

STATE AFFAIRS

House TennCare Subcommittee

TN

 Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 9:00 AM CST  House Hearing Room II

Bills

1. [HB1101*](#)

Item Number: 1

HB 1101 (SB 851) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

[State Website](#) 

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Latest Action: **HB 1101** Set for House TennCare Subcommittee on 02/03/2026.

SB 851 Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health and Welfare Committee on 03/25/2025

AI Summary

Medicaid eligibility is authorized to be expanded in Tennessee in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The governor is empowered to negotiate with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the terms of the expansion. This authority is established by amending Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-126, as specified in SB 851 and HB 1101.

Description

Authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; authorizes the governor to negotiate with the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to medicaid expansion.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$128,382,900 EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 \$234,686,300 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$233,686,300 Total Positions Required: 169 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY26-27 \$2,057,164,800 FY27-28 & Subsequent Years \$2,048,164,800 OTHER FISCAL IMPACT Passage of this legislation could result in a decrease in state expenditures for the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net. The extent of any change in expenditures is dependent on the number of individuals who will receive healthcare services from Medicaid, rather than the Uninsured Adult Healthcare Safety Net, and cannot be reasonably determined.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Gabby Salinas (D), London Lamar (D)

Co-Sponsor(s)

Justin Jones (D), John Ray Clemmons (D)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House TennCare Subcommittee	February 3, 2026, 9:00 AM	House Hearing Room II

House Population Health Subcommittee

TN

 Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 12:00 PM CST  House Hearing Room II

Bills

1. [HB1400*](#)

Item Number: 1

HB 1400 (SB 1354) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to suicide. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **HB 1400** Set for House Population Health Subcommittee on 02/03/2026.
SB 1354 Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee on 02/11/2025

AI Summary

A suicide prevention program is established within the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to support community-based prevention, intervene with individuals at risk, partner with local organizations, conduct research on suicide rates and lethal means reduction, and provide postvention support. Annual reports on program activities and research findings are required to be submitted to relevant legislative health committees. The department is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the program, with the act effective July 1, 2025, except for rulemaking purposes.

Description

Requires the department of mental health and substance abuse services to develop and implement a suicide prevention program. Encourages the department to collaborate with qualified mental health professionals in the development and implementation of this program. Requires the department to submit a report to the specified committees regarding the program and any suggestions from the department based upon the research conducted from the previous calendar year. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to suicide.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 20, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY25-26 \$125,700 Total Positions Required: 1

Primary Sponsor(s)

Justin Pearson (D), Raumesh Akbari (D)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House Population Health Subcommittee	February 3, 2026, 12:00 PM	House Hearing Room II

House Health Committee

TN

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 1:30 PM CST House Hearing Room I

Bills

3. [HB0387*](#)

Item Number: 3

HB 387 (SB 474) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

[State Website](#) [TN](#)

Latest Action: **HB 387** Set for House Health Committee on 02/03/2026.

SB 474 Action deferred in Senate Health & Welfare Committee to second calendar of 2026 on 03/25/2025

AI Summary

Restrictions are imposed on healthcare providers in Tennessee under HB 387, prohibiting them from inquiring about, recording, or discriminating against patients based on firearm ownership, ammunition, or accessories unless relevant to medical care or safety. Disciplinary actions and fines of \$1,000 per violation are authorized for providers who violate these provisions, with exceptions for psychiatrists and psychologists. The act takes effect July 1, 2025, and applies to conduct occurring on or after that date.

Description

Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership, possession of, or access to firearm ammunition or firearm accessories. Prohibits a healthcare provider from denying future treatment of a patient based upon a patient's ownership or control of a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories. Subjects the healthcare provider to disciplinary action and a fine of \$1,000 if the healthcare provider makes such inquires.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

Amendment Summary

Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (004188) refines definition of "healthcare provider." Allows a healthcare provider to a lethality risk assessment if healthcare provider reasonably believes that a patient may pose a credible, actual risk to themselves or others. Removes the prohibition that a healthcare provider shall not discriminate against a patient based upon the patient's exercise of the constitutional right to own and possess a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Butler (R), Janince Bowling (R)

Co-Sponsor(s)

Jake McCalmon (R), Dennis Powers (R), Kip Capley (R), Rusty Grills (R), Chris Todd (R), Rush Bricken (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House Health Committee	February 3, 2026, 1:30 PM	House Hearing Room I

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

TN

 Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 9:00 AM CST  House Hearing Room II

Bills

[4. HB0599*](#)

Item Number: 4

HB 599 (SB 34) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms. [State Website](#)  **TN**

Latest Action: **HB 599** Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 02/04/2026.
SB 34 Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Judiciary Committee on 04/07/2025

AI Summary

A Class A misdemeanor offense is established for knowingly transferring a firearm to a person prohibited from purchasing or possessing one under state or federal law. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 39-17-1316 is amended to include this prohibition. The provisions apply to firearm transfers made on or after July 1, 2025.

Description

Creates a Class A misdemeanor for knowingly giving, selling, lending, delivering, or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person when the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bob Freeman (D), Heidi Campbell (D)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee	February 4, 2026, 9:00 AM	House Hearing Room II

Senate Health and Welfare Committee

TN

 Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 12:30 PM CST  Senate Hearing Room I

Description

Lack of Consensus on a Standard of Care within Medicine and Bitcoin Mining and Health Related Issues Presentations

Bills

[2. SB1580*](#), [3. SB1753*](#)

Item Number: 2

SB 1580 (HB 1470)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 47 and Title 63, relative to mental health...

[State Website](#)

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Latest Action: **SB 1580** Set for Senate Health and Welfare Committee on 02/04/2026.
HB 1470 P2C, ref. to Health Committee on 01/13/2026

AI Summary

Advertising or representing artificial intelligence systems as qualified mental health professionals is prohibited, with violations classified as unfair or deceptive acts under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act and subject to a \$5,000 civil penalty per violation. The definition of artificial intelligence includes models and systems capable of human-like reasoning and learning. These provisions are established in HB 1470/SB 1580 and take effect July 1, 2026.

Description

Health Care - As introduced, prohibits a person from developing or deploying an artificial intelligence system that advertises or represents to the public that such system is or is able to act as a qualified mental health professional. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 47 and Title 63.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 47 and Title 63, relative to mental health.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Page Walley (R), Tim Hicks (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
Senate Health and Welfare Committee	February 4, 2026, 12:30 PM	Senate Hearing Room I

Item Number: 3

SB 1753 (HB 1770)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to t...

[State Website](#)

TN

Latest Action: **SB 1753** Set for Senate Health and Welfare Committee on 02/04/2026.
HB 1770 Filed for introduction on 01/19/2026

AI Summary

New medical specialties including clinical informatics, lifestyle medicine, and medical virtualist are added to the definitions under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 63, Chapters 6 and 9. The amendments expand the recognized areas of medical practice regulated by the state. The changes take effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, adds clinical informatics, lifestyle medicine, and medical virtualist to the list of words or abbreviations that a person may attach to a name to indicate or induce another person to believe that the person is engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to the practice of medicine.

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Brock Martin (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
Senate Health and Welfare Committee	February 4, 2026, 12:30 PM	Senate Hearing Room I

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee

TN

 Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 3:00 PM CST  House Hearing Room III

Bills

[4. HB0897*](#)

Item Number: 4

HB 897 (SB 1141)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to fluoridation of...

[State Website](#) 

TN

Latest Action: **HB 897** Set for House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee on 02/04/2026.

SB 1141 Sponsor(s) Added. on 03/18/2025

AI Summary

Requirements are imposed on Tennessee public water systems to cease fluoridation by July 31, 2025, with mandatory customer notification at least 30 days prior. Fluoride levels exceeding 0.4 mg/L trigger monthly testing and customer notification until levels remain below that threshold for three consecutive months, after which quarterly testing may resume. Naturally occurring fluoride is permitted if it complies with federal maximum levels, and the addition of fluoride or fluoride compounds to public water supplies is explicitly regulated.

Description

Decreases from 1.5 milligrams per liter to 0.4 milligrams per liter the threshold for the presence of fluoride in a public water system that requires an increase in the frequency of fluoride-level testing from quarterly to monthly. Requires public water systems to cease adding fluoride to drinking water supplies by July 31, 2025, and provide written notice of cessation of fluoridation to customers.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to fluoridation of drinking water.

Fiscal Impact

(Dated March 1, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY24-25 (\$655,300) FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$3,930,800)

Primary Sponsor(s)

Chris Todd (R), Rusty Crowe (R)

Co-Sponsor(s)

Johnny Garrett (R), Jason Zachary (R), Jerome Moon (R), Elaine Davis (R), Michele Reneau (R), Monty Fritts (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee	February 4, 2026, 3:00 PM	House Hearing Room III