  
34 Section 4: All laws or parts of law in conflict with this bill are hereby  
35 repealed.

36  
37 Section 5: When signed into law, this bill will go into effect on August 1,  
38 2017.



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Sponsors: Harrison Wade, Aditya Pillai  
Committee: House - Local Government  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to change all sidewalks and parking lots in Nashville to solar panels**

1 Be it enacted by the YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section I: All parking lots and sidewalks in the 497 square miles of  
4 Nashville will be changed from concrete and pavement to solar panels.

5  
6 Section II: The solar parking lots and sidewalks would let us produce  
7 nearly three times more electricity than we use.

8  
9 Section III: The solar technology would feature illuminated road  
10 markings, they would melt snow and ice.

11  
12 Section IV: It would cost around 70 dollars per square foot for the solar  
13 panels.

14  
15 Section V: Any laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
16 repealed.

17  
18 Section VI: This act will take effect on May 1 2017.  
19



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Sponsors: Will Ryan, Hank Thompson, Billy Mahaffey  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood High School

**An ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3; Title 39 and Title 68, relative to restrictions on tobacco and vapor products.**

1 Section 1: Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 39-17-1502, 39-17-1503,  
2 39-17-1504, 39-17-1505, 39-17-1506, 39-17-1507, 39-17-1509, 39-17-  
3 1513, is amended by deleting the language "eighteen (18) years of age"  
4 and substituting the language "twenty-one (21) years of age," in regards  
5 to tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vapor products.

6  
7 Section 2: Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 39-15-407, 39-15-413, is  
8 amended by deleting the language "eighteen (18) years of age," and  
9 substituting the language "twenty-one (21) years of age," in regards to  
10 tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vapor products.

11  
12 Section 3: The legal age to purchase tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and  
13 vapor cigarette products shall remain at eighteen years of age for active  
14 service members of the United States Military.

15  
16 Section 4: Failure to comply with this amendment will result in a  
17 punishment equal to the currently enacted punishment for possession or  
18 sale of these products to persons who are under the legal age for these  
19 products.

20  
21 Section 5: All Tennessee code annotated in regard to barring cigarettes in  
22 public locations shall now apply to e-cigarette and vapor cigarettes.

23  
24 Section 6: This bill will take effect on January 1st, 2018.  
25



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Sponsors: Emma Baltz, Ellie Kate Forrester  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Evangelical Christian School

**An Act to Assist Public Officials to Identify Hearing Impaired Tennessee Drivers (The HIT Act)**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3  
4 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise  
5 shall be defined as follows:  
6 a) Hearing Impairment: a partial or total inability to hear.  
7  
8 Section 2: Upon passage of this act, two car decals will be issued to  
9 hearing impaired drivers on request by the driver. These decals will assist  
10 public officials (first responders, law enforcement officers, etc.) to quickly  
11 and efficiently identify Hearing Impaired Tennesseans. This will enable  
12 these public officials to better manage emergency situations involving  
13 Hearing Impaired Tennesseans.  
14  
15 Section 3: There will be no cost associated with this bill. The decals will  
16 be paid for by the Hearing-Impaired Tennessean at a cost of 25c per  
17 decal.  
18  
19 Section 4: All laws or parts of law in conflict with this bill are hereby  
20 repealed.  
21  
22 Section 5: When signed into law, this bill will go into effect on August 1,  
23 2017.



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Sponsors: Lillian Jordan, Blaine Howard, Nia Curry  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: St. Cecilia Academy

**An Act to Amend TCA 55-8-199**  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
4 a.) Texting while Driving - the act using a hand-held mobile telephone or a hand-  
5 held personal digital assistant to transmit or read a written message  
6 b.) TCA 55-8-199 - No person while driving a motor vehicle on any public road or  
7 highway shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or a hand-held personal digital  
8 assistant to transmit or read a written message; provided, that a driver does not  
9 transmit or read a written message for the purpose of this subsection; if the driver  
10 reads, selects or enters a telephone number or name in a hand-held mobile  
11 telephone or a personal digital assistant for the purpose of making or receiving a  
12 telephone call.  
13 This section shall only apply to a person driving a motor vehicle that is in motion at  
14 the time a written message from a mobile telephone or hand-held personal digital  
15 assistant is transmitted or read by the person.  
16 (1) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, subject only to  
17 imposition of a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and court costs not to  
18 exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), including, but not limited to, any statutory fees of  
19 officers. No state or local litigation taxes shall be applicable to a case  
20 prosecuted under this section.  
21 (2) In addition to any fine imposed pursuant to subdivision (d)(1), a person who  
22 violates this section as a first offense shall be required to attend and complete a  
23 driver education course pursuant to 55-10-301.  
24  
25 Section 2: This act hereby instates that the fine issued for texting while driving will  
26 be increased from the current cost of up to \$50 to a new cost of \$350.  
27  
28 Section 3: All funds generated from fines will be distributed by the will of the  
29 Tennessee Department of Transportation.  
30  
31 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
32  
33 Section 5: This act will go into effect on January 1, 2018.





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Sponsors: Hannah Felton, Parth Tailor, Jones Stamper  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Webb School

**An act to allow in-home caregivers to administer simple medications**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature
- 2
- 3 Section 1) Caregivers will be allowed to give medications to their patients
- 4 at home.
- 5
- 6 Section 2) Any patient at home with a caregiver will no longer have the
- 7 only two options of either taking the medications themselves or going to a
- 8 registered nurse.
- 9
- 10 Section 3) There is no money needed for this bill.
- 11
- 12 Section 4) This will repeal all laws prohibiting anyone but nurses to
- 13 administer medicine to patients.
- 14



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Sponsors: Laura Higgins, Sidonia Cannon  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO MAKE THE ORGAN DONATION SYSTEM AN OPT OUT SYSTEM**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2
- 3 SECTION I: Seeing as more than 123,000 people are in need of an organ
- 4 transplant, and approximately 30 people die a day waiting for an organ
- 5 transplant.
- 6 Acknowledging that Tennessee has a lack of organ donors, and that 2,963
- 7 residents are on a waiting list for an organ.
- 8 Noticing that more lives would be saved, and more people would be in
- 9 better health if a greater number of organs were available.
- 10 Recognizing that more organs would be donated if there was presumed
- 11 consent instead of an opt-in policy.
- 12 Allowing opt-out forms for those who do not wish to donate organs and/or
- 13 have religious restrictions.
- 14
- 15 SECTION II: There will be no cost to this bill, because the organ donation
- 16 system is already in place.
- 17
- 18 SECTION III: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires
- 19 otherwise, 2 shall be defined as follows:
- 20 Organ - means the human kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, bone
- 21 marrow obtained by aspirate, cornea, eye, bone and other
- 22 musculoskeletal tissue, skin, and heart valves and other cardio and
- 23 vascular tissue.
- 24 Opt-out - to choose not to be part of an activity or to stop being involved
- 25 in it
- 26
- 27 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.
- 28
- 29 This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law the public
- 30 welfare requiring it.
- 31



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Sponsors: Joseph Doepp, Fernando Bravo, Tyrrel Nelson  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Smyrna High School

**An Act To Allow Drivers, 16 Years of Age, To Have More Than 1 Passenger In The Car**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2  
3 Section 1: Sixteen year old drivers may be able to have more than one  
4 passenger in the car with parental discretion. When the person goes to  
5 the Department of Motor Vehicles to get their drivers license, the legal  
6 guardian will be able to choose to allow their child to have more than one  
7 passenger.

8 Section 2: Other minors riding with the driver will need their parents'  
9 permission to ride with the 16 year old driver.

10 Section 3: This bill will have no financial impact on the Tennessee  
11 annual budget.

12 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
13 repealed.

14 Section 5: This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.  
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Sponsors: Gracie Cockerham, Jady Cook, Daniella Tate  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Enforce that All Public School Buses Require Seatbelts**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

4 Public Education- Schools funded by the government of Tennessee and  
5 supported by taxpayers

6 Students- any person(s) enrolled in a Tennessee school funded by taxes  
7 and supported by the government

8 Public Transit- Free Public School transportation

9 Seat Belt- a device within a vehicle used to prevent serious injury to a  
10 person in an accident

11 Section 2: This act will require all school buses of public education to  
12 obtain seatbelts and enforce the use of them upon students and  
13 administrators riding the buses due to recent fatal accidents of school  
14 buses in Tennessee  
15

16 Section 3: If the prestatated clauses are not abided then the driver will get  
17 their license suspended for 6 months, charged a fine of \$200, and get  
18 retested and trained to receive their license back.  
19

20 Section 4: All drivers of the public school transportation will be held  
21 accountable to enact this policy.  
22

23 Section 5: Any student that does not comply with this policy will not be  
24 permitted to ride the bus.  
25

26 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
27 repealed.  
28

29 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law,  
30 the public welfare requiring it.  
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32





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Sponsors: Skylar Pile, Lily Wilson, Kate White  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Brentwood Academy

**Ban of cell phone usage while operating a vehicle**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE.
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise shall
- 4 be as follows:
- 5 a) Driving: operating a motor vehicle
- 6 b) State Lines: a border, borderline, boundary lines
- 7 c) Cell phone: cellular phone; a telephone with access to a cellular radio
- 8 system so it can be used over a wide area, without a physical connection
- 9 to a network
- 10 d) Using: holding phone in hand while the phone is turned on or in use
- 11 e) Purposes: texting, calling, social media, games, or any other activities
- 12 excluding GPS
- 13
- 14 Section 2: If enacted, all drivers in the state of Tennessee will be given a
- 15 ticket and fined for using a cellular device while operating a vehicle.
- 16
- 17 Section 3: GPS or directional systems may be used as long as the cellular
- 18 device is not in the hand of the driver while the vehicle is in drive.
- 19
- 20 Section 4: Passengers will not be banned from using cell phones while in
- 21 vehicles.
- 22
- 23 Section 5: Act will be enforced by anyone who is authorized to give a
- 24 speeding ticket.
- 25
- 26 Section 6: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.
- 27
- 28 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 29 repealed.
- 30
- 31 Section 8: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 32



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Sponsors: Lilly Vereen, Gigi Powers  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Create a Monorail Running from Franklin to downtown Nashville**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government that a
- 2 monorail from downtown Franklin, Tennessee to downtown Nashville,
- 3 Tennessee be constructed.
- 4
- 5 Construction-
- 6 The Franklin Transit Authority as well as the Nashville Metropolitan Transit
- 7 Authority will put the project out to bid, and will accept the best proposal.
- 8 The construction company chosen will be mindful of neighborhoods while
- 9 also controlling expenses.
- 10
- 11 There is an anticipated financial multiplier effect of those benefitting from
- 12 the construction of the monorail which will include engineers, construction
- 13 workers, and manufacturers involved in the project.
- 14
- 15 The projected construction time will be determined following the blueprint
- 16 of the monorail once the safety features have been approved by the
- 17 state.
- 18
- 19 The route of the monorail-
- 20 The monorail route will begin near the intersection of Murfreesboro Road
- 21 and Interstate 65 and run South above the median of Interstate 65. The
- 22 monorail will have its terminus near Broadway and Interstate 65.
- 23
- 24 The length of the monorail will be approximately 27 miles, resulting in an
- 25 average commute time of 30 minutes.
- 26
- 27 Since the monorail runs along the median, there is no need to purchase
- 28 land from private owners or invoke eminent domain. Riders of the
- 29 monorail will also be spared the challenges of finding and paying for
- 30 parking downtown, contending with heavy traffic during peak hours, and
- 31 putting wear and tear on private vehicles.

32 Pricing-  
33 The riders will pay \$3.00 per ride, with discounts being given for multiple  
34 trips purchased at one time as well as discounts for unlimited monthly  
35 passes. The passengers can pay fees in a credit or debit card or cash.  
36

37 Fiscal Line Item: The state of Tennessee will apply for federal funding to  
38 raise the revenue of the monorail construction. The estimated amount is  
39 approximately  
40

41 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
42

43 This law should take effect immediately after funds are acquired as well  
44 as safety factors are approved by the state.  
45



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**Sponsors: Heather Lueckenhoff, Sarah Memon, Shri Reddy**  
**Committee: House - Transportation**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**An Act to Improve Tennessee's Public Transportation Systems by  
Extending the Use of Buses to Suburbs of Major Cities**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, will be  
4 defined as follows:

- 5 a) Public Transportation - buses, trains, subways, and other forms of
- 6 transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed routes, and are
- 7 available to the public
- 8 b) Bus - a large motor vehicle carrying passengers by road, especially one
- 9 serving the public on a fixed route and for a fare
- 10 c) Suburb - an outlying district of a city, especially a residential one
- 11 d) City - a large town
- 12

13 Section 2: This act requires the Tennessee Department of Transportation  
14 (TDOT) to oversee the implementation of public transportation in suburbs  
15 of major cities of Tennessee. Starting with the suburbs of Nashville,  
16 Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga, Clarksville, and Murfreesboro, it may  
17 continue depending on the initial success. Buses will be acquired using  
18 state funds, which will eventually be paid back with the revenue  
19 generated from the tickets and fares, as well as taxes.  
20

21 Section 3: This bill could help the citizens of Tennessee in countless ways.  
22 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government, could create  
23 a better quality of life for students. It would be easier for students to join  
24 new clubs in school since they will have a ride there and back. Moreover,  
25 this bill would create a better economy for the state. More people,  
26 including those unable to drive themselves, would be more likely to obtain  
27 jobs. Having more public transportation will produce more job  
28 opportunities within the bus systems. In addition, public transportation  
29 decreases Tennessee's carbon footprint. According to American Public  
30 Transportation Association, this bill could decrease the amount of Carbon  
31 Dioxide, known to destroy the earth's ozone layer, by 37 million metric



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**Sponsors: Drew Mize, Jac Custer**  
**Committee: House - Transportation**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**Vehicular Status of Bicycles**

32 tons each year. This option could increase the quality of life in many  
33 different ways for the citizens of Tennessee.  
34  
35 Section 4:  
36 a) The cities of Brentwood, Columbia, Donelson, Gallatin, La Vergne,  
37 Lebanon, Madison, Mount Juliet, Smyrna, Spring Hill, Dickson,  
38 Goodlettsville, Old Hickory, Portland, Hill, and White House will receive a  
39 new bus system.  
40 b) There will be three buses per city, each assigned specific roads. Nine  
41 bus stops will be placed in each suburb.  
42 c) The total cost for a new bus system for Tennessee's seventeen largest  
43 suburbs listed above would equal to \$18,456,900 including the prices of  
44 workers, bus stops, and buses.  
45 d) This cost distributed among 465,583 citizens would cost each citizen  
46 only \$39.64. This price can be covered through taxes and bus tickets.  
47 e) Other expenses such as gasoline and insurance will be covered over  
48 time in taxes and bus fare costs. Ultimately, this new bus system will  
49 make a profit and produce more money for the state. According to the  
50 National Alliance of Public Transportation Advocates (NAPTA), the addition  
51 of public transportation in Dallas, Texas has generated \$7.4 million dollars  
52 and 54,000 jobs for their economy.  
53  
54 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
55 repealed.  
56  
57 Section 6: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.  
58

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 "Operator" - a person who operates equipment or a machine;  
6 "Bicycle" - a human powered vehicle with two wheels designed to  
7 transport, by pedaling, persons seated on one or more saddle seats on its  
8 frame;  
9 "Highway" or "Street" - The entire width between boundary lines of every  
10 way publicly maintained, when any part is open to the use of the public  
11 for purposes of vehicular travel;  
12  
13 Section 2) An Operator of a Bicycle does not have the same legal status  
14 as an Operator of a motorized Vehicle, and are restricted to designated  
15 bike paths.  
16  
17 Section 3) Designated bicycle paths will be constructed to and from  
18 common locations.  
19  
20 Section 4) Bicyclists found in violation of this law will be fined \$250 per  
21 infraction.  
22  
23 Section 5) This act will require funding from the State Government at an  
24 initial cost of \$2,000,000, and will vary in cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000  
25 per year, but will also produce revenue from traffic fines.  
26  
27 Section 6) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
28 repealed.  
29  
30 Section 7) This act will go into effect immediately after the construction of  
31 the bike paths are completed, with a deadline of December, 31st, 2024.



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Sponsors: Ellen Oakes, Nabia Siddiqui  
Committee: House - Transportation  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE AND REPAIR TRANSPORTATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE IN TENNESSEE**  
Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:  
A - State Infrastructure Fund Loan Program: provides assistance to Local Government Units in the construction of transportation infrastructure projects that provide public benefits  
B - Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act: provides long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorizes \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs.  
C - Title 54 of Tennessee Code Annotated: Code of laws pertaining to highways, bridges, and ferries.  
D - Tennessee Department of Transportation: Multimodal agency with statewide responsibilities in roadways, aviation, public transit, waterways, and railroads.

Section 2: With Nashville quickly becoming more populated, the infrastructure, specifically transportation, of Tennessee has become in need of an increase. It costs Tennessee \$5.6 billion annually to drive on deficient roads due to vehicle operating costs, congestion-related delays, and traffic crashes. Every year on average, 990 people are killed by traffic crashes on the overcrowded highways. 40% of Tennessee's highways are in poor or mediocre condition including 20% of Nashville's roads. Along with this, 19% of Tennessee's bridges need repair or replacement. The increase of infrastructure will boost the economy by allowing citizens to have access to employment, housing, education, goods and services, recreation, etc. More importantly, businesses will be provided access to suppliers, markets, and employees if Tennessee has an efficient and reliable transportation system. In December of 2015, a nationwide law was created (FAST Act) to provide \$305 billion in funding for highways and transit, which is set to increase by 15-18% during the next 5 years. This program helps the state governments to plan and finance projects safely through 2020. Though

34 the law does aid the states, it falls short to the extensive repairs and  
35 improvements needed to achieve a sustainable system, which gives reason as  
36 to why this bill is needed in Tennessee.  
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38 Section 3: As of 2014, Tennessee's population reached 6.5 million people with 4.6  
39 million licensed drivers. But, in 2030, vehicle use is predicted to rise by more than  
40 30%. Investments in transportation infrastructure have proven to be very successful  
41 in states such as Texas. The Texas Transportation Institute widened lanes and  
42 improved shoulders, along with other repairs, which resulted in 133 fewer fatalities  
43 and a projected 880 fewer fatalities throughout the coming 20 years. The  
44 investments to increase and repair infrastructure is necessary for the congested  
45 state of Tennessee to maintain reliable highways for its citizens. In the Tennessee  
46 Code Annotated, this act to increase transportation infrastructure will be inserted in  
47 Title 54, Chapter 817, which deals with matters involving adequate infrastructure.  
48 This act will require the state to build new sustainable highways, roads, and bridges  
49 to continue to increase this transportation infrastructure in overcrowded areas of  
50 Tennessee, such as Nashville and Knoxville.  
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52 Section 4: A new study by the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance proposes that  
53 an increase in Tennessee's infrastructure budget will bring prosperity to the  
54 economy down the road. If the highway and bridge capital fund of Tennessee  
55 were to increase annually by \$460 million, it would boost the state economy by  
56 \$1.17 billion. In addition, the increased funding would potentially create 10,000  
57 new jobs and the sales tax revenue by \$82 million.  
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59 Section 5: The Tennessee Department of Transportation relies on funding from taxes  
60 for infrastructure projects. However, Tennessee's gas tax has remained the same  
61 since 1989, making it difficult to increase highways and transportation. In order to  
62 generate the appropriate funds from taxes, highway and transit repairs are funded by  
63 federal highway user fees. For example, an 18.4 cents-per-gallon gas tax and a 24.4  
64 cents-per-gallon tax on diesel fuel will create substantial revenue. The federal  
65 government is also an important funding source for Tennessee's highways, roads, and  
66 bridges. Firstly, Congress has provided approximately \$53 billion and an additional \$2  
67 billion from a related trust fund to be put into the federal Highway Trust Fund. This is  
68 due to the aforementioned FAST Act, in which the federal government provides  
69 funding for Tennessee's system of transportation for five years. With funds of \$305  
70 billion over the five year period, this act significantly decreases the amount of money  
71 the state needs to glean from taxes, but fails to cover the complete costs of  
72 Tennessee's need for the expansion of roads, highways, bridges, and transit systems.  
73 However, the Tennessee State Infrastructure Fund Loan Program generates funding  
74 for these types of new projects. In 2010, Tennessee received \$2,190,000 from this  
75 program. In conclusion, this act will be funded by federal programs, state funding  
76 programs, and state and federal tax increases.  
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78 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
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80 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public  
81 welfare requiring it.

# TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



## HOUSE COMMITTEE 5

**Cole Jackson**



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Sponsors: Anderson Hirt, Jeevan Kypa  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Centennial High School

**An act to tax sugary drinks in order to combat obesity.**

1 DEFINITIONS  
2 Sugary Drink -- Any drink containing at least 5% sugar by mass.  
3 Sugar -- Sucrose, glucose, fructose, or any other sugar derivatives  
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5 PROVISIONS  
6 Seeing as how 33.8% of adults in Tennessee are diabetic, and an increase in  
7 sugar consumption has been directly linked to the diabetes epidemic by  
8 Stanford Medicine, the American Diabetes Association, and many more  
9 independent studies, we propose a tax on sugary drinks.  
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11 Consumption of excess sugar leads to obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart  
12 disease, tooth decay, gout, high blood pressure, and etc. Obesity related  
13 illnesses cost the American people 147 billion dollars annually (9.1% of total  
14 US healthcare expenditures), according to the CDC, and the daily  
15 consumption of sugary beverages increases a child's risk of becoming obese  
16 by 60%.  
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18 According to the New England Journal of Medicine, a specific excise tax on all  
19 sugary drinks is required in order to be most effective. This shall affect all  
20 brands equally, not promoting less expensive brands, and reducing calories  
21 from sugar. It shall bring about more stable revenue as it is not dependent  
22 on industry pricing strategies, as an extra sales tax would. This tax must be  
23 equal to one cent per ounce of sugary drink sold in Tennessee in order to  
24 curb consumption. If enacted nationally, an additional 14 billion dollars in tax  
25 revenue shall be generated in the first year alone, and many millions in  
26 Tennessee.

27 EFFECTIVE DATE  
28 This legislation would take effect on the first of January, 2018.  
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30 REPEALER CLAUSE  
31 By passing this bill into law, all laws in opposition to this are hereby  
32 repealed.  
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Sponsors: Bryce Akridge, Ethan Lobo, Hayes Canupp  
Committee: House - Civil Justice  
School: Ravenwood High School

**An Act To Legalize The Sale Of Non-Nicotine E-Cigarettes and Vaporizers To Minors Ages Sixteen And Older**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:  
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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:  
5 A) Vaporizer: a battery powered vapor producing mechanism that creates the  
6 feeling of smoking without the use of tobacco.  
7 B) E-Cigarettes: a cigarette-shaped device containing a nicotine-based liquid that is  
8 vaporized and inhaled, used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco.  
9 C) Nicotine: a toxic colorless or yellowish oily liquid that is the chief active  
10 constituent of tobacco. It acts as a stimulant in small doses, but in larger  
11 amounts blocks the action of autonomic nerve and skeletal muscle cells.  
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13 Section 2: The goal of this act is to establish a lower age required to purchase  
14 and use e-cigarettes and vaporizers. Anyone age sixteen and older would have  
15 the ability to do the activities described above.  
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17 Section 3: If enacted, this would amend both Title 39 Chapter 17 Part 15 and  
18 Title 39 16 Chapter 17 Part 1.  
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20 Section 4: Legalizing the sale of E-Cigarettes and Vaporizers would drastically  
21 increase profits in the E-Cigarette and Vaporizer market. These profits are  
22 taxed, resulting in more tax dollars for the state of Tennessee. This bill, if  
23 enacted, would also reduce the amount of underage minors acquiring E-  
24 cigarettes and vaporizers illegally.  
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26 Section 5: This bill would cost the state nothing at all, and only bring in tax money.  
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28 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
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30 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public  
31 welfare requiring it.





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Sponsors: Brendan Alexander Mitchell-Fostyk, Christopher Hutter  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act To Lower Teen Driver Fatalities**

1 Be it enacted (or resolved) by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH  
2 GOVERNMENT classes will be provided by high schools in all counties of  
3 Tennessee to teach students the rules and safety precautions of the road  
4 to lower teen driver fatalities, and encourage safe driving habits.

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6 Section 1: By implementing driver education classes in high schools, teen  
7 fatality due to motor-vehicle accidents will decrease, which means the  
8 transportation systems in Tennessee will be safer for all drivers.

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10 Section 2: Because three-quarters of unintentional injury deaths are  
11 motor vehicle related and teens are three times as likely to be involved in  
12 these accidents, classes for driver education should be implemented. The  
13 state of Tennessee can lower the number of motor-vehicle deaths each  
14 year due to teen drivers by mandatory classes, therefore: making the  
15 roadways safer for all drivers. This will in turn lower the amount of  
16 insurance premiums and lower the amount of money spent on public  
17 safety enforcement. Tennesseans will pay less for insurance and their  
18 taxes will decrease because the risk of a motor-vehicle accident will be  
19 greatly lowered.

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21 Section 3: By providing mandatory classes to all high school students, the  
22 relationship between teen motor-vehicle fatalities and driver education  
23 classes will be positively correlated reducing the number of fatalities on  
24 the Tennessee road system. This will also provide more money for  
25 Tennesseans paying high insurance premiums and taxes.

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27 The Department of Transportation, The Department of Health, and The  
28 Department of Education will all be involved in adapting the education  
29 system for driver education classes in high schools. Although, these  
30 sectors will have to work with independent schools separately, the public  
31 school system will greatly benefit from this bill because price cannot be

32 put on a life. To implement this act, we ask the state provide \$500,000  
33 each year to ensure the most effective methods of teaching.

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35 There are no laws or parts affected by this act, accept for the addition of  
36 mandatory classes in the public school system.

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38 This act will take effect August 1st, 2017, should this committee pass this  
39 legislation.  
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Sponsors: Morgan Bussard, Andrew Long  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood Academy

**An Act to Issue a State-Wide Identification Card for Patients  
Utilizing Schedule II/III Controlled Substances**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall

5 be defined as follows:

6 a) Schedule II Controlled Substance: Schedule II drugs, substances, or

7 chemicals are defined as drugs with a high potential for abuse, with use

8 potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence.

9 b) Schedule III Controlled Substance: Schedule III drugs, substances, or

10 chemicals are defined as drugs with a moderate to low potential for

11 physical and psychological dependence.

12 c) Patient-Drug Identification Card (PDIC): A card issued by the

13 Tennessee State Health Department that gives the pharmacist(s)

14 information regarding current patient prescriptions and the location of

15 purchase(s).

16 d) Controlled Substance Monitoring Database (CSMD): In accordance with

17 the Controlled Substance Monitoring Act of 2002, the Tennessee

18 Department of Health established a database to monitor the dispensing of

19 Schedule II, III, IV & V controlled substances. Health care practitioners or

20 persons under the supervision and control of the practitioners,

21 pharmacists or pharmacies who are legally authorized to dispense a

22 schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance are required to submit

23 certain data to the controlled substance monitoring database.

24 e) Class D Felony: Felony of Less than 10 years but 5 or more years

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26 Section 11: Any patient, regardless of demographics, shall be required to

27 obtain a patient-drug identification card from the Tennessee State Health

28 Department if they are prescribed a schedule II or III drug for more than

29 two weeks.

30 Section III: The patient will automatically apply for, and be granted the

31 card when the physician enters the information regarding the drugs and

32 the prescription length into the CSMD.

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34 Section IV: If a person is found tampering with, defacing, or plagiarizing a

35 PDIC they will be detained and charged.

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37 Section V: For a first-time offender, they will be fined \$750 dollars. For a

38 second-time offender, they will be fined \$2,000. The money from the

39 fines is to go towards a state-wide drug abuse program. For a third-time

40 and subsequent offenders, they will be charged with a Class D Felony on

41 the grounds of criminal mischief.

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43 Section VI: The purpose of this bill is to monitor the flow of heavily

44 addictive prescriptions to the public. It will tell the drug companies who is

45 writing the prescription, the drug prescribed, who it's for, and how long

46 they are to have it. In addition, the card helps the pharmaceutical keep

47 track of where else the card has been used, and can alert them of

48 suspicious activity.

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50 Section VII: The card is renewable when a new prescription is written

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52 Section VIII: The card is based on a subscription that lasts 3 years, and

53 will cost \$2.25 per renew. The card itself is updated automatically each

54 time the doctor enters the prescription into the CSMD. The card itself is

55 plastic and cost the state 5 cents to make. The card is also digitized, and

56 can be linked up to the patients' driver's license.

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58 Section IX: All current laws or parts of laws that lie in conflict with this act

59 shall be repealed.

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61 Section X: This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, the general welfare

62 requiring it.

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Sponsors: Brant Piggott, Graham Lovell  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO BAN CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN ALL TENNESSEE SCHOOLS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMC A YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT that acts  
2 of corporal punishment in Tennessee schools shall be banned.

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4 Section 1: Corporal punishment can be defined as the physical punishment  
5 of a student to maintain order and good behavior. Studies have shown  
6 that corporal punishment can lead to increased aggression, antisocial  
7 behavior, and mental issues in children. By banning such acts, the great  
8 state of Tennessee will be able to put students in a harmless learning  
9 environment, thus allowing excellent performance. In addition, the human  
10 rights of our students will be protected, thus increasing motivation to  
11 learn through more appropriate means of discipline.

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13 Section 2: Any public school to be found in violation of this act shall  
14 receive the following punishments for each offense:  
15 -For the first offense, there will be a 25% cut in state funding.  
16 -For the second offense, there will be a 35% cut in state funding.  
17 -If a school is found to violate the act a third time, control of the school  
18 will be transferred to the municipal government. Should this occur all  
19 state funding will be returned to the municipality for use in school  
20 operations.  
21 Any private school found in violation of this act shall receive the following  
22 punishments for each offense:  
23 -For the first offense, the school will receive a \$25,000 fine.  
24 -For the second offense, the school will receive a \$35,000 fine.  
25 -If a school is found to violate the act a third time, it shall be stripped of  
26 accreditation and state approval. The school may earn back approval and  
27 accreditation after a probationary period of two years.

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29 Section 3: Passage of this act shall protect the human rights of students  
30 in the state of Tennessee.

32 This act will not cost the state any extra money, and punishment will  
33 bring in more revenue to percolate into higher quality education.  
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35 If passed, this act shall take effect on August 1, 2017.  
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37 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.  
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Sponsors: Caleb Harris, Harrison Smith, Jack Wilson  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN HPCC CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE IN NURSING HOMES**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be as
- 2 follows:
- 3 a) HPCC- The Hospice & Palliative Credentialing Center, responsible for
- 4 certifying palliative care nurses.
- 5 b) CHPN- The Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse examination required for
- 6 certification.
- 7 c) Special Care Unit- Structurally distinct parts of a nursing home designated for
- 8 ambulatory residents with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease and related
- 9 disorders.
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- 11 Section 2: This act requires all certified nursing homes with special care units to
- 12 have an HPCC certified employee on site during all hours of operation.
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- 14 Section 3: The fee for testing will be provided by each individual nursing home.
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- 16 Section 4: If a nursing home with a special care unit is found without an HPCC
- 17 certified employee on site, they will be fined an initial amount of \$10,000 and
- 18 given 30 days to fill the position. For every additional offense the fine will
- 19 double.
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- 21 Section 5: A one year allowance will be permitted until a HPCC certified
- 22 employee is required on staff.
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- 24 Section 6: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.
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- 26 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 27 repealed.
- 28
- 29 Section 8: This act shall take effect upon passage the general welfare requiring
- 30 it.
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Sponsors: Lauren Clark, Isabelle Moser  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT FOR WOMEN LIVING UNDER THE POVERTY LINE TO HAVE INSURANCE COVER THE FEE ON AN ABORTION**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2 Section 1: Terms in this are to be defined as follows:
- 3 Abortion: termination of pregnancy after medical removal of fetus
- 4 Poverty Line: the estimated minimum level of income needed to secure the
- 5 necessities of life, the poverty line in Tennessee is about \$ 12,000 for an
- 6 individual per year
- 7 TennCare: Tennessee's Medicaid program that provides health care
- 8 First trimester: weeks 1-13 of pregnancy
- 9 Second trimester: weeks 14-26 of pregnancy
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- 11 Section 2: If enacted, all women who fall beneath the poverty line and are
- 12 qualified for insurance will have the cost of their abortion covered by insurance.
- 13 All medications needed and the procedure will be covered by Tennessee's
- 14 medicaid program, TennCare.
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- 16 Section 3: This act will have TennCare cover the cost of both first trimester at
- 17 and second trimester abortions and abortion related medications for all women
- 18 in Tennessee who fall beneath the poverty line and qualify for TennCare,
- 19 regardless of the situation or circumstance.
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- 21 Section 4: This is at no charge to the woman.
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- 23 Section 5: This will cost the state of Tennessee on average \$600 per woman,
- 24 but this cost will be nullified since aborting the fetus is significantly less
- 25 expensive than having the government simply cover the \$3,500 cost of
- 26 delivering said fetus in the hospital through TennCare, much less supporting
- 27 through the following 18 years and possibly more.
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- 29 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 30 repealed.
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- 32 Section 7: This act will go into effect at the start of June, the public welfare
- 33 requiring it.



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Sponsors: Jonah Herman, Jake Frassinelli  
Committee: House - Civil Justice  
School: Franklin High School

**An Act to Reevaluate the State Minimum Wage Triennially**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

Triennial- An event occurring every three years.

Inflation- Any rise in the general level of prices related to an increase in the volume of money and resulting in the loss of value of currency.

Minimum wage- The lowest wage permitted by law or by a special agreement (such as one with a labor union).

Fiscal Year- The period used by governments for accounting and budget purposes, which vary between countries, in the state of Tennessee this runs from July 1- June 30.

Section 2: This act would adjust the minimum wage in Tennessee based on the national inflation rate of the US dollar.

Section 3: Acknowledging the fact that Tennessee's current minimum wage is \$7.25 (the Federal Minimum).

Section 4: Noting that the percent increase over the triennial period will be added to the base wage of \$7.25.

Section 5: Emphasizing that each triennial period, the new minimum wage will be based off \$7.25 and altered based on the national inflation rate at that time.

Section 6: Bearing in mind that if the net value of the US Dollar is positive, or the current inflation rate is negative, then the minimum wage would remain at \$7.25.

Section 7: Noting that this bill will be of no cost to the state of Tennessee.

Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 9: This act will go into effect at the beginning of the 2017-18 fiscal year, the public welfare requiring it.

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Sponsors: Holly Lovgren, Lauren Johnson  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Allow Public High Schools to Provide Students with Tampons**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section 1. Definitions: Public High Schools- A school that is maintained at public expense for the education of the children of a community or district and that constitutes a part of a system of free public education.

School Nurse- A specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success, and overall lifelong achievement of students.

Section 2. This bill will apply to all public high schools in the state of Tennessee. Excluding but not limited to Private Schools, Tutorials, or any community oriented learning centers. It will require all nurse practitioners at public high schools to provide all female students with feminine products such as tampons. The female student will have a set allowance each year. The allowance will be dependent on the approximate amount of female students in each public high school.

Section 3. This bill will benefit the community by providing students with safety and comfort on a day to day basis and will relieve stress due to menstrual cycles. Without this stress, the students will be more likely to focus on school and academics. This bill will also help create a better relationship between nurses and students. The students will feel more comfortable in their surroundings knowing there is someone providing for them.

Section 4. The feasibilities of this bill will amount to \$320 for each public high school every year.

Section 5. This bill shall be effective the following school year upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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**Sponsors: Will Layton, Britt Stokes**  
**Committee: House - Health**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO REFORM THE WELFARE SYSTEM**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5 a. Welfare: Financial support given to people in need
- 6 b. Community Service: Paid work which benefits the community
- 7 c. Mental Disability: An illness that affects a person mentally, preventing
- 8 them from being able to successfully hold a job.
- 9 d. Physical Disability: A condition that prevents a person from effectively
- 10 holding or completing a job.
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12 Section 2: This act will require any citizen currently on welfare, unless  
13 diagnosed by a medical practitioner to have a physical or mental  
14 disability, to return to work according to the following protocol:

- 15 a. Within 6 months of aid initiation, citizen must verify job acquisition,  
16 and/or provide proof of active employment search.
- 17 b. If citizen has not yet secured a job, but is actively searching for  
18 employment, he/she will be allotted 90 additional days to acquire a job.
- 19 c. If citizen fails to provide proof of employment after 90 days, Tennessee  
20 Department of Health and Human Services will assign citizen a paid, entry  
21 level community service job, and aid will no longer be provided.
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23 Section 3: Protocol to be followed if citizen loses either acquired job or  
24 assigned job due to their own actions:

- 25 a. Citizen may reapply for aid, however, upon initiation of aid citizen will  
26 be required to adhere to a shortened timeline to acquire employment.
- 27 b. Within 3 months of aid initiation, citizen must verify job acquisition,  
28 and/or provide proof of active employment search.
- 29 c. If citizen has not yet secured job, but is actively searching for  
30 employment, he/she will be allotted 45 additional days to acquire a job.
- 31 d. If citizen fails to provide evidence of employment after 45 days,  
32 Tennessee Department of Health and Human Services will suspend

33 government assistance and assign citizen another paid, entry level  
34 community service job that suits their abilities.  
35 e. If citizen loses job because of their own doing, the same process as  
36 above will be followed, however proof of employment must be provided  
37 within 6 weeks and/or provide proof of employment search. If citizen has  
38 not yet secured job, but provided proof of search, then they will be  
39 granted 14 days to acquire a job.  
40 f. Failure to obtain employment will result in the citizen being assigned a  
41 paid community service job.  
42 g. If citizen loses job again by their own accord, then he/she will be taken  
43 to jail for the amount of time citizen has been applying for service. After  
44 release, the citizen will be given the opportunity to start process again as  
45 shown beginning in 3b, shown above.

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47 Section 4: The current budget for welfare in Tennessee is \$1.2 Billion and  
48 the paycheck per year for a welfare recipient is \$8,561. This current  
49 amount will pay for most of the costs, however this legislation will require  
50 an extra amount of money to pay for the wages of the new workers  
51 employed by the government. This number is not possible to estimate  
52 given the many jobs available and the numerous types of people assigned  
53 the jobs.

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55 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
56 repealed.

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58 Section 6: This act shall take effect June 1, 2017 becoming law, the public  
59 welfare requiring it.  
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**Sponsors: Elly Hensley, Quinn Cunneely**  
**Committee: House - Health**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**An Act to Provide Harm Reduction Services through Needle Exchange Programs to Reduce HIV, Hepatitis, and Addiction Rates in Tennessee**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN LEGISLATURE

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3 SECTION I. Terms used in this act shall be defined as the following:

4 a) Harm Reduction: Programs and practices which aim to reduce the

5 harmful effects of drugs, rather than preventing drug use itself.

6 b) Needle Exchange Program (NEP): A free program allowing the

7 exchange of used needles for sterilized hypodermic needles and proper

8 disposal of used needles. The estimated cost per needle is \$0.97. Other

9 services and items offered include, but are not limited to: Contraception,

10 Distilled or Bleach Water, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, alcohol swabs, and

11 safe use advice.

12 c) Injection Drug User (IDU): Any person afflicted with drug addiction

13 requiring an injection of the drug directly into the bloodstream.

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15 SECTION II. With state funding, Nashville General Hospital shall

16 implement an NEP as part of a Harm Reduction Initiative. The potential

17 for future expansion will be evaluated on the success of the first location

18 and need as determined by the State of Tennessee Department of Mental

19 Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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21 SECTION III. All peoples and IDUs suffering from addiction may come to

22 Harm Reduction Services for a zero risk, zero cost evaluation and will be

23 offered appropriate treatment options. IDUs will be counseled on safe

24 practices. No patient seeking voluntary treatment will be turned over to

25 the authorities or have his or her name added to any criminal list

26 accessible by local, state, or federal authorities.

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28 SECTION IV. Harm Reduction Services, including NEPs, must be properly

29 and clearly designated and their availability shall be made obvious to the

30 communities they serve.

31 SECTION V. As part of services offered, users and their families will be

32 exposed to appropriate private and publicly funded detox and

33 comprehensive drug treatment options. Dangerous drug use will never be

34 encouraged by any public servants.

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36 SECTION VI. If enacted, this bill will have an estimated starting cost of

37 \$300,000. Future costs associated will be designated by the State of

38 Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

39 yearly based on success rates.

40

41 SECTION VII. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

42 repealed.

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44 SECTION VIII. This act will go into effect immediately upon being signed

45 into law. The terms of this bill will be subject to annual review and

46 revision.

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**Sponsors:** Jackson Harvey, Toby Wilson  
**Committee:** House - Health  
**School:** Brentwood Academy

**Sponsors:** Evie Moore, Millie Busing  
**Committee:** House - Health  
**School:** Centennial High School

**An Act to Ban Smoking in Public Parks**

**An Act to Mandate all Public High Schools to make Basic CPR and First Aid Training a Graduation Requirement**

1 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
2 be as follows:  
3 Public park- a large area of land preserved in a natural state for  
4 recreational use by the public.  
5  
6 Section 2: If enacted, no individual will be allowed to smoke in a public  
7 park.  
8  
9 Section 3: If enacted, any individual caught smoking in a public park will  
10 be fined \$50 for a first time offense. For every repeated offense he/she  
11 will receive a fine of \$100. All profit will go to the Tennessee Department  
12 of Health.  
13  
14 Section 4: This will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.  
15  
16 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
17 repealed.  
18  
19 Section 6: This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the general welfare  
20 requiring it.  
21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section I. Terms:

1 Cardipulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)- An emergency procedure in which  
2 compression of a patient's chest is performed to make the patient's heart  
3 pump.  
4  
5 Public School- School supported by public funds.  
6  
7 High School- School consisting of grades 9-12.

Section II. This bill will mandate all public High Schools to require students to be CPR and first aid trained before graduation.

Section III. This bill will benefit the community by influencing students preparation and knowledge for unexpected situations.

Section IV.

The training will cost \$750 per school each school year.  
The cost will account for the trainer and supplies needed.

Section V. This bill shall be effective the following school year upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.





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Sponsors: Brendan Goodbred, Caleb Reimschisel  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO LEGALIZE KRATOM AS A SOLUTION FOR OPIOID ADDICTION AND AS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2
- 3 Section 1: All terms by this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 will be defined as follows:
- 5 a) Kratom - The leaves of kratom have been used as an herbal drug. It is
- 6 used as a pain killer, an anxiety/PTSD medicine and treatment for opioid
- 7 addiction. Kratom is legal in all states except TN, AL, AR, IN, VT and WI.
- 8 b) Opioid- A group of opium-like drugs including medically legal drugs
- 9 such as antidepressants and medically illegal drugs such as heroin.
- 10 c) Mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine- scientific names for kratom.
- 11
- 12 Section 2: This act will do two things:
- 13 a) Legalize Kratom as a rehabilitation drug to help opioid addicts stop
- 14 using serious drugs such as heroin and codeine.
- 15 b) Make use of Kratom as a prescription drug to treat disorders such as
- 16 PTSD, depression and anxiety.
- 17
- 18 Section 3: This act will reform Public Chapter No. 161 Section 6 by
- 19 replacing "Mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine" with "recreational use of
- 20 Mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine". Replacing the section above keeps
- 21 the recreational use illegal, but makes medical use legal.
- 22
- 23 Section 4: This bill will cost no money because the government will not
- 24 have to purchase kratom for medical use.
- 25
- 26 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 27 repealed.
- 28
- 29 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the
- 30 public welfare requiring it



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Sponsors: Ryder Bult, Chase Tyner  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood Academy

**Narcotic Restrictions**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE.
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 4 be as follows:
- 5 Narcotic Drug: An agent that relieves pain, often induces sleep, can alter
- 6 consciousness, and is potentially addictive.
- 7
- 8 Section 2: If enacted, any patient who wants to receive a prescribed
- 9 narcotic must have a thirty-minute meeting with three different doctors
- 10 who are able to check that they are stable and using the drugs for the
- 11 legal purposes. A legally issued psychologist must attend all of these
- 12 meetings as well.
- 13
- 14 Section 3: The patient must have been diagnosed with something severe
- 15 enough to be using these narcotics, and must pass many background
- 16 checks to be sure they have no history of drug abuse or the selling of
- 17 drugs.
- 18
- 19 Section 4: There will be no cost to the state of Tennessee.
- 20
- 21 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 22 repealed.
- 23
- 24 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 25



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Sponsors: Lexi Wiemer, Eleanor Ikard  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood High School

**AN ACT TO RESTRICT COSMETIC COMPANIES FROM  
EXPERIMENTING ON ANIMALS IN ORDER TO TEST PRODUCTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:  
4 Cosmetics- Any substance or mixture such as lipstick, eyeshadow,  
5 mascara, shampoo, or perfume intended to come into contact with the  
6 external human body for beautification or hygiene  
7 Cosmetic animal testing- Using non-human animals in experiments to test  
8 the effects and possibly harmful or fatal results on the skin, hair, nails,  
9 eyes, nose or other parts of body.  
10 Animal- All living creatures such as rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, etc.  
11 that are subjected to cosmetic testing.  
12 Cosmetic companies- A business that sells or tests cosmetic products  
13  
14 Section 2: All cosmetic companies in Tennessee (including but not limited  
15 to Maybelline, Estee Lauder, Mary Kay, CoverGirl, etc.) are hereby  
16 prohibited from experimenting with or testing cosmetic products on any  
17 animals.  
18  
19 Section 3: Any cosmetic animal testing will result in a fine of no less than  
20 \$25,000 per infraction.  
21  
22 Section 4: This act does not require additional funding from the state  
23 budget, but may generate money from collected fines due to infractions.  
24  
25 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
26 repealed.  
27  
28 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,  
29 and companies must comply to these guidelines by June 1, 2017.  
30



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Sponsors: Megan Young, Parker Hershkowitz, Elias Sandlifer  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood High School  
  
**An Act to Require Every Policeman and Fireman in Tennessee to  
Carry a Dose of Narcan**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT.  
2  
3 Section 1: Tennessee, in recent years, has faced an epidemic of drug  
4 overdoses. In 2015, there were approximately 1,451 people who died in  
5 Tennessee from a drug overdose. Compare this to only 965 people in  
6 2015 in Tennessee who were killed in a car crash.  
7  
8 Section 2: A drug overdose occurs when a person takes too much of a  
9 substance, including prescription, over-the-counter, legal, or illegal drugs.  
10 Symptoms of an overdose include nausea and vomiting, loss of  
11 consciousness, trouble breathing, enlarged pupils, tremors, and  
12 convulsions.  
13  
14 Section 3: Opioids are drugs that act on the nervous system to relieve  
15 pain and include heroin and prescription pain pills like morphine, codeine,  
16 oxycodone, methadone, and Vicodin. In 2015, health care professionals in  
17 Tennessee wrote more than 7.8 million opioid prescriptions, which is  
18 about 1.18 for every man, woman, and child. This places Tennessee  
19 second in the nation for the number of prescriptions for opioid drugs.  
20  
21 Section 4: Narcan is an opiate antidote that blocks the effects of opioids  
22 and reverses an overdose. A person cannot use it to receive a high, so  
23 there is no side effect, positive or negative, to administering Narcan to an  
24 individual. Once Narcan is administered to a person who has taken  
25 opioids, the opioids will be knocked out of the opiate receptors in the  
26 brain. After receiving a dose of Narcan, the person should begin to  
27 breathe more normally, and it will become easier to wake them.  
28  
29 Section 5: Narcan is administered by either an intramuscular injection  
30 into the muscle of an arm or leg or, less commonly, a nasal spray.





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31 Thousands of opioid overdoses have been reversed with the use of

32 Narcan.

33  
34 Section 6: In the state of Tennessee, there are approximately 6,000  
35 firefighters and between 15,000 and 16,000 policemen.

36  
37 Section 7: This bill requests \$1,419,000 from the state each year to  
38 provide 33,000 doses of Narcan, enough for every policeman and fireman  
39 and an excess. The doses will be distributed to each police and fire  
40 department in the state, which will then distribute the drug to each  
41 policeman and fireman. The number of doses each police and fire  
42 department will receive is based upon the number of policemen and  
43 firemen in their force, as they will need 1 for every person, and then they  
44 will receive 10 extra at the start of the year. At the end of each month,  
45 the police and fire departments can request more doses of Narcan from  
46 the state to replace any they may have used.

47  
48 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

49  
50 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018, and shall be reconsidered  
51 every 2 years as to the amount of Narcan needed to resupply the police  
52 and fire departments.

53

Sponsors: Bryce Wilmoth, Rishi Deorah  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE USE OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
MONITORING DATABASE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 CSMD: Controlled substance monitoring database - a database that is  
6 used keep track of prescription drug withdrawals and other related points  
7 of data from various vendors.

8 Dispenser: Any company or establishment that legally dispenses and sells  
9 prescription drugs.

10 Prescriber: doctors or physicians that prescribe certain opioids and other  
11 prescription drugs for patient use.

12 Prescription: A medicine that requires doctor recommendation and  
13 approval in order to buy.

14  
15 Section 2: Dispensers are required to submit prescription information to  
16 the CSMD within one hour of dispensing, or in situational cases, at a  
17 maximum, no later than within twenty-four hours of dispensing (or by  
18 close of next business day).

19  
20 Section 3: Dispensers required to inspect the photo identification of each  
21 person picking up the prescription and, if that person is not the patient for  
22 whom the prescription was written, report to the CSMD the name,  
23 address, date of birth, gender and the relationship of that person to the  
24 patient. CSMD administrators are also authorized to disclose de-identified  
25 data for the ability to make more informed prescription transactions.

26  
27 Section 4: The CSMD will calculate each prescriber's ratio of data requests  
28 to number of prescriptions issued by that prescriber that required pre-  
29 check with the CSMD.

30

31 Section 5: Prescribers with low ratios of data requests to number of  
32 prescriptions will be sent letters by the Tennessee department of health,  
33 state health related boards, or the CSMD, encouraging better compliance  
34 with the mandate. If the ratio is to decrease even further and there is no  
35 change in practice, investigations and, if necessary, proceedings should  
36 be undertaken by our professional licensing boards.  
37

38 Section 7: This bill requires no additional funding from the state or federal  
39 government.  
40

41 Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
42 repealed.  
43

44 Section 9: This act shall take effect May 20, 2017, the public welfare  
45 requiring it.  
46



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**Sponsors: Emily Anne Bechtel, Mason Blackburn**  
**Committee: House - Health**  
**School: Franklin High School**

**AN ACT TO ADDRESS CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND THE HEALTH PROBLEMS IT CAUSES**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:

5 A) Obese: for children, those who are seventeen years of age or younger,  
6 are considered obese when they are in or over the 95 percentile in BMI.

7 B) BMI: body mass index.

8 C) Overweight: for children, those who are seventeen years of age or  
9 younger, are considered overweight when they are in or over the 85  
10 percentile in BMI.

11 D)Gold Sneaker Initiative Policy: State initiated mandate to promote  
12 physical activity, a regulatory eating schedule, and a healthy learning  
13 environment among children.

14 E)Local Education Agency(LEA): A public board of education or other  
15 public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative  
16 control or direction of public elementary schools or secondary schools in a  
17 city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a  
18 State.

19 F)Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 14: A Tennessee  
20 Code that states, Local Education Agencies are authorized to implement a  
21 program to identify public school children who are at risk for obesity and  
22 transmit health information to the department of health.  
23

24 Section II: This act will prevent and deal with obesity in children in  
25 Tennessee to prevent health problems for the child and health care costs  
26 for the state.  
27

28 Section III: This act will mandate that all public schools give  
29 presentations to both parents and students on the consequences of  
30 obesity in children and how to prevent or deal with this epidemic, in



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Sponsors: Millie Oldham, Emma Rutherford  
Committee: House - Health  
School: Brentwood High School

An Act to Implement Opt-Out Organ Donation in the State of Tennessee

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section I: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:

- a) Opt-In Organ Donation- Only take organs from those who have specifically consented to donation
- b) Opt-Out Organ Donation- Treat everyone as a willing donor unless they exempt themselves

Section II: If this bill is enacted, the system of organ donation will shift from opt-in organ donation to opt-out donation.

Section III: Citizens will have the option of opting out of donation in the process of receiving or renewing their driver's license. This process will not be different from the current procedure where one can choose to opt in.

Section IV: This bill will have no cost to the state of Tennessee.

Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section VI: This act shall begin to take effect July 1, 2017.

31 addition to continuing the bi-annual health screenings conducted in  
32 schools.

33  
34 Section IV: This act will further the procedures laid out in the Gold  
35 Sneaker Initiative and the Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter  
36 6, Part 14 along with their amendments and make them mandatory for  
37 schools to offer, while keeping the parental guardian's right to determine  
38 their child's participation.

39  
40 Section V: This act will enforce schools to abide by a healthy eating plan  
41 already put in place in the state of Tennessee and will establish only  
42 healthy food items be allowed in schools for sale.

43  
44 Section VI: The determination of what is considered healthy foods in  
45 schools should be determined by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans,  
46 which is researched and updated every five years by the United States  
47 Government.

48  
49 Section VII: This act differs from those set previously by the Tennessee  
50 State Government because it makes these health initiatives mandatory  
51 not optional as the previous ones state.

52  
53 Section VIII: This act will require minimal funding from the state; the  
54 approximate funding required is \$5000, this is accounting for booklets,  
55 and pamphlets to be distributed to the representative from each of  
56 Tennessee's public schools who attend the Partners in Education  
57 Conference held in Nashville. Educating the school representatives who  
58 attend this conference with these pamphlets and booklets will allow  
59 them go back to their schools and educate their school appointed  
60 representatives to the program, which will further our initiative against  
61 obesity.

62  
63 Section IV: This act will aid to prevent health care costs for the state, due  
64 to the overwhelming obese adult population by educating, addressing and  
65 dealing with the epidemic of obesity in childhood.

66  
67 Section V: This act will be initiated on January 1, 2018 the public welfare  
68 requiring it.



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**Sponsors: Richa Nathan, Willodeen Swaffield, Kelsie Anderson**  
**Committee: House - Health**  
**School: Webb School**

**AN ACT TO MAKE URINE DRUG SCREEN TESTS MANDATORY FOR PREGNANT PATIENTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in the bill will be defined as the following:

- 4 a) Urine drug screen test/ Toxicological screening: a test that involves the
- 5 process of chemical screening and is able to detect drug abuse for
- 6 medical and legal purposes.
- 7 b) OB/GYN: Obstetrician and Gynecologist: a physician that specializes in
- 8 the care of women, pregnant and otherwise.
- 9 c) Drugs that are commonly screened for: opioids, narcotics, cocaine,
- 10 marijuana, central nervous system stimulants and depressants.
- 11 d) Substance abuse specialist: a doctor that has a special licensure in
- 12 treating patients with drug abuse and prescribing medications that help
- 13 reverse drug dependency.
- 14 e) Confirmation test: if the initial drug screen test is positive with a given
- 15 patient, the confirmation test is used to make sure that it is not a false
- 16 positive result; certain prescriptions can test falsely positively in addition
- 17 to prohibited drugs.
- 18 f) Rehabilitation treatment: the support and care provided for mothers
- 19 who are dealing with their drug addiction during their pregnancy and for
- 20 five years after the birth of the baby.
- 21 g) Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: the physical effects of a baby who is
- 22 born with severe withdrawal of drugs/ narcotics used by their mother
- 23 during the pregnancy.
- 24 h) NICU: Neonatal intensive care unit: the place where they send babies
- 25 born with deficiencies for months at a time for recovery.
- 26

27 Section 2: Each pregnant patient in the state of Tennessee will be subject  
28 to a mandatory urine drug screen test upon their first visit to any OB/GYN  
29 to check for substance abuse that could potentially harm the fetus' well-  
30 being.  
31

32 Section 3: If the result of the first test proves negative, the patient will be  
33 subject to only one drug screen test per trimester (every three months)  
34 of their pregnancy thereafter.

35  
36 Section 4: However, if the result is positive, there will be a confirmatory  
37 test done. If that test is also positive, the patient will then be subject to a  
38 urine drug test upon each visit to their OB/GYN and the patient will be  
39 referred to a substance abuse specialist.

40  
41 Section 5: With these protocols, we can assure the delivery of healthier  
42 babies including the prevention of some birth defects.

43  
44 Section 6: Mothers will further be able to receive the care they need to  
45 heal their drug addiction and to later have children born without drug  
46 dependencies.

47  
48 Section 7: \$1.5 billion per year are spent on healthcare charges for  
49 infants born with drug dependencies, according to Vanderbilt University  
50 researchers. With these pre-screen drug tests, this price will depreciate  
51 and the overall cost for the care of babies to the NICU etc. can be  
52 decreased.

53  
54 Section 8: The funds for these mandatory drug screen tests would come  
55 out of the insurance of each individual patient. The payment of the  
56 enactment of this law will come out of private funding from non-  
57 governmental organizations.

58  
59 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
60 repealed.  
61

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**Sponsors: William Boyd, Meg Cathey, Kiran Hussaini**  
**Committee: House - Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**School: Webb School**

**AN ACT TO PRESERVE TENNESSEE WATERS VIA THE PROTECTION OF RIPARIAN BUFFERS**

1 Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined  
2 as follows:  
3 **RIPARIAN BUFFERS:** A transitional area between land and water that  
4 contains a mix of trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers that acts as a  
5 primary defense to protect public waterways from pollutants.  
6 **POLLUTANTS:** A substance introduced into the environment that has  
7 undesired effects which negatively impact the utility of a resource.  
8 **POLLUTANTS** include but are not limited to fertilizers, herbicides, and  
9 pesticides which are commonly found in shoreline farmlands.  
10 **SHORELINE FARMLANDS:** Cultivated lands that border public waterways such  
11 as lakes, rivers, and streams.  
12 **VEGETATION:** Plants collectively found on shorelines such as trees, shrubs,  
13 grasses, and wildflowers.  
14  
15 Whereas it will be required that all shoreline farmlands must preserve and  
16 maintain all current natural buffers up to the state mandated standards of  
17 length and quality of thirty meters.  
18  
19 Whereas riparian buffers aid in the purification of water by acting as a  
20 filter to catch pollutants from farmlands which are harmful chemicals that  
21 could potentially enter public waterways.  
22  
23 Whereas all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
24 repealed.  
25  
26 Whereas the act is ratified it will be implemented and required by the  
27 State Department of Agriculture eighteen months after passage . For  
28 current farm owners, a notice will be sent in the mail by the department  
29 to convey new requirement. For interested landowners, the requirement  
30 will be made known to them by supervising realtor.  
31

32 Whereas for all current farms that have removed their buffers prior to this  
33 bill's ratification, will be exempt from any fine for the first eighteen  
34 months after implementation. If they then sell their land within the first  
35 eighteen months and the owner continues to operate the land as a farm,  
36 the new owner will be given an additional eighteen months to create one  
37 until the eighteenth month after the bill's initial implementation. This  
38 requirement will be made known to the new owner by the supervising  
39 realtor.  
40  
41 Whereas the costs of the riparian buffers range due to a dependence on  
42 multiple environmental variables such as site constructions, soil quality,  
43 and present vegetation type, but such a range has been placed between  
44 \$155 and \$200 per square acre.  
45  
46 Whereas the new owner does not construct a buffer to fill the  
47 requirement, the new owner will be given a monthly fine of \$2.50 per  
48 each unbuffered square acre of shoreline farmland until each square acre  
49 is buffered.  
50  
51 Whereas to see if this requirement is met, the State Department of  
52 Agriculture will place teams of six inspectors within each of the three  
53 grander sections of Tennessee: East Tennessee, where three inspectors  
54 will be placed in Knoxville and three in Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee,  
55 where three inspectors will be placed in Nashville and three in Columbia,  
56 and West Tennessee, where three inspectors will be placed in Memphis  
57 and three in Jackson. Each grander section will be divided into two  
58 subareas designated by containing one of the cities mentioned previously.  
59 The teams will conduct monthly inspections in the area containing their  
60 respective city.  
61  
62 Whereas, \$437,700 will be budgeted for annual salaries of these in total  
63 eighteen inspectors (\$40,000 for the twelve standard employees and  
64 \$47,000 for the six inspecting heads). The funds for the salaries will be  
65 collected from the produced buffer fines from the state.  
66



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**Sponsors: Trisha Ghosh, Julian Brock**  
**Committee: House - Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO BUILD ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

- 5
- 6 A) EV charging stations- also known as Electric Vehicle, is an
- 7 infrastructure that supplies electricity for the recharging of electric
- 8 vehicles (similar to a gas station)
- 9 B) Clean Tennessee Energy Grant- a grant that was created as a result of
- 10 the Federal Clean Air Act to fund programs that best result in a reduction
- 11 of emissions and pollutants as well as programs that encourage
- 12 environmentally friendly behavior
- 13 C) Level 2 charging station- there are 3 levels of electric vehicle charging:
- 14 level 1 - charging in an owner's home from a typical outlet; level 2-
- 15 commonly found in public parking lots and parking garages and requires
- 16 installation of public charging equipment; level 3-charges significantly
- 17 faster but is only compatible with some vehicles
- 18 D) Zero-emissions Vehicle- a vehicle that does not produce carbon
- 19 dioxide or any other air pollutant
- 20 E) kWh- also known as Kilowatt-hour, is a unit that measures the amount
- 21 of energy expended in one hour; the size of an electric car battery is
- 22 measured in Kilowatt-hours.
- 23

24 Section 2: This act will construct one-thousand level 2 EV charging  
25 stations in both the greater metropolitan areas of Memphis and Nashville  
26 as well as five-hundred level 2 EV charging stations in both the greater  
27 metropolitan areas of Chattanooga and Knoxville in accordance with the  
28 population size of each metropolitan area. These chargers are to be built  
29 to facilitate the movement of electrical powered cars in said cities and  
30 encourage future sales of electrical powered cars in the state. This act  
31 provides the infrastructure needed to support the growing number of  
32 electric cars on Tennessee roads.

33 Section 3: This bill, if passed, will encourage an increase in electric car  
34 sales. Low kWh prices, monetary government incentives, and sporadic  
35 gas shortages are a few reasons for growing electric car sales. The  
36 presence of more EV charging stations with greater accessibility to the  
37 public will provide a further incentive to buy electric cars in Tennessee.

38  
39 Section 4: This bill, if passed, is expected to decrease state carbon  
40 emissions. An increased accessibility to chargers will ensure an increase  
41 in electric car sales, which will decrease carbon dioxide emissions.  
42 Constructing these charging stations will significantly lower carbon  
43 emission for the country and provide a template for other states  
44 interested in lowering their carbon emissions.

45  
46 Section 5: The installation and maintenance of the 3,000 EV charging  
47 stations is estimated to cost twelve million dollars, costing up to four-  
48 thousand dollars per charging station. This money will be obtained  
49 through the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant, which has a total budget of  
50 26.4 million dollars and has an application deadline of April 21, 2017. A  
51 committee will also be formed to monitor EV charging stations.

52  
53 Section 6: The committee will consist of 20 members, and each member  
54 will be selected by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The committee's  
55 ventures will have a minimal cost and will be funded by the Clean  
56 Tennessee Energy Grant. The committee will also monitor current  
57 government owned EV charging stations in addition to the future 3,000  
58 EV charging stations.

59  
60 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
61 repealed.

62  
63 Section 8: This act shall take effect immediately and construction shall  
64 progress for the duration of five years to allow for the sales of more  
65 electric cars.  
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**Sponsors: Giselle Gonzalez, Kate Sullivan**  
**Committee: House - Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**School: St. Cecilia Academy**

**AN ACT TO CREATE BOTTLE DEPOSITS IN TENNESSEE**

1 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 Beverage container: any sealable bottle or can that is made primarily of  
5 glass, plastic, or aluminum.

6 Distributor: the manufacturer of the bottled beverage product.

7 Retailer: the seller of the bottled beverage product.

8 Consumer: the purchaser of the bottled beverage product.

9

10 Section 2: When a beverage container is purchased by the retailer, a  
11 deposit is paid to the distributor. When the consumer buys the beverage  
12 container, he pays a deposit of five cents to the retailer. The deposit of  
13 the beverage container is then refunded to the consumer when they  
14 return the empty container to the retailer. The distributor pays the  
15 deposit back to the retailer as well a handling fee of two cents per bottle  
16 for the empty containers.

17

18 Section 3: Requirements for this act include the distributor labeling all  
19 beverage containers with the abbreviation TN 5. All retailers who sell  
20 beverage containers and own a store with an area of at least 150,000  
21 square feet are required to participate in this act, as well as retailers  
22 whose yearly sales of containers meet or exceed 10% of their total sales.  
23 Retailers can limit each person's number of beverage containers to 100  
24 dollars per day if storage is an issue. Only containers purchased in the  
25 state of Tennessee are accepted. Containers that are broken or bottles  
26 that contain liquid will not be accepted.

27

28 Section 4: Benefits of this act include reduction of litter, advancement of  
29 recycling, and the welfare of the environment. This act also saves the  
30 distributor money, as it is less expensive to use a recycled container than  
31 it is to create a new one.

32

33 Section 5: This act requires no money from the state, and it also does not  
34 raise money for the state. Services such as litter control, however, will  
35 gradually cost less.

36

37 Section 6: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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**Sponsors:** Kelli Kee, Marissa Turner, Jasmine Belcher  
**Committee:** House - Consumer and Human Resources  
**School:** Franklin High School

**A Bill to Establish a Minimum Wage for School Bus Drivers**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 **Section 1:** Public schools will be required to pay their bus drivers at least
- 4 \$15.50 per hour.
- 5
- 6 **Section 2:** Any funds to consolidate the hourly wage increase will come
- 7 from the Safe Routes to School Program, a federal grant amounting to
- 8 \$6,765,000 in 2017.
- 9
- 10 **Section 3:** The implementation of this bill will cost approximately
- 11 \$13,572.
- 12
- 13 **Section 4:** This bill will be implemented in August of 2017.
- 14



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**Sponsors:** Matthew Hunt, Charlie McCarty, Andrew Simpson  
**Committee:** House - Agriculture and Natural Resources  
**School:** Evangelical Christian School

**An Act to Provide Funds and Training for the Development of  
Inner City Agriculture**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2
- 3 **Section 1:** Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 a) **Urban Farm:** Urban agriculture or urban farming is the practice of
- 6 cultivating, processing, and distributing food in or around a village, town,
- 7 or city. Urban agriculture can also involve animal husbandry, aquaculture,
- 8 agroforestry, Urban beekeeping, and horticulture.
- 9
- 10 **Section 2:** Upon passage of this bill, funds will be made available to assist
- 11 Tennesseans develop Urban Farms in conjunction with the proposed
- 12 Urban Agriculture Act of 2016. This initiative will assist inner city
- 13 Tennesseans to develop fresh fruit and vegetables, provide a means to
- 14 overcome the challenges of unemployment, the scourge of obesity and,
- 15 destroy the current inner city desertification.
- 16
- 17 **Section 3:** The initial cost of this bill will be \$5 million dollars funded
- 18 through federal grants from the Department of Agriculture, from grants
- 19 from the Tennessee Agriculture Department and through Public Private
- 20 Partnerships. After this initial seed capital, this program will become self-
- 21 sustaining.
- 22
- 23 **Section 4:** All laws or parts of law in conflict with this bill are hereby
- 24 repealed.
- 25
- 26 **Section 5:** When signed into law, this bill will go into effect on August 1,
- 27 2017.
- 28



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Sponsors: Emily Lovgren, Anna Yurashus  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Include Sales Tax in Display Price**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act unless the context requires otherwise

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Sales Tax: a tax imposed by the government at the point of sale on

6 retail goods and services. It is collected by the retailer and passed on to

7 the state.

8 b) Display Price: the sum or amount of money for which anything is

9 bought, sold, or offered for sale as it appears on the display label, shelf

10 label, or price tag of all goods.

11

12 Section 2: Upon passage of this bill, sales tax will be pre-calculated and

13 included with the price displayed to the customer before the time of sale.

14

15 Section 3: There will be no extra cost to the State of Tennessee. Retailers

16 would incur some costs when they print prices for display.

17

18 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby

19 repealed.

20

21 Section 5: This act shall take effect January 1, 2018 the public welfare

22 requiring it.

23



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Sponsors: Ben Gleason, Jude Hammond  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE LIMIT FOR VIEWING AN R-RATED MOVIE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Motion Picture: A movie/film/video.

6 B) R-rated Movie: Motion picture for restricted audiences.

7 C) Cinema: A venue displaying a motion picture as entertainment for the

8 general public who can attend by purchasing a ticket of admission.

9 D) Statute: A written law passed by a legislative body.

10 E) Valid Form of Identification: Photo driver license (U.S. or other

11 country\*), photo ID card or photo learner permit — Birth certificate

12 (original or certified copy) — Military identification (ID card, discharge

13 papers, Military Dependent ID card) — Passport (not expired) —

14 Immigration and U.S. Customs Enforcement documentation — Marriage

15 certificate — Adoptive decree — Legal change of name — Any other

16 evidence that confirms to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue

17 the true identity of the applicant.

18 F) Distributor: Anyone or anything that grants or sells access to motion

19 pictures in a public setting.

20 G) State Revenue: Money generated as a result of the tax on consumer

21 goods for the state of Tennessee.

22 H) Public Revenue: Money generated by purchasing consumer based

23 goods that directly goes back into the economy of private and public

24 businesses within the state of Tennessee.

25

26 Section 2: The act shall amend Tenn. Code 39-17-907 as follows:

27 (2a): DELETE: "...persons under eighteen (18) years of age not admitted

28 unless accompanied by parent or adult guardian..."

29 (2b): INSERT: "...persons under seventeen (17) years of age not

30 admitted unless accompanied by parent or adult guardian..."

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Sponsors: Rhea Jaisinghani, Carolina Williams  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE RURAL AREAS WITH INCREASED BROADBAND CONNECTION**

32 Section 3: This act shall permit any person within the state of Tennessee,  
33 having attained the age of seventeen (17), to exhibit public consumption  
34 of any R-rated movie. Any or all forms of public consumption including,  
35 but not limited to: purchasing, selling, or viewing in a public setting shall  
36 be deemed legal for those meeting the said age requirement. A violation  
37 of this section shall constitute a class A misdemeanor: which is punishable  
38 by a prison sentence no greater than eleven (11) months and twenty nine  
39 (29) days in jail or a fine not to exceed twenty five hundred dollars  
40 (\$2,500), or both, unless otherwise provided by statute.

41  
42 Section 4: This act shall empower the Commission of Revenue of the  
43 State of Tennessee to establish, record, regulate, and enforce all  
44 necessary rules and regulations regarding the public consumption of  
45 restricted motion pictures.

46  
47 Section 5: In order to engage in the public consumption of restricted  
48 motion pictures the consumer must provide a valid form of identification.  
49 Any form of identification, identified above, is only deemed valid by the  
50 distributor of the restricted motion picture.

51  
52 Section 6: No inmate, prisoner, or otherwise incarcerated person shall be  
53 released for previous convictions of illegal underage-viewing of R-rated  
54 motion pictures before the enactment of this Act. No record shall be  
55 immediately expunged of a previous illegal underage-viewing of R-rated  
56 motion pictures; unless, the offender is eligible for expungement as a  
57 court of this state shall determine. No fines shall be reduced or eliminated  
58 unless the offender is eligible for expungement as a court of this state  
59 shall determine.

60  
61 Section 7: Fiscal Line Item: This act shall have a positive fiscal impact  
62 upon the state and require zero dollars (\$0) in initial funding. Revenue is  
63 predicted from the mass production of R-rated motion pictures; which  
64 total upwards of four thousand six hundred (4,600), compared to all other  
65 rated movies (with the exception of unrated), which combine for a total of  
66 approximately four thousand three hundred ninety one (4,391). As a  
67 result of the age restriction being lowered (to 17) and the mass  
68 production of R-rated movies, an increase in state and public revenue is  
69 expected. All additional public revenue is recirculated through the  
70 Tennessee economy. All additional state revenue shall be appropriated to  
71 the Tennessee general funds for use in any bill that the legislature shall  
72 deem necessary and expedient by law.

73  
74 Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
75 repealed.

76  
77 Section 9: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
78 public welfare requiring it.

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be  
4 defined as follows:  
5 Broadband: a high-capacity transmission technique using a wide range of  
6 frequencies, which enable a large number of messages to be communicated  
7 simultaneously  
8 Farmer: a rural resident who does not have broadband access at recognized  
9 minimum standards  
10 Under-served areas: an area lacking sufficient broadband connection  
11 Broadband specifics: materials and technology necessary to support broadband  
12 connection (such as fiber)  
13  
14 Section 2: If enacted, the program F.P.O.T. (Farmers Protection of Tennessee)  
15 would be implemented to re-organize the allocation of funds in the budget toward  
16 rural broadband expansion and create an initiative to provide better mobile and  
17 internet access to farmers and rural residents. The current \$45 million allocation  
18 will be redistributed as follows:  
19 \$25 million in grant money to encourage deployment to under-served areas  
20 \$10 million in tax credits for providers to purchase broadband specifics  
21 \$10 million to fund the head of the program and its execution  
22  
23 Section 3: Paul Marcarelli will be hired to be the head of this program on the basis  
24 of his expertise in broadband connection and his ability to work with both  
25 providers and the public.  
26  
27 Section 4: No funds are required to support this bill.  
28  
29 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.  
30  
31 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public  
32 welfare requiring it.



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Sponsors: Eryinda Boms, Cedrick Waters  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO BAR THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE FOR THE  
DACA INITIATIVE**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A: DACA - A program that provides temporary relief from removal from  
6 the United States for individuals without a lawful immigration status who  
7 were brought to the United States as children and meet other criteria.

8 B: USCIS - The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a part of the  
9 Department of Homeland Security

10 C: Form I-821D - A form to be filed to the USCIS regarding the  
11 Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

12 D: Form I-765 - A form to be filed to the USCIS regarding the  
13 Employment Authorization

14 E: Form I-765WS - A form to be filed to the USCIS regarding the  
15 economic need of each applicant.

16 F: Deportation - The act of removing a person, or group of people, from a  
17 location.

18 G: Criterion - a principle or standard by which something may be judged  
19 or decided.

20 H: Eligibility - The state of having the right to do or obtain something  
21 through satisfaction of the appropriate conditions.

22 I: Biometrics - The application of statistical analysis to biological data.

23  
24 Section 2: This act ensures permanent relief from the mass deportation of  
25 DACA recipients in Tennessee as long as they meet the criteria and follow  
26 the proper procedure implemented by the USCIS. This includes filing  
27 forms: I-821D, I-765, and I-765WS as well as providing proof of  
28 eligibility. Eligible DACA recipients must be: at least 15 years of age to  
29 apply; under age 16 at the time of entry into the United States; under  
30 age 31 on June 15, 2012; continuous residence in the United States for at  
31 least five years before June 15, 2012 (that is, since June 15, 2007);

32 physical presence in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time  
33 of making the request for consideration of deferred action; not in lawful  
34 immigration status on June 15, 2012; not convicted of a felony, a  
35 significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and not  
36 otherwise a threat to national security or public safety; and in school,  
37 graduated from high school or obtained general education development  
38 certificate, or honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or the  
39 Coast Guard. Applicants will be required to pay a \$495 fee, which consist  
40 of a Form I-765 filing fee of \$410 and biometric services fee of \$85.  
41 Recipients would be required to renew their status every two years so  
42 long as the individual did not depart from the United States on or after  
43 August 15, 2012, without first obtaining advance parole (see "Are DACA  
44 recipients allowed to travel outside the United States?"); the individual  
45 has continuously resided in the United States since submitting his or her  
46 latest approved DACA request; and the individual has not been convicted  
47 of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors,  
48 and is not a threat to national security or public safety.

49  
50 Section 3: Tennessee Code Ann. 12-4-124, dealing with contracting good  
51 and services to companies using illegal immigrants as labor, will be  
52 amended, adding DACA recipients as exceptions to this law.

53  
54 Section 4: Considering an estimate of only 2% of Tennessee's population  
55 are illegal immigrants, which is 128, 620, projections show 10,000-  
56 20,000 would be eligible for the DACA program. As of 2016, 15, 459  
57 residents have been accepted, according to the USCIS. This included new  
58 applicants and renewals. The DACA recipients will be unable to travel  
59 outside of the United States, not be granted lawful immigration status,  
60 nor receive federal public benefits.

61  
62 Section 5: This law will require \$500,000 annually to fund emergency  
63 situations and rare fee-waivers until the percentage of eligible DACA  
64 applicants fall below 15%. From then on, \$500,000 will be needed every  
65 two years to cover renewal fee-waivers and the remaining new  
66 applicants.

67  
68 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
69 repealed.

70  
71 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
72 public welfare requiring it.  
73



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Sponsors: Tre Stewart, Tavion Fleming  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Centennial High School

**An Act to Ban the Use of Styrofoam Lunch Trays in Tennessee Public Schools**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
- 2
- 3 Section 1: This act will require all public schools in Tennessee to purchase
- 4 plastic trays to replace Styrofoam lunch trays. This will help Tennessee
- 5 minimize its contribution to the depletion of the ozone layer.
- 6
- 7 Section 2: This bill will reduce costs in the long run and increase jobs
- 8 within Tennessee. This will, in turn, help the environment as the plastic
- 9 trays can be reused for years and be a permanent replacement for the
- 10 harmful Styrofoam trays that accumulate most of our landfills.
- 11
- 12 Section 3: Funding for these trays would initially come from the Federal
- 13 Lunch Program; thereafter any other plastic trays are required in the
- 14 years to come, the schools themselves will pull from their own funding to
- 15 provide. Since jobs will be required to maintain the cleanliness of the
- 16 trays, schools should hire 2-4 part-time employees.
- 17
- 18 Section 4: All laws in conflict of this bill are hereby repealed.
- 19
- 20 Section 5: This bill shall go into effect starting in the 2017-2018 school
- 21 year.
- 22



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Sponsors: Marshall Arons, Benjamin Ballard, Kaleb Berg  
Committee: House - Agriculture and Natural Resources  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Protect Surrounding Lands of the Cherokee National Forest**

- 1 Terms defined as follows
- 2 Deforestation- The clearance and or clearing of a forest or stand or trees
- 3 where the land is thereafter converted to a non-forest use.
- 4 Wilderness Area- A region whose natural growth is protected by
- 5 legislation and where certain activities that may cause harm or any form
- 6 of degradation will be restricted
- 7 Wilderness Act of 1964- A law in which the foundations for the Wilderness
- 8 Preservation System were created and established Federally protected
- 9 and designated Wilderness Areas, along with the ability to add additional
- 10 protected lands as well.
- 11
- 12 Section 1: The Cherokee National Forest is the only national forest in the
- 13 state of Tennessee. It is comprised of more than 650,000 acres of land
- 14 that serves as a crucial environment towards hundreds of plant and
- 15 animal species and contains countless ecosystems as well. However,
- 16 many unprotected areas around the forest are under the threat of large
- 17 scale deforestation on a daily basis.
- 18
- 19 Section 2: Under the legislation of the Wilderness Act of 1964, this bill
- 20 would seek to convert 20,000 acres of the surrounding forests that have
- 21 been deemed as environmentally significant and biodiverse into
- 22 Wilderness Areas. These areas would be included into the current National
- 23 Forest system.
- 24
- 25 Section 3: Lands deemed as Wilderness Areas will not restrict lawful
- 26 activities and recreation, however, any form of degradation towards the
- 27 environment will be prohibited.
- 28
- 29 Section 4: This bill will require no state funding
- 30
- 31 Section 5: All laws or conflicts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed
- 32
- 33 Section 6: This act shall take effect on May 1st, 2017





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**Sponsors:** Victor Hanset, Zachary Whitehorn, Parker Fox  
**Committee:** House - Consumer and Human Resources  
**School:** West High School

**Tax For Plastic Bottles and Aluminium Cans Refunds**

- 1 Be it enacted by the 2017 Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government as follows:
- 2
- 3 **Section I:** The terms used in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall
- 4 be defined as follows:
- 5 **Plastic water bottle:** As used in the context of this bill, A plastic water bottle
- 6 that is made for the consumption of its liquid contents only once.
- 7 **Aluminium can:** A storage unit made typically of aluminum or tin for the
- 8 purpose of preserving and storing its contents until use.
- 9
- 10 **Section II:** It shall be required that all sellers of aluminium, or plastic
- 11 containers, made for one time use, enforce this tax which charges an additional
- 12 five cents in order to fiscally compensate those who return said containers five
- 13 cents.
- 14
- 15 **Section III:** All facilities that accept plastic bottles and Aluminium Cans will be
- 16 given fiscal compensation by the state to provide to the returners of the
- 17 products. The tax added to the purchase will be five cents. The incentive of
- 18 returning it to a waste management facility or recycling facility will be five cents
- 19 in return. The places that will be given the compensation to then give to the
- 20 person who is returning the bottles and/or cans.
- 21
- 22 **Section IV:** The penalties of not implementing this system will be the company
- 23 in charge of disposing and recycling will lose their respective sales and
- 24 manufacturing licenses in Tennessee and will lose its state endorsement.
- 25
- 26 **Section V:** This bill shall be funded by the state to start up for the foreseeable
- 27 expenses and then the 5 cent additional charge to the initial purchase of one of
- 28 the said products will be used to maintain the program.
- 29
- 30 **Section VI:** This act will take effect immediately after the date of January 1st,
- 31 2018.
- 32



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**Sponsors:** Jack Ray, Josh Garretson, Luis Sanchez  
**Committee:** House - Agriculture and Natural Resources  
**School:** Franklin High School

**Bill Requiring Labels on all Foods that contain GMOs or are GMOs**

- 1 **Section 1:** Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 2 Genetically modified organism (GMO) - an organism whose genetic
- 3 material has been artificially manipulated in a laboratory through genetic
- 4 engineering.
- 5
- 6 **Section 2:** This act requires a GMO label on all products that are:
- 7 Foods that are genetically modified.
- 8 Foods that have ingredients that are genetically modified.
- 9
- 10 **Section 3:** If enacted, this bill will be enforced by the Tennessee
- 11 Department of Agriculture. Failure to comply will result in the loss of
- 12 privileges to sell the product in Tennessee.
- 13
- 14 **Section 4:** This bill poses no fiscal cost to the state government.
- 15
- 16 **Section 5:** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 17 repealed.
- 18
- 19 **Section 6:** This act will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- 20



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**Sponsors: Jackson Fournier, Charlie Craft, Brenden Burke**  
**Committee: House - State Government**  
**School: Brentwood High School**

**An Act to require the State of Tennessee to Provide System of Payment for Recycling Plastic, Glass, and Aluminum Bottles**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA LEGISLATURE:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms in the bill, unless context suggest otherwise, shall be  
4 defined as following

5 a)recycled- to treated a process( used or waste materials) so as to make  
6 suitable for reuse

7 b) payment- money paid: an amount of money that is paid or due to be  
8 paid

9 c) plastic- a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic  
10 polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, etc., that can be molded into  
11 shape while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form.

12 d) bottle- a portable container for holding liquids, characteristically having  
13 a neck and mouth and made glass or plastic.

14 e) cent- a bronze coin of the U.S., the 100th part of a U.S. dollar: made  
15 of steel during part of 1943. Symbol: ¢

16 f) tax- a compulsory contribution to state revenue, levied by the  
17 government on workers' income and business profits or added to the cost  
18 of some goods, services, and transactions.

19  
20 Section 2: This act shall require the state of Tennessee enacted a tax on  
21 plastic, glass, and aluminum cans or bottles of five cents. It then will  
22 require the state to pay a person whom is recycling plastic, glass, and  
23 aluminum cans or bottles.

24  
25 Section 3: This act will encourage the people of Tennessee to continue  
26 recycling their bottle and other recyclables  
27

28 Section 4: Many states have already employed law similar to this like:  
29 California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New  
30 York, Oregon, Vermont, and Iowa.

32 Section 5: In many states the overall recycling has risen with the  
33 application of a bottle bill.

34  
35 Section 6: Pre Existing redemption centers will help raise public  
36 awareness of the bill.

37  
38 Section 7: This law should take full effect by the 1st of December, 2017.

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Sponsors: Khin Htay, Malissa Chanthavong  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Smyrna High School

**An Act to Ban Single-use Plastic Bags**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth legislature  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
4 a.) Single-use plastic bag-a bag made of plastic that is provided by a  
5 store to a customer at the point of sale.  
6 b.) Recycled paper bag-A paper bag (of any size)that meets all of the  
7 following requirements: 1. contains no old growth fiber; 2. is 100%  
8 recyclable overall and contains a minimum of 40% post-customer  
9 recycled materials.  
10 c.) Reusable bag-A bag with handles that is specifically designed and  
11 manufactured for multiply reuse.  
12  
13 Section 2: Prohibits all stores from providing customers single-use plastic  
14 or paper bags.  
15  
16 Section 3: Replace them with recycled paper bags and any form of  
17 reusable bags.  
18  
19 Section 4: Anyone found in violation of this law will be charged with a fine  
20 of \$500 upon the first violation, \$1000 for the second, and \$2000 for the  
21 third and subsequent violations.  
22  
23 Section 5: This will not cost the state any money.  
24  
25 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
26 repealed.  
27  
28 Section 7: This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017  
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Sponsors: Anusha Vora, Zachary Dibiase, Christian Dibiase  
Committee: House - State Government  
School: Webb School

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE COST OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
2  
3 Section 1): Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
4 shall be defined as follows:  
5 Tobacco- any of several plants belonging to the genus Nicotiana, of the  
6 nightshade family, especially one of those species, as N. tabacum, whose  
7 leaves are prepared for smoking or chewing or as snuff.  
8 Nicotine- a colorless, oily, water-soluble, highly toxic, liquid alkaloid, C 1  
9 O H 1 4N 2, found in tobacco and valued as an insecticide.  
10  
11 Section 2) This act requires the taxation on tobacco products to by raising  
12 it to 26.6% (20% higher than it is currently) wholesales tax, therefore  
13 making tobacco products more expensive than they were previously.  
14  
15 Section 3) This act will do as follows:  
16 not only decrease the amount of smoking in adults but smoking in minors  
17 as well, and will benefit the overall public health.  
18 decrease sales of tobacco products. These products are the cause for 1 in  
19 5 deaths in America.  
20 Increase the amount of revenue in the state of Tennessee, money that  
21 will go towards bettering the lives of the people in this great state.  
22  
23 Section 4) This act does not require government funding, and will  
24 generate revenue for the state through the increase in tax. approximately  
25 \$15,708.4 more dollars than the revenue made in 2014. (totalling to  
26 approximately: 94,250.4 dollars)  
27  
28 Section 5) All laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
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30 Section 6) This act shall be put into effect immediately after becoming a  
31 law, the Tennessee lawmakers requiring it.  
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Sponsors: Jordan Harvey, Lillie Hulgan  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
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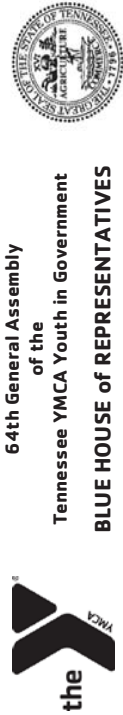
**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL STORES TO CHARGE CUSTOMERS A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR EACH PLASTIC BAG USED DURING PURCHASE BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**

- 1 Section I: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 2 be as follows:
- 3 a) Store: an establishment where merchandise is sold, usually on a retail
- 4 basis.
- 5 b) Plastic: any material made of polymeric organic compounds and
- 6 additives.
- 7
- 8 Section II: If enacted, this bill will require stores to charge customers an
- 9 extra 10¢ for each plastic bag dispensed to them. This will apply to all
- 10 stores with necessary licensing and registration, including a seller's permit
- 11 and a business license, as required by the Tennessee Code of Laws.
- 12
- 13 Section III: This bill applies to any retail establishment where customers
- 14 use plastic bags to carry purchased goods from the store.
- 15
- 16 Section IV: This will be no cost to the state of Tennessee. All profit will go
- 17 to the Tennessee State Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 18
- 19 Section V: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 20 repealed.
- 21
- 22 Section VI: This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017, the public welfare
- 23 requiring it.
- 24

Sponsors: Finlay Long, Chapman Beaird  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Franklin High School

**Bill stating all Tennessee residents who live within city limits in the state of Tennessee are required to use state approved trash bags for city run garbage services**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 2 Landfill - a place to dispose of waste material by burying it and covering it
- 3 with soil
- 4 Trash collection employees - city workers who go around collecting trash
- 5 from citizen's homes.
- 6
- 7 Section 2: This act has a variety of advantages including:
- 8 a. It will encourage people to recycle
- 9 b. Reduces the amount of trash that is going into landfills or the ocean
- 10 c. Reduces the amount of taxes used to pay salaries of trash collection
- 11 employees- not as much trash to collect, because more people will recycle
- 12 d. These bags will be more environmentally friendly than other brands of
- 13 trash bags, because these bags are made from recycled materials
- 14
- 15 Section 3: If enacted, this bill will be enforced by the Tennessee State
- 16 Government or City Sanitation workers
- 17 Failure to comply will result in the loss of privileges to sell the product in
- 18 Tennessee.
- 19
- 20 Section 4: This bill requires the government to pay for the production of
- 21 these bags.
- 22
- 23 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 24 repealed.
- 25
- 26 Section 6: This act will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- 27



**Sponsors:** Ryan Hernandez, Andrew Mack  
**Committee:** House - Agriculture and Natural Resources  
**School:** Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO BAN SELLING OF KNOWN INVASIVE SPECIES**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1: The Plants and Fungi banned in this act are as follows:

- 4 Tree of Heaven - (*Allanthus altissima* (Mill.) Swingle)
- 5 Mimosa - (*Albizia julibrissin* Durazz.)
- 6 Sessile Joyweed - (*Alternanthera sessilis* (L.) R. Br. ex DC.)
- 7 Cheat Grass - (*Bromus tectorum* L.)
- 8 Asian Bittersweet - (*Celastrus orbiculatus* Thunb.)
- 9 Cinnamon Vine - (*Dioscorea oppositifolia* L.)
- 10 Autumn Olive - (*Elaeagnus umbellata* var. *parviflora* (Wall. ex Royle)
- 11 C.K. Schneid.)
- 12 Hydrilla - (*Hydrilla verticillata* (L.f.) Royle)
- 13 Common St. John's Wort - (*Hypericum perforatum* L.)
- 14 Cogongrass - (*Imperata cylindrica* (L.) Beauv.)
- 15 Korean Clover - (*Kummerowia stipulacea* (Maxim.) Makino)
- 16 Bicolor Lespedeza - (*Lespedeza bicolor* Turcz.)
- 17 Chinese Lespedeza - (*Lespedeza cuneata* (Dum.-Cours) G. Don)
- 18 Chinese Privet - (*Ligustrum sinense* Lour.)
- 19 Common Privet - (*Ligustrum vulgare* L.)
- 20 Japanese Honeysuckle - (*Lonicera japonica* Thunb.)
- 21 Purple Loosestrife - (*Lythrum salicaria* L.)
- 22 Japanese Stiltgrass - (*Microstegium vimineum* (Trin.) A. Camus)
- 23 Empress Tree - (*Paulownia tomentosa* (Thunb.) Sieb. & Zucc. ex Steud.)
- 24 Fleeceflower - (*Polygonum cuspidatum* Seib. & Zucc.)
- 25 Kudzu - (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata* (Willd.) Maesen & S. Almeida)
- 26 Multiflora Rose - (*Rosa multiflora* Thunb. ex Murr.)
- 27 Itchgrass - (*Rottboellia cochinchinensis* (Lour.) W.D. Clayton)
- 28 Aquarium Water-moss - (*Salvinia molesta* Mitchell)
- 29 Tropical Soda Apple - (*Solanum viarum* Dunal)
- 30 Johnson Grass - (*Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers.)

32 Section 2: Any organizations selling the plants listed above will be issued  
 33 a class B misdemeanor, which will result in a \$500 fine for each plant in  
 34 stock.

35 Section 3: All notable sellers of plants will be informed of this list of  
 36 banned plants before the bill takes effect.

37 Section 4: This list of banned invasive plants will be updated annually  
 38 according to current threats.

39 Section 5: This bill will require no funding from the state government, and  
 40 will generate revenue from fines.

41 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
 42 repealed.

43 Section 7: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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Sponsors: Andrew Parks, Luke Buss  
Committee: House - Consumer and Human Resources  
School: Franklin High School

**Bill requiring the smoking age to be raised to 21**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act are defined as follows:
- 2 Cigarette - a thin cylinder of finely cut tobacco rolled in paper for
- 3 smoking.
- 4 Tobacco - a preparation of the nicotine-rich leaves of an American plant,
- 5 which are cured by a process of drying and fermentation for smoking or
- 6 chewing.
- 7
- 8 Section 2: This act requires the legal age for smoking:
- 9 To be raised up to 21
- 10 Illegal to smoke if you're under 21
- 11
- 12 Section 3: If enacted, this bill will be enforced by the Food and Drug
- 13 Administration (FDA). Failure to comply will result in prosecution and
- 14 further investigations by police.
- 15
- 16 Section 4: This bill poses no fiscal cost to the state government
- 17
- 18 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 19 repealed
- 20
- 21 Section 6: This act will go into effect January 1, 2018
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Sponsors: Spencer Jones, Madelyn Chaney, Karson Lewis  
Committee: House - Agriculture & Natural Resources  
School: Franklin High School

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE A TAX CUT FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT USE A SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM AS A SOURCE OF POWER FOR SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF A BUILDING'S ELECTRICITY**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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- 3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 4 be defined as follows:
- 5 Kilowatt- 1,000 watts of electricity
- 6 Kilowatt Hour- a measure of electrical energy equivalent to a power
- 7 consumption of 1,000 watts for 1 hour.
- 8 Solar Panel System- A photovoltaic system using an area of solar panels
- 9
- 10 Section 2: This act will urge commercial establishments to build solar
- 11 panels by giving a 0.035% property tax reduction on new structures with
- 12 solar panels and a 0.04% reduction for the solar panels added on existing
- 13 structures. In order for the company to receive the tax reduction, the
- 14 company must use solar energy for 65% of their building's power.
- 15
- 16 Section 3: This act does not require commercial establishments to install
- 17 solar panels and only provides an incentive of a property tax reduction.
- 18
- 19 Section 4: If enacted this bill will benefit Tennessee economically due to
- 20 most of Tennessee's income is from sales tax and the purchasing of
- 21 solar panels will boost Tennessee's income for a small period of time.
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- 23 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 24 repealed.
- 25
- 26 Section 6: This act will go into effect January 1st, 2018.



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Sponsors: Surya Gopi, Areeb Mohammed, Frederic Green  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act To Give Corporations Tax Incentives To Companies That Recycle**

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act will defined as follows:
- 2 a. Tax Incentive: A tax reduction given to a business to participate in a
- 3 program.
- 4 b. Recycling: the conversion of waste/trash into material that is reusable
- 5 c. TDEC: The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- 6 d. TDOR: Tennessee Department Of Revenue
- 7
- 8 Section 2: This act will give corporations a Tax Incentive if the following
- 9 criteria are met:
- 10 a. If the company recycles at least 15% of their waste output
- 11 b. Companies must output at least 1 ton of waste per fiscal year
- 12
- 13 Section 3: Tax incentives will be given as follows:
- 14 a. The company's tax break will be calculated using the following formula:
- 15  $((\text{Percent of Waste recycled}-15)/85) * 10 + 10$
- 16 b. If a corporation successfully meets the guidelines in Section 2 for a
- 17 period of 5 fiscal years, they are eligible for an increased but constant tax
- 18 break of 2.5% until they cease to meet the said criteria in section 2
- 19
- 20 Section 4: Enforcement:
- 21 a. The TDEC as well as the TDOR shall be put in charge of enforcement
- 22 b. A companies compliance with the criteria will be checked at the end of
- 23 every fiscal year and the tax break will be calculated and applied
- 24 accordingly
- 25
- 26 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws that conflict with this act are hereby
- 27 repealed.
- 28
- 29 Section 6: This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.
- 30



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Sponsors: Dixon Drost, Samuel Cosgrove  
Committee: House - State Government  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT TO PREVENT CYCLIST ACCIDENTS ON HIGH SPEED ROADS**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 3 be defined as follows:
- 4 A) High speed road: a road on which the speed limit is thirty five miles per hour
- 5 or higher
- 6 B) Cyclist: Anyone who is riding on a bicycle
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- 8 Section 2: On roads that have no bike lane and have speed limits of 35 mph or
- 9 more, bikers will not be allowed to ride on the main road whatsoever, as this
- 10 adds to the cyclist casualty count in Tennessee, which according to the
- 11 Tennessee Highway Patrol was the highest in 2015 than the two previous
- 12 decades . However, if the city for which the road belongs to creates a petition
- 13 and meets the requirement of 750 signatures, then a biking lane will be added
- 14 to that road for increased safety.
- 15
- 16 Section 3: Cyclists who violate this law will be fined \$50 for biking on a 35 mph
- 17 road and the fine will increase by \$5 for every 5 mph they go over the set limit.
- 18 For example, if a cyclist was biking on a 45 mph road, they would be fined \$60.
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- 20 Section 4: This bill will cost the state about \$5000-\$10000 for each bike lane
- 21 constructed, but this depends on whether each city meets the requirement for
- 22 creating a bike lane. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will gain
- 23 revenue from the tickets that are issued by anyone fined for violating the law,
- 24 and additionally, this money can be used to fund potential bike lanes if a
- 25 specific city wanting the bike lane met those requirements.
- 26
- 27 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.
- 28
- 29 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public
- 30 welfare requiring it.



Sponsors: Tanner Lucas, Michael Kindy  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Ravenwood High School

**AN ACT To Increase The Punishments When Hiring Illegal Immigrants**

Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as follows:

- A) Illegal Immigrant- a foreigner who has entered or resides in a country unlawfully or without the country's proper authorization.
- B) Business- Place where people are employed and receive payment as compensation for their time.
- C) Knowingly Hired- having actual knowledge that a person is an illegal immigrant or having a duty imposed by law to determine the immigration status of an illegal alien and failing to carry out that duty.

Section 2: With the number of illegal immigrants in Tennessee rising at 8% per year, we must ensure these undocumented workers do not find employment in Tennessee. This act will reform the penalties and consequences for businesses that hire and actively employ illegal aliens in Tennessee. The fine for each single illegal immigrant knowingly hired will be changed to \$2,000-\$5,000 and the potential loss or suspension of said business's business license for first time offenses. The second offense will lead to a \$8,000-\$10,000 fine and a mandatory suspension of business license for one month per illegal immigrant. From the third offense and on, a fixed fine of \$15,000 per illegal immigrant hired, the complete suspension of the business license indefinitely, and jail time for the employer who knowingly employed an illegal alien.

Section 3: This bill hereby amends Code 50-1-103

Section 4: So Forth

Section 5: This bill will requires no extra funding and has the opportunity to create revenue for the state.

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby amended.

Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.



Sponsors: Abbie Cate, Kendall Summers  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Brentwood High School

**An Act to Provide Broadband Access to Tennesseans**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as the following:

Broadband Access: high-speed Internet access that is always on and faster than the traditional dial-up access. The federal government mandates that proper broadband access is 25Mbps down and 3Mbps up.

Mbps: Megabytes per second.  
Rural Community: The U.S. Census Bureau defines rural as all population, housing, and territory not included within "urbanized areas. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, urbanized areas comprise larger places and the densely settled areas around them. Urbanized areas have an urban nucleus of 50,000 or more people. In general, they must have a core with a population density of 1,000 persons per square mile and may contain adjoining territory with at least 500 persons per square mile.

Section II: This act eliminates the sales tax on materials and equipment purchased and used to provide broadband, such as: fiber cables, power lines, DSL home gateways, etc.

Section III: This act establishes a tax credit for companies that deploy broadband. The companies would receive a tax break ranging from 5%-15% depending on the county they supply broadband to. The tax break will shift depending on the severity of the county lacking broadband.

Section IV: This act establishes programs aimed at promoting broadband adoption and digital literacy. Programs would be started in rural counties at community centers that educate the residents on how to utilize the amenities and benefits provided by better broadband access. This programs would be carried out by the governor's Rural Task Force.

Section V: The proposed total budget for this bill is \$20 million. This would be divided into two categories: \$15 million will be used to provide tax credits for corporations that deploy broadband, as described in Section III; the other \$5 million will be spent on programs aimed at developing digital literacy, as described in Section IV.



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Sponsors: Callie Grow, Micayla Doom  
Committee: House - State Government  
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**AN ACT TO MINIMIZE THE MEDIA'S CONTROL OVER PUBLICIZED INFORMATION REGARDING POLITICAL CANDIDATES**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

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3 Section 1: During the year preceding any national or state (ONLY Senate,  
4 House of Representatives, and Governor) elections, a video regarding the  
5 candidates will air on all news channels as a commercial.

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7 Section 2: The video will objectively inform viewers of the facts of each  
8 candidates' campaign, background, and views. The same information  
9 about each candidate will be included.

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11 Section 3: The currently elected leaders in the state positions being voted  
12 on will decide collectively on an unbiased third party to take charge of  
13 production, airing, and the logistics of the commercial.

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15 Section 4: Candidates will have an opportunity to answer each question  
16 given, but each answer will be fact-checked, and refusal to answer a  
17 question will result in investigation.

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19 Section 5: The unbiased third party will determine the questions asked.  
20 All candidates will be asked the same questions. Any unsupported or  
21 contradictory answers will be investigated and the truth will only be  
22 presented.

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24 Section 6: Only factual information will be presented. No opinions given  
25 by anyone (including the unbiased third party) will be shown.

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27 Section 7: Information about the candidates' political and professional  
28 pasts will not be included in the questions given to them, but will be  
29 reported completely, with no omissions.  
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31 Section 8: All expenses required in the making, airing, and collecting of  
32 data for the commercials will be covered by the candidates, presented as  
33 a prerequisite fee at the beginning of each campaign. National candidates  
34 will not be required to pay the fee, but this cost will be covered by the  
35 state candidates' fee money.  
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37 Section 9: Elections only pertaining to parts of Tennessee will only have  
38 their corresponding commercials aired in the relevant region.  
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40 Section 10: The third party in charge of the videos will be allowed to edit,  
41 make additions to, and update the commercials as seen fit.  
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43 Section 11: The third party must provide evidence of how the money  
44 given is used within the production.  
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Sponsors: Jack Gulley, Evan Davies, Will Rice  
Committee: House - State Government  
School: Webb School

**AN ACT FORBIDDING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS FROM  
LIMITING OR PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF POLITICAL SIGNS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act will be defined as follows:

4 Homeowner's Association (HOA): A Homeowners Association (HOA) is an

5 organization of homeowners of a particular subdivision, condominium or

6 planned unit development. The purpose of a homeowners association is to

7 provide a common basis for preserving, maintaining, and enhancing their

8 homes and property.

9 Single-Family Residence HOA (SFR-HOA): An HOA that only has

10 jurisdiction over single-family residences (SFRs).

11 Condominium Residence HOA (CR-HOA): An HOA that only has

12 jurisdiction over condominium residences (CRs).

13 Political Sign: Including but not limited to signs, posters, and banners

14 displaying campaign paraphernalia.

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16 Section 2: This act will forbid all Homeowner's Associations (HOAs),

17 including SFR-HOAs and CR-HOAs, from limiting or prohibiting the display

18 of political signs unless expressly authorized by local governments.

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20 Section 3: If enacted, this act will not require funding from the state

21 budget.

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23 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

24 repealed.

25

26 Section 5: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law,

27 the public welfare requiring it.

28



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Sponsors: Caroline Pierce, Leah Joseph  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Centennial High School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES OFFER 16  
WEEKS OF PAID MATERNITY LEAVE**

1 SECTION I: Terms used in this act are as follows:

2 a) Maternity Leave: A period of absence from work granted to a mother

3 before and after the birth of her child.

4 b) Emergency Medical Reason/Condition: A medical condition manifesting

5 itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, which may include severe

6 pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could

7 reasonably be expected to result in serious jeopardy to patient health,

8 and/or serious impairment to bodily functions, and/or serious dysfunction

9 of any bodily organ or part.

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11 SECTION II: Tennessee abides by the TN Family Leave Act. This states

12 that employees must offer the option of 12 weeks unpaid family leave to

13 a qualifying employee.

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15 SECTION III: This act will require all companies and businesses to provide

16 women with paid maternity leave for 16 weeks. Anymore than 16 weeks

17 maternity leave, unless for emergency medical reasons/conditions, is

18 unpaid.

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20 SECTION IV: This act requires no funding.

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22 SECTION V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

23 repealed.

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25 SECTION VI: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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Sponsors: Grace Bollinger, Lauren Parker  
 Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
 School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO ENSURE PAID FAMILY LEAVE IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
 2 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
 3 a) Family Leave: A temporary, excused absence from work due to a birth or  
 4 adoption of a child, or caring for a sick spouse, parent, or child.  
 5 b) Paid Leave: When an employee is absent from work due to any circumstances  
 6 stated above, pay will be guaranteed during their absence.  
 7  
 8 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will ensure income stability, employee attachment to  
 9 the workplace, financial independence, and promises income and retirement  
 10 security. Paid family leave also lets newborns and children's health improve faster  
 11 with the ability of staying with their mothers and fathers for longer, and seriously  
 12 ill children recover faster when cared for by their parents.  
 13  
 14 Section 3: An employee who has worked for the same employer for at least 6  
 15 months is eligible to receive 6 weeks of paid family leave per year. An eligible  
 16 employee can receive 50% of their weekly wage through their employer. An  
 17 employer with 45 or more employees must guarantee paid family leave. The  
 18 Tennessee State government will refund employers annually through tax  
 19 deductions.  
 20  
 21 Section 4: This bill would be funded through an additional gas tax of 0.23 cents per  
 22 gallon, giving the Paid Family Leave Program a yearly budget of 7.7 million dollars.  
 23  
 24 Section 5: If an employer chooses to disobey this law by not providing paid family  
 25 leave, they will be subjected to a fine of up to \$20,000.  
 26  
 27 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.  
 28  
 29 Section 7: This act shall take full effect on May 1, 2018, the public welfare  
 30 requiring it.



Sponsors: Caitlin Patterson, Trinity O'Neill  
 Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
 School: West High School

**An Act to Secure the Oak Ridge National Laboratory from a Nuclear EMP Attack**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
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 3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall  
 4 be defined as follows:  
 5 EMP: an electromagnetic pulse caused by a high-altitude nuclear  
 6 detonation that can cause total shutdown of the power grid  
 7 Faraday Cage: a form of insulating cage that scrambles EMP signals and  
 8 thusly protects the devices contained within it from the nuclear EMP  
 9 attack  
 10 Oak Ridge National Laboratory: Laboratory and research center located in  
 11 Oak Ridge, TN  
 12  
 13 Section 11: State funds will be allocated to the Oak Ridge National  
 14 Laboratory for the purpose of building Faraday cages around unsecured  
 15 important pieces of technology to prevent the possibility of a nuclear  
 16 meltdown or other catastrophic event triggered by an EMP attack. EMP  
 17 attacks have the potential to cause national calamity, and an accident at  
 18 the Oak Ridge National Laboratory due to EMP-affected technology would  
 19 have cataclysmic effects across the state.  
 20  
 21 Section III: Given that the Oak Ridge National Laboratory a federal entity,  
 22 the Tennessee Legislature cannot force them to accept the funds being  
 23 offered. However, if the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is unwilling or  
 24 unable to accept the funding and undertake the project, the funds will be  
 25 rerouted to the Sequoyah Nuclear Generating Station near Chattanooga,  
 26 for the same purpose.  
 27  
 28 Section IV: The funding will be given to the lab at the beginning of the  
 29 2018 fiscal year with instructions to begin the project as soon as possible.  
 30 If these funds are exhausted and the facility still has at-risk technology,

31 the state will reassess the situation to determine if more funds should and  
32 will be allocated.

33  
34 Fiscal Line Item: The programs discussed in this bill will cost \$2.5 million  
35 that will be allocated from the state's Environment and Conservation  
36 sector of the budget. This funding makes up less than 0.5% of the budget  
37 for this program. Given the varying sizes and extremities of Faraday  
38 cages, it is hard to estimate a specific number of cages that these funds  
39 will cover, but it will be substantial.  
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**Sponsors: Anna Keim, Perian Reese**  
**Committee: House - State Government**  
**School: West High School**

**AN ACT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL WILD ANIMAL OF THE STATE  
OF TENNESSEE TO THE BLACK BEAR**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 Section I: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 Black bear: the species of mammal known as Ursus americanus that is
- 6 native to North America and found in regions of Tennessee.
- 7 Raccoon: the species of mammal known as Procyon lotor that is native to
- 8 North America and found in regions of Tennessee.
- 9 State animal: a land mammal chosen to represent an American state.
- 10
- 11 Section II: This act will officially replace the raccoon (Procyon lotor) with
- 12 the black bear (Ursus americanus) as the official state animal of
- 13 Tennessee.
- 14
- 15 Section III: This act will replace the House Joint Resolution 156 from the
- 16 87th General Assembly of the state of Tennessee which established the
- 17 raccoon as the official state animal of Tennessee.
- 18
- 19 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 20 repealed.
- 21
- 22 Section IV: This act will have no fiscal impact on the state of Tennessee.
- 23
- 24 Section VI: This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 25



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Sponsors: Hudson Beaudry, Evan Dorian, Matthew Scheinblum  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: St. Georges Independent School

**An Act to Increase Film Incentives**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT :  
2  
3 Section I: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:  
4 a) Tax Credit: an amount of money that can be offset against a tax  
5 liability.  
6 b) Tax Liability: refers to the amount legally owed to a taxing authority as  
7 the result of a taxable event.  
8 c) Rebate: Another word used in the place of tax incentive  
9  
10 Section II: This act creates official legislation that offers a 5-15% increase  
11 in the rebate received by both film and television productions for  
12 Tennessee, up from the Tennessee Entertainment Commission's standard  
13 of 25%.  
14  
15 Section III: The Tennessee Film Tax Incentive Program would provide up  
16 to 40% tax credit for films that cost a minimum of \$500,000 (formerly  
17 \$200,000). The initial tax credit would be 30% (previously 25%) upon  
18 filming; however, an additional 10% tax credit would be applied upon use  
19 of a promotional logo for the state of Tennessee, designed to bring more  
20 filmmakers to the state, thus bringing in more revenue.  
21  
22 Section IV: There is no immediate cost to the state, but eventually, after  
23 film companies recognize the benefits of filming in Tennessee, the  
24 revenue generated by the film industry will greatly increase and benefit  
25 the people of Tennessee.  
26  
27 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
28 repealed.  
29  
30 Section VI: This act shall take effect July 1, 2018 the public welfare  
31 requiring it.  
32



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Sponsors: Tony Nadroun, Arielle Rosen, John Nadroun  
Committee: House - State Government  
School: Webb School

**An Act to Mandate Non-Criminal Sentences**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:  
2  
3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows :  
5 a) Criminal Act: An act harmful not only to some individual or individuals  
6 but also to a community, society or the state.  
7 b) Mandate: An official order or commission to do something.  
8 c) Sentence: A decree of punishment. In law, a sentence forms the final  
9 explicit act of a judge-ruled process, and also the symbolic principal act  
10 connected to his function. The sentence can generally involve a decree of  
11 imprisonment, a fine and/or other punishments against a defendant  
12 convicted of a crime.  
13 d) Judge: A public official appointed to decide cases in a court of law.  
14  
15 Section 2: This act will prohibit jails from being filled with non-criminal  
16 convicts.  
17  
18 Section 3: This act will give judges the right to mandate sentences on  
19 non-criminal acts.  
20  
21 Section 4: Allowing judges this right lowers annual costs per inmate by  
22 about \$170,000.  
23  
24 Section 5: The only fee applicable is the cost of court trials which range  
25 from \$5,000-\$31,000.  
26  
27 Section 6: The revenue generated from this act will go towards lowering  
28 the costs per inmate in jails.  
29  
30 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby  
31 repealed.  
32  
33 Section 8: This act shall take effect 20 days after its announcement.



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Sponsors: Paxton Perry, Eli Gonas, Wade Williams  
Committee: House - Civil Justice  
School: Brentwood Academy

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE GUN OWNERS AND BUYERS BE LICENSED AND TO REGISTER THEIR GUNS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

2

3 Section 1: Terms in this bill, unless the context requires otherwise, shall

4 be as follows:

5 a) Firearm: A device that expels a projectile by an explosion.

6

7 Section 2: If enacted, all gun owners will be required to acquire a license

8 to own and purchase firearms from the Tennessee Department of Safety.

9

10 Section 3: All gun owners will be required to register their guns with The

11 Tennessee Department of Safety.

12

13 Section 4: Failure to comply with any one of these regulations will result

14 in a misdemeanor, a \$500 fine and up to 30 days in a county jail. A

15 subsequent violation will result in a \$1000 fine and up to 6 months in a

16 county jail.

17

18 Section 5: This will be no cost to the state of Tennessee. All money

19 collected from fines will go to the Tennessee Department of Safety.

20

21 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

22 repealed.

23

24 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon passage, the

25 public welfare requiring it.

26



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Sponsors: Sam Dahms, Cameron Hagely  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Ravenwood High School

**A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE INCENTIVES FOR CLEAN ENERGY**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 A) Clean Energy: energy from a source that is not depleted when used,

6 such as solar power, wind power, low-impact hydropower, and biomass

7 power.

8 a) Solar Power: the conversion of energy from sunlight into electricity,

9 either directly using photovoltaics (PV), or indirectly using concentrated

10 solar power

11 b) Wind Power: the use of air flow through wind turbines to mechanically

12 power generators for electric power

13 c) Low-Impact Hydropower: the application of hydroelectric power sized

14 for smaller communities, single families or small enterprise

15 d) Biomass Power: a renewable energy source from living or recently

16 living plant and animal materials which can be used as fuel

17 B) Subsidy: a sum of money granted by the government or a public body

18 to assist an industry or business so that the price of a commodity or

19 service may remain low.

20 C) MWh: Megawatt hour

21 D) kWh: Kilowatt hour

22

23 Section 2: The federally owned corporation Tennessee Valley Authority

24 (TVA) and participating power distributors of TVA power offer a

25 performance-based incentive program to homeowners and businesses for

26 the installation of renewable energy generation systems from the

27 following qualifying resources: PV, wind, hydropower, and biomass. The

28 purpose of this resolution is to increase the amount paid per kWh from a

29 \$0.02 minimum with a \$0.04 maximum to a \$0.20 minimum with a \$0.35

30 maximum, based on the Green Power Provider Guidelines established by

31 the TVA. This change is to increase the incentive for the use of clean

32 energy sources, and therefore draw away from the usage of pollutive  
33 fossil fuel energies.

34  
35 Section 3: This resolution will require no cost to be enacted. The funds for  
36 the incentive to be raised will come out of the TVA's budget for  
37 investment in renewable energy sources, which is about 2.2 billion dollars

38  
39 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
40 repealed.

41  
42 Section 5: This resolution will be enacted on October 1, 2017, at the start  
43 of the 2018 fiscal year, the public welfare requiring it.  
44



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**Sponsors: Rohan Jaisinghani, Nicholas Nicaastro**  
**Committee: House - Civil Justice**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

**AN ACT TO REPEAL DRIVER'S LICENSE REVOCATION LAW**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2  
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall  
4 be defined as follows:

- 5
- 6 A) Driver's License: A document permitting a person to drive a motor vehicle
- 7 B) Fine: A sum of money, which, by judgment of a competent jurisdiction, is
- 8 required to be paid for the punishment of an offense
- 9 C) Overdue Fine: Any type of fine that has not been paid at the indicated date
- 10 on which the fine was due
- 11

12 Section 2: Citizens living in poverty have been barred from rightful  
13 transportation due to unjust revocation laws in which licenses are revoked if a  
14 fine is overdue. Under the current legislation, impoverished citizens are unable  
15 to pay off the fines because basic transportation to jobs cannot be accessed.

16  
17 Section 3: If enacted, Tennessee's license revocation law will be repealed to  
18 combat the unfair deprivation of transportation for lower class citizens.

19  
20 Section 3: This bill would prohibit revocation of driver's licenses as punishment  
21 for overdue fines.

22  
23 Section 4: This bill would require an amendment of Tennessee Code Annotated  
24 § 40-24-105.

25  
26 Section 5: No funds are required to support this bill.

27  
28 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

29  
30 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the public  
31 welfare requiring it.





Sponsors: Alex Rosen, Elise Strevell  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Ravenwood High School

Sponsors: Lilly Roberts, Jadya Stewart  
Committee: House - Business and Utilities  
School: Centennial High School

**A RESOLUTION TO BUILD SELF SUSTAINABLE FACILITIES FOR HOMELESS**

**AN ACT TO: require retailers to allow purchase of alcohol to all citizens (above the age of 21) at all times.**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall

4 be defined as follows:

5 A) Victory Garden: A vegetable garden, especially a home garden, planted to

6 increase food production.

7

8 Section 2: According to the national coalition of the homeless, the total

9 homeless population in Tennessee is 10,532. This is 17% of the total state

10 population as of 2009, and since then, the numbers have drastically increased.

11 The purpose of this resolution is to provide homeless people with a safe place to

12 live and a steady job. In order to participate in this program, the residents must

13 work on state projects, such as manual labor, city maintenance, etc., at least

14 five days a week. Residents are permitted to get outside jobs on the weekends

15 if they so wish. Victory gardens will exist at the shelters to help compensate for

16 the food supply. Residents are also responsible for keeping the facility clean and

17 other maintenance chores. The state will finance the construction of five

18 facilities in cities across Tennessee with the highest homeless concentration,

19 including Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Clarksville. Each

20 facility will be set to hold up to 100 people and the estimated time to build is

21 two years. More facilities will be built in other cities if the project is a success.

22

23 Section 3: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

24

25 Section 4: Tennessee has \$662 million in available funds out of the state

26 budget. Each facility will cost around \$13 million, which will come out of the

27 available funds. Residents will be paid minimum wage, and a portion of their

28 income will be taken out of their paycheck to cover the cost of appliances,

29 maintenance, and quality of the shelters.

30

31 Section 5: This act shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring

32 it.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

2

3 Section I: Currently retailers do not sell alcoholic beverages at every time

4 of day on each day of the week. Although beer can be sold, drinks such

5 as wine and hard liquor are prohibited.

6

7 Section II: The bill will be enforced by individual retailers.

8

9 Section III: As a penalty the retailers will be fined for their first offence.

10 For the second offence temporary closing of the retailer. If a third offence

11 is committed the retailer will be shut down.

12

13 Section IV: There are no funds necessary for applying this act.

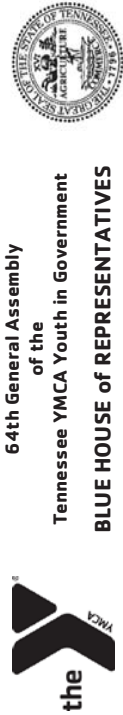
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15 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

16

17 This act will stand as effective immediately after becoming a law.

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**Sponsors:** Derrick Chen, Matthew Koshy, John Boshers  
**Committee:** House - Civil Justice  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**An Act To Save Our Furry Friends**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government that the
- 2 qualification for being added to the Tennessee Animal Abuse Registry
- 3 shall be lowered.
- 4
- 5 Section I - Qualification to Be Added
- 6 If a person(s) is convicted of a Cruelty to Animals Class A misdemeanor,
- 7 they shall be added to the Tennessee Animal Abuse Registry.
- 8
- 9 Section II - Defining a Cruelty to Animals Class A Misdemeanor
- 10 A person commits an offense who intentionally or knowingly:
- 11 (1) Tortures, maims or grossly overworks an animal;
- 12 (2) Falls unreasonably to provide necessary food, water, care or shelter
- 13 for an animal in the person's custody;
- 14 (3) Abandons unreasonably an animal in the person's custody;
- 15 (4) Transports or confines an animal in a cruel manner; or
- 16 (5) Inflicts burns, cuts, lacerations, or other injuries or pain, by any
- 17 method, including blistering compounds, to the legs or hooves of horses
- 18 in order to make them sore for any purpose including, but not limited to,
- 19 competition in horse shows and similar events.
- 20
- 21 Section III - Budget
- 22 We declare that this act will not accrue additional costs to the state.
- 23
- 24 Section IV - Repealing Clause
- 25 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.
- 26
- 27 Section V - Effective Date
- 28 This act shall take effect April 20, 2017 the public welfare requiring it.
- 29



**Sponsors:** Luke Lytle, Maria Leone  
**Committee:** House - Business and Utilities  
**School:** Brentwood High School

**An Act Offering Tax Incentives to Businesses for Conversion to Domestic Solar Power**

- 1 Be it Enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
- 2
- 3 Section I: Domestic Solar Panels: a panel designed to absorb the sun's
- 4 rays as a source of energy for generating electricity or heating.
- 5 Excise tax: Tax which is used to determine the value of a business, and
- 6 then the owner of the business has to pay a certain percentage of the
- 7 businesses worth to the state.
- 8 Business tax: Generally, if you conduct business within any county and/or
- 9 incorporated municipality in Tennessee Business tax consists of two
- 10 separate taxes: the state business tax and the city business tax. With a
- 11 few exceptions, all businesses that sell goods or services must pay the
- 12 state business tax.
- 13
- 14 Section II: If this bill is enacted, tax incentives will be given to businesses
- 15 for converting regular energy to domestic solar power.
- 16
- 17 Section III: Tax incentives will be given to businesses as long as the solar
- 18 panels are kept as their primary source of energy.
- 19
- 20 Section IV: The tax incentives will not be given to anyone who puts in a
- 21 domestic solar panel before July 1, 2017.
- 22
- 23 Section V: This will last indefinitely.
- 24
- 25 Section VI: The state will lower a business's excise tax from 5% ,which is
- 26 its current rate, to 3%.
- 27
- 28 Section VII: The state will also decrease the businesses business tax by
- 29 15%
- 30



31 Section IX: Solar energy creates sustainable energy source that is  
32 environment friendly and reduces toxic emissions to the environment.  
33 Unlike fossil fuel power generating facilities, solar facilities have rather  
34 meek air emissions of air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen  
35 oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and carbon  
36 dioxide. It is estimated that an electric bill of a business Will be cut in half  
37 if they invest in solar energy.

38  
39 Section X: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2017  
40



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**Sponsors: Chris Hong, David Story**  
**Committee: House - Agriculture & Natural Resources**  
**School: Ravenwood High School**

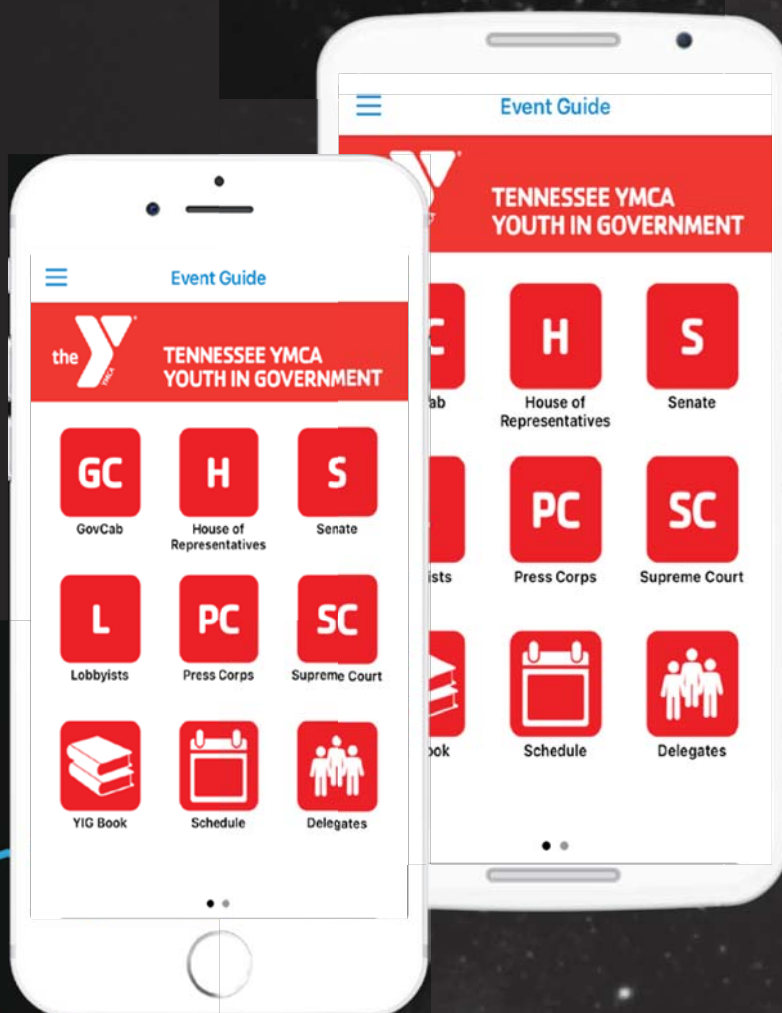
**AN ACT/ RESOLUTION TO MAKE SANCTUARY OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS ILLEGAL IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,  
2 shall be defined as follows:  
3 A) Sanctuary- providing refuge, harbor, shelter, protection  
4 B) Undocumented- lacking documents required for legal immigration or  
5 residence.  
6 C) Aliens- those relating, belonging, or owing, allegiance to another  
7 country or government  
8  
9 Section 2: Establish a commission to oversee the enforcement of the  
10 removal of illegal aliens from the State of Tennessee.  
11 There will be four members to serve on this commission  
12 The commission would have jurisdiction over any municipality and county  
13 in the State of Tennessee to enforce this act.  
14  
15 Section 3: All municipalities and counties shall be required to contact this  
16 new department of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation if they  
17 knowingly come in contact with an undocumented alien. This new  
18 department will then contact the U.S. Immigration and Custom  
19 Enforcement.  
20  
21 Section 4: The budget of the enactment of this law will be \$1,000,000 per  
22 year. Funds to be provided by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.  
23 Federal funding will be applied for to supplement the budget.  
24  
25 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby  
26 repealed.  
27  
28 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming law, the  
29 public welfare requiring it.



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- ☞ you must be a U.S. citizen, AND
- ☞ you must be a resident of Tennessee, AND
- ☞ you must be at least 18 years old on/or before the next election, AND
- ☞ you must not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, your voting rights must have been restored.
- ☞ **If you register by mail, you must vote in person the first time you vote after registering.**

Are you interested in working on Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**MAIL OR HAND DELIVER THIS FORM TO YOUR COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.**

**Go to:** [http://tnsos.org/elections/election\\_commissions.php](http://tnsos.org/elections/election_commissions.php) to find your County Election Commission address.

**Instructions / checklist:**

- Please PRINT with a blue or black **INK** pen (not felt tip).
- Provide the information in boxes 1-10 below, read and answer the VOTER DECLARATION in box 11, and sign by the "X" in box 12.
- An application for voter registration must be postmarked or hand delivered to the proper county election commission office at least 30 days before an election.
- Voter registration records are public records, open to inspection by any citizen of Tennessee, excluding social security numbers.
- To ensure a more confidential mailing process of this form, the applicant is encouraged to place the voter registration application in an envelope addressed to the county election commission.**

Names of persons selected for jury service in state court are not chosen from permanent voter registration records.  
*If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, we will add your name to the county's voter rolls. We will then mail you a voter registration card. This card will tell you where to vote.*  
*Federal or Tennessee State Government Issued Photo ID Is Required To Vote Unless Exception Applies.*

<b>1</b> Are you a citizen of the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If you answered "No" in response to either of the above, do not complete this form.</b>						<b>FOR COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY</b> Mail _____ Reg # _____ Approved _____ Effective Date _____ P/A _____ District _____ Precinct _____ Ward _____												
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