

What's New on the Hill

Upcoming dates of importance:

- *Week of April 1st legislative committee calendars: [Senate](#) / [House](#)*
- *113th Legislative Session Adjournment - Approx Mid-April*



Pictured is a special day for Meagan's daughter and class! She had the opportunity to visit the Governor's Residence and meet First Lady Maria Lee. They packed hygiene kits for the homeless.

Estie pictured with Tommy and
Tammy TCAT!



ON THE BALLOT 2024

The qualifying deadline has now passed for Tennessee State and Congressional Races.

Stay informed about the upcoming state and federal elections by checking out the [Secretary of State website](#), where you can find lists of candidates running for state legislative, congressional, and Senate seats. Keep in mind that these lists are subject to change as candidates may withdraw or other developments occur.

Follow the link below to view the candidate lists:

[Congressional Petitions](#)

[General Assembly Petitions](#)

Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse!



Get ready for a show coming your way this Monday, April 8th – it's a solar eclipse!

While we won't experience totality in Nashville, we're in for a treat as about 94.8% of the sun will be covered around 2:03 p.m.

For those eager for the full eclipse experience, consider a road trip to Paducah, Kentucky – just a couple of hours away. There, lucky viewers will witness totality for a magical one minute and 48 seconds around 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and don't miss this event – the next one won't be until 2044.

Don't forget: wear your eclipse glasses to see the magic happen!

FUN FACTS

Gov. Lee Appoints TSU Alumni to University Board of Trustees

Governor Lee announced the appointments to the Tennessee State University (TSU) Board of Trustees, following the General Assembly's action on [SB1596](#). Notably, each appointee is an alum of TSU.

The following individuals have been appointed:

- Trevia Chatman, President, Bank of America Memphis
- Jeffery Norfleet, Provost and Vice President for Administration, Shorter College
- Marquita Qualls, Founder and Principal, Entropia Consulting

- Terica Smith, Deputy Mayor and Director of Human Resources, Madison County
- Charles Traughber, General Counsel, Division of Real Estate, Retail, and Financial Services at Bridgestone Americas
- Dwayne Tucker, CEO of LEAD Public Schools
- Kevin Williams, President and CEO of GAA Manufacturing
- Dakasha Winton, Senior Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee

PRESS RELEASE



LEGISLATIVE WIN FOR OUR CLIENT!





LeadingAge Tennessee is with Tennessee Senator Becky Massey and 2 others at Tennessee State Capitol.

Yesterday at 12:46 AM · Nashville, TN, United States · 🌐

Legislative Update! Our Bill SB1993/HB2289, in support of extending the scope of authority for medication aids has passed! Our goal with this Bill was based on the need to remove some of the barriers to quick care and for the limitations to be decreased regarding what a Medication Aid can do.

We are very happy with the success of our efforts this year and for the assistance from Meagan Frazier, Harris Frazier Government Relations. We plan to continue working to improve this program.

Pictured: LATN Executive Director Gwyn Earl with Bill Sponsors Senator Becky Massey & Representative Clark Boyd - LATN thanks you for your support!



We are thrilled for our tremendous client [LeadingAge Tennessee](#) for their success in passing [SB1993/HB2289](#), extending the authority for medication aids.

Great work by Meagan Frazier and the Harris Frazier team in advancing this critical legislation, aimed at enhancing access to quick care. Looking forward to further improving this program!

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LEGISLATION ON THE MOVE

Franchise Tax Reform, Pro-Business Cyber-Liability Bill, and Health Care Liability Fix...

Franchise Tax Reform Advances with Amendments: The House Finance Ways and Means Committee recently advanced an amended version of Governor Lee's franchise tax reform legislation, [HB1893/SB2103](#). While both versions aim to remove the alternative real and tangible property measure, resulting in \$400 million of tax savings for businesses, concerns have been raised about certain provisions in the House amendment.

Pro-Business Cyber-Liability Bill Progresses: [SB2018/HB2434](#) seeks to limit companies' civil liability for cybersecurity attacks to instances of gross negligence. By raising the standard for liability, this legislation aims to protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits arising from cyberattacks. The bill is set for consideration in the House Civil Justice Committee next Tuesday.

Health Care Liability Fix Addresses Recent Court Decision:

[SB2253/HB2001](#) responds to the Tennessee Supreme Court's Crotty v. Flora decision, aiming to clarify Tennessee law regarding health care liability damages. By defining the term "actual economic losses," the legislation seeks to restore historical practices and prevent windfall payouts to plaintiffs, ultimately mitigating the cost of medical malpractice insurance in Tennessee. HB2001 is scheduled for a vote in the House Civil Justice Committee next week.

The New Unemployment e- Services System

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Tennessee's journey to modernize its Unemployment Insurance system reached a significant milestone with the debut of the [new e-Services system](#), part of the reimagined jobs4TN portal.

The system aims to simplify processes for claimants and employers, reducing filing times and streamlining communication. Employers now have access to a simplified dashboard, streamlined tasks, and improved communication channels.

To learn more about this groundbreaking development, check out the update from Tennessee's Department of Labor and Workforce Development [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

- **Tennessee lawmakers split on how and why to give businesses major tax help under fear of lawsuit**

Republicans in the Tennessee House and Senate both plan to offer businesses new tax help worth upward of \$1 billion.

[WSMV.COM](https://www.wsmv.com) - April 1, 2024

- **Tennessee lawmaker's resolution calls on U.S. to withdraw from United Nations**

A Tennessee lawmaker has proposed legislation calling on the United States to withdraw from the United Nations (UN).

[NEWSCHANNEL9.COM](https://www.newschannel9.com) - April 1, 2024

- **Tennessee House GOP votes to end flu, whooping cough vaccine rules for foster and adoptive families**

A Tennessee bill to eliminate flu and whooping cough vaccine requirements for adoptive and foster families caring for babies and medically fragile children is heading to the governor's desk.

[TIMESFREEPRESS.COM](https://www.timesfreepress.com) - March 27, 2024

- **'Baby Olivia' bill requiring TN schools show fetal development video heads to final vote**

Only one major vote remains before a bill could require Tennessee

school children in at least 78 counties to view a 3-minute fetal development video.

[TENNESSEAN.COM](https://www.tennessean.com) - April 1, 2024

- **Tennessee bill would make illegally blocking roadway a felony**

A Tennessee bill would increase the penalty for blocking a road to a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

[THECENTERSQUARE.COM](https://www.thecentersquare.com) - April 1, 2024

- **Tennessee immigration bills would help AG efforts to sue federal government**

A pair of bills are intended to allow Tennessee to fight illegal immigration in the state.

[THECENTERSQUARE.COM](https://www.thecentersquare.com) - April 1, 2024

- **Tennessee moves closer to requiring photo ID to access porn websites**

Tennessee could soon become the latest state to require photo ID verification to access pornography sites like Pornhub.

[WKRN.COM](https://www.wkrn.com) - April 2, 2024

- **New TN bill would allow long guns to be legally carried in public**

[WKRN.COM](https://www.wkrn.com) - April 4, 2024



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