



HUSCH BLACKWELL STRATEGIES

Pharmacists Legislative Report

SB3/HB14 **CRIMINAL LAW: Revises definition of abortion.**

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

Summary: Clarifies that the term "abortion," as defined for the offense of criminal abortion, does not include the use of contraceptives, including any device, medication, biological product, or procedure that is generally intended for use in the prevention of pregnancy, whether specifically intended to prevent pregnancy or for other health needs, or the disposal of embryos resulting from fertility treatments, including healthcare services, procedures, testing, medications, treatments, or products. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 2, 2025) FISCAL IMPACT: NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/14/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB25 **HEALTH CARE: Availability of medical and health records of a minor.**

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark ,

Summary: Clarifies that a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may access and review all mental health treatment, medical, rehabilitation, and prescription records of the child, including those records related to treatments available to unemancipated minors without parental consent. Allows an employee of a local education agency to provide bandages, gauze, or ice packs for the treatment of minor cuts, scrapes, bumps, and bruises. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 8, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/14/25 - Introduced in the Senate

SB125/HB474 **EDUCATION: Study on possible expansion of all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs.**

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin

Summary: Requires the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with the department of labor and workforce development, to study all state-funded financial aid and scholarship programs in this state to determine whether programs may be expanded to provide greater financial aid opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a workforce credential. Requires the commission to report its findings and any legislative recommendations to the committee of the house of representatives having jurisdiction over higher education and to the education committee of the senate no later than January 15, 2026. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/15/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB164/HB18 **TENNCARE: Temporary TennCare benefits program.**

Sponsors: Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff , Rep. Baum, Charlie

Summary: Directs the bureau of TennCare to establish a temporary TennCare benefits program to provide medical assistance on a temporary basis to certain individuals who do not qualify for enrollment in TennCare, CoverKids, or a successor program. Requires the bureau to submit a waiver to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by December 31, 2025.

Senate Status: 01/16/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

SB178/HB22 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Governing body to provide public with opportunity to comment at meeting.**

Sponsors: Sen. Lowe, Adam , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Requires a governing body subject to the open meetings laws to reserve a period of public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on any matter germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body regardless of whether the matter is listed on the agenda for the meeting.

Fiscal Note: (Dated December 23, 2024) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB194/HB26 **JUDICIARY: Unborn Child Protection Act of 2025.**

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Bulso, Gino

Summary: Establishes the "Unborn Child Protection Act of 2025," which prohibits the sale, manufacture, or distribution of abortion-inducing drugs in the state. Specifies that a person or entity who mails or delivers an abortion-inducing drug into this state and the mailing or delivery results in the death of an unborn child is strictly liable in the amount of \$5,000,000 in damages for the death of the unborn child. Specifies that an action brought pursuant to this subsection must be commenced within five years of the death of the unborn child.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/16/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

SB205/HB70 **TENNCARE: TennCare health benefit plan - coverage and reimbursement for biomarker testing for preeclampsia.**

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

Summary: Requires a TennCare health benefit plan renewed or issued on or after July 1, 2025, by a health insurance carrier to provide coverage and reimbursement for biomarker testing for preeclampsia in pregnant women. Defines "biomarker testing" to mean the analysis of a patient's tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for the presence of a biomarker using a method of analysis approved by the federal food and drug administration (FDA), including, but not limited to, single-analyte tests, multiplex panel tests, whole genome sequencing, protein expression, whole exome, and whole transcriptome.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House TennCare Subcommittee.

SB223/HB172 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Registration of persons licensed to practice a healing art who were in the medical corps of the military.**

Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Martin, Brock

Summary: Requires a person who is licensed to practice a healing art; who was an officer in the commissioned medical corps of the army, the navy, the air force, or the public health service of the United States; and who was subsequently discharged, instead of honorably discharged, to register with the appropriate board licensing that profession. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

SB226/HB470 STATE GOVERNMENT: Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Professionals' Freedom of Religion Act." Specifies that it is unlawful for a governmental entity to deny, revoke, suspend, or take other adverse action against an individual's license for the following: (1) Refusing to affirm a statement or oath that is contrary to the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions; (2) Expressing sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions in any context, including a professional context, as long as the services provided otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession; or (3) Providing faith-based services that otherwise meet the standard of care or practice for that profession. Makes it unlawful for a governmental entity to take any adverse action against a licensee or applicant for licensure based on such person's beliefs or the lawful expression of those beliefs, to the extent protected under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Tennessee.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB240/HB207 CRIMINAL LAW: Expands the offense of organized retail crime.

Sponsors: Sen. Taylor, Brent , Rep. Zachary, Jason

Summary: Expands the offense of organized crime to include knowingly removing or evading any component of an anti-shoplifting or inventory control device, activating or interfering with a fire alarm system, using an online marketplace or social media platform to coordinate a meeting to sell stolen merchandise, returning stolen or counterfeit merchandise to a retail merchant, purchasing or possessing merchandise for resale knowingly the items are stolen, and using any instrument to facilitate theft. Increases the penalty of this offense if the defendant engages in the destruction of property or uses a weapon.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the House

SB259 HEALTH CARE: Review of a child's health and medical records by parent or legal guardian.

Sponsors: Sen. Pody, Mark ,

Summary: Clarifies that a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may access and review all health and medical records of the child, including those records related to treatments available to unemancipated minors without parental consent. Allows an employee of a local education agency to provide bandages, gauze, or ice packs for the treatment of minor cuts, scrapes, bumps, and bruises. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

SB264/HB385 TAXES BUSINESS: Certification by TennCare of an eligible healthcare providers' unreimbursed costs.

Sponsors: Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary: Requires TennCare to certify an eligible healthcare provider's unreimbursed costs as charitable contributions made exclusively for public purposes to TennCare. Requires TennCare to submit a statement of the total amount of charitable contributions to the eligible healthcare provider by January 31 of the following year. Requires eligible healthcare providers to pay a \$25.00 fee each year by January 15 in order to receive such certification. Defines "unreimbursed costs" as an amount equal to the difference between one hundred 125% of the average federal Medicaid reimbursement rate and the TennCare reimbursement rate paid to an eligible healthcare provider by the division or a managed care organization for healthcare services provided by an eligible healthcare provider to a TennCare recipient. Defines "eligible healthcare provider" as a healthcare provider who participates as a provider in the TennCare program, a successor Medicaid program, or a group practice that holds a contract with the division or a managed care organization participating in the TennCare program or a successor Medicaid program.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB291/HB465 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Denial of license application due to prior criminal conviction.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

Summary: Changes, from 30 days to 60 days, the amount of time an individual, applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or registrant has to file a petition after receiving written notice of a denial of an application due to past criminal history.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 25, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB299 HEALTH CARE: Membership of the medical cannabis commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell ,

Summary: Revises the qualifications for membership on the medical cannabis commission to include a patient caregiver and a subject matter expert with knowledge of how cannabis is cultivated, processed, shipped, distributed, or prescribed for medical use. Specifies that the recommendations made by the commission to the general assembly may include policy recommendations.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB302/HB420 COMMERCIAL LAW: Tennessee Consumer Protection and Subscription Renewal Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Harshbarger, Bobby , Rep. Rudd, Tim

Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Consumer Protection and Subscription Renewal Act," which prohibits a business from requiring submission of credit or debit card information, or other payment information for an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer containing a free gift or trial. Defines "affirmative consent" for purposes of subscription renewals to mean a clear, affirmative act signifying a consumer's freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous agreement to the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service terms and includes a written statement, including a statement written by electronic means, or an unambiguous affirmative action. Requires a business to obtain affirmative consent from a consumer to the agreement containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms. Makes other changes related to automatic renewal offers and continuous service offers.

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB331/HB204 TENNCARE: TennCare report regarding outcomes in perinatal care.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Changes from March 1 to January 15 the date by which the bureau of TennCare, in consultation with the perinatal advisory committee and with the assistance of relevant state agencies, must report to legislative committees concerning aspects of quality and outcomes in perinatal care for the last two available fiscal years or calendar years, as may be available. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 17, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/27/25 - Introduced in the House

SB334/HB372 TENNCARE: Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hulsey, Bud
Summary: Enacts the "Tennessee Medicaid Modernization and Access Act of 2025," which aligns TennCare's current Medicaid reimbursement rates for key services, meaning obstetrics/gynecology, primary care, outpatient mental health, and substance use disorder treatment with the Medicare fee schedule or average commercial rates, whichever is higher. Requires the department of health to consult with the bureau of TennCare to conduct an annual review to ensure TennCare reimbursement rates align with changes in the Medicare fee schedule and average commercial rates and with the CMS 2024 final rule. Defines CMS annual rule to mean the May 2024 guidelines set by CMS updating Medicaid reimbursement rates. Provides healthcare provider of key services that is entitled to receive TennCare reimbursement to submit a written request for an administrative hearing following an allegation of a delay in payment or receipt of erroneous reimbursement. Provides that the general assembly must appropriate funds under the general appropriations act.
Senate Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB343/HB398 HEALTH CARE: Licensing board response to inquiry regarding prescriber identified as high-risk prescriber.

Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Martin, Brock
Summary: Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days a licensing board has to respond to the department of health after the department has inquired about the status of an action or lack of action taken against a prescriber whose prescribing patterns of controlled substances have been identified as representing a statistical outlier, or if the prescriber is identified as a top prescriber or a high-risk prescriber. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 29, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB359 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Issuance of license subject to a private advocacy order.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard ,
Summary: Allows the board of medical examiners, during an informal initial application interview held in an executive session, to issue a license under a private advocacy order requiring the applicant to maintain advocacy of a peer assistance program. Allows the board of medical examiners to take disciplinary action against an individual practicing under a private advocacy order that failed to maintain the advocacy of the peer assistance program. Establishes that private advocacy orders are confidential, privileged, and not public records unless a practitioner fails to maintain advocacy resulting in a formal disciplinary proceeding.
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB363/HB389 HEALTH CARE: Assessment of discipline or a penalty against a healthcare provider for a violation of pain management rules

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Reduces, from 30 days to 14 days, the period of time within which a licensing board that assesses discipline or a penalty against a healthcare provider for a violation of pain management rules must notify the department of health of such discipline or penalty. Broadly captioned.
Fiscal Note: (Dated January 28, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB370 TAXES GENERAL: Taxes and fees collected by merchants and sellers.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard ,
Summary: Requires the amount of a state or local tax or fee that is separately listed on the payment invoice to be excluded from the amount on which an interchange fee is charged for that electronic payment transaction. Requires a payment card network to deduct the amount of a tax imposed from the calculation of interchange fees specific to each form or type of electronic payment transaction at the time of settlement. Requires a payment card network rebate an amount of interchange fee proportionate to the amount attributable to the tax or fee. Requires a deduction or rebate to occur at the time of settlement if the merchant or seller can capture and send the relevant tax or fee amounts during the sale as part of finalizing the transaction. Requires the payment card network to accept proof of tax or fee amounts collected on sales subject to an interchange fee if the merchant or seller cannot capture and send the relevant tax or fee amounts during the sale at the time. Defines "electronic payment transaction" as a transaction in which a person uses a debit card, credit card, or other payment code or device, issued or approved through a payment card network to debit a deposit account or use a line of credit, whether authorization is based on a signature, personal identification number, or other means. Defines "payment card network" as an entity that directly, or through licensed members, processors, or agents provides the proprietary services, infrastructure, and software that routes information and data to conduct debit card or credit card transaction authorization, clearance, and settlement; or a merchant or seller uses in order to accept as a form of payment a brand of debit card, credit card, or other device that may be used to carry out debit or credit transactions. Defines "interchange fee" as a fee established, charged, or received by a payment card network for the purpose of compensating the issuer for its involvement in an electronic payment transaction. Defines "settlement" as the transfer of funds from a customer's account to a seller or merchant upon electronic submission of finalized sales transactions to the payment card network.
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB396/HB132 VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Emergency management powers of the governor.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Limits the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor to 30 days. Authorizes the general assembly to terminate, extend, or renew a state of emergency by joint resolution. Establishes an ad hoc legislative council to extend a state of emergency during the interim between legislative sessions and specifies membership of council.
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB398/HB472 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Membership on state regulatory and health related boards.

Sponsors: Sen. Rose, Paul , Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition, including policies on affirmative action, racial preferences, or racial quotas. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB420 INSURANCE HEALTH: Pharmacy benefits.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,
Summary: Prohibits an insurer, pharmacy benefits manager, or third-party administrator from changing or conditioning the terms of health plan coverage based on availability of financial or other product assistance for a prescription drug. Establishes certain procedures for calculating an enrollee's contribution to an applicable cost sharing requirement. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB421 HEALTH CARE: Prescribing of buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,

Summary: Authorizes certain prescribing physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder when the physician assistant or nurse practitioner is employed by or contracts with a state correctional facility or county or municipal jail, and certain other conditions are met, including having an active registration with the federal drug enforcement agency. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB422/HB406 HEALTH CARE: Promulgation of rules regarding oversight of facilities that manufacture, warehouse, and distribute medical devices.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Martin, Brock

Summary: Lowers from every three years to every two years, the time within which the advisory committee composed of medical device industry representatives and a representative of the department of economic and community development must review rules regarding the board of pharmacy's oversight of facilities that manufacture, warehouse, and distribute medical devices in order to review the advancements of new medical device technologies. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB424 HEALTH CARE: Allows services authorized in a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement to include weight management services.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,

Summary: Permits the services authorized in a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement to include weight management services.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB428/HB37 HEALTH CARE: Adoption or emendation to a state preferred drug list by insurer.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Davis, Elaine

Summary: Authorizes an insurer, for purposes of group insurance plans offered to state employees, to adopt or amend a state preferred drug list (PDL). Requires the insurer to ensure that reimbursement is provided to a healthcare prescriber or hospital that provides a non-opioid treatment to a covered employee under the group insurance plan.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Public Service Subcommittee.

SB432 HEALTH CARE: Copy of patient's medical records provided upon receipt of written request by patient.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,

Summary: Requires a healthcare provider to provide to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of the patient's medical records within 20 working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or representative instead of 10 working days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 29, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB436 TENNCARE: Use of biosimilar drugs as a cost-saving measure.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,

Summary: Adds mandating the use of biosimilar drugs as a cost-saving measure the bureau of TennCare may implement. Adds that a health carrier, health benefit plan, or utilization review organization may require a patient to try a biosimilar product prior to providing coverage for the equivalent branded prescription drug. Requires the TennCare pharmacy advisory committee to consider as a factor the use of biosimilar drugs in the committee's recommendation to the bureau of TennCare on any drugs to be added to the state preferred drug list.

Senate Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB449/HB533 HEALTH CARE: Fertility Treatment and Contraceptive Protection Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Rudder, Iris

Summary: Declares that an individual has a right to engage in activities associated with fertility treatment and contraception. Clarifies that the laws of this state do not prohibit an activity associated with fertility treatment or contraception. Specifies that the law of this state clearly and unambiguously acknowledges the right of an individual to perform, and the right of an individual to receive or use, fertility treatment and contraceptives in this state. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB460/HB516 HEALTH CARE: Annual report on hypodermic syringe exchange program.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Terry, Bryan

Summary: Adds the legislative librarian as a party to which the department of health must submit an annual report based on data received by a county or district health department that operates a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, including the number of people served, number of needles, syringes, and supplies dispensed and returned to the program, number of naloxone kits distributed, and the number and type of treatment referrals provided. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 30, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB465/HB464 HEALTH CARE: Immunity from prosecution when seeking medical assistance for drug overdose.

Sponsors: Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Helton-Haynes, Esther

Summary: Removes the limitation that a person who is experiencing a drug overdose only has immunity from being arrested, charged, or prosecuted on the first drug overdose. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/28/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB474/HB387 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership of firearm ammunition.

Sponsors: Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Butler, Ed

Summary: 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.

Senate Status: 01/29/25 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB550 HEALTH CARE: Required specialist of substance abuse prevention on the medical cannabis commission.

Sponsors: Sen. Briggs, Richard ,

Summary: Clarifies that one of the persons appointed to the medical cannabis commission by the speaker of the senate must be a specialist in the area of substance abuse prevention.

Senate Status: 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB551 HEALTH CARE: Appointments to the board of medical examiners.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,
Summary: Allows, instead of requires, the governor to consult with medical groups in making appointments to the board of medical examiners.
Senate Status: 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB569 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Makes changes to the practice of pharmacy.

Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane ,
Summary: Makes certain changes to the practice of pharmacy, including removing the present prohibition on requiring a patient to pay an administrative fee for pharmacist-provided hormonal contraceptives when the patient is insured or covered and receives a pharmacy benefit that covers the cost of the hormonal contraceptives.
Senate Status: 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB584 HEALTH CARE: Buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies.

Sponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh ,
Summary: Authorizes the commissioner to develop and maintain an essential buffer stock of necessary medicines and healthcare supplies to be distributed during a natural or man-made disaster, mass casualty event, or public health emergency. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

SB604/HB614 INSURANCE HEALTH: Disclosure of maximum allowable cost lists - destruction of shared information.

Sponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Travis, Ron
Summary: Requires a pharmacy services administrative organization or similar entity that receives maximum allowable cost list or related information from a contracted pharmacy to destroy the shared information within five business days of receipt of a written request for destruction from the sharing pharmacy. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status: 01/31/25 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/30/25 - Filed for Introduction

HB19 INSURANCE HEALTH: Tennessee State Healthcare Cost Savings Incentive Program.

Sponsors: Rep. Baum, Charlie
Summary: Requires the state insurance committee, the local education insurance committee, and the local government insurance committee to establish an incentive program for healthcare services and prescription drug benefits no later than January 1, 2026, to be administered by a third-party vendor. In establishing the incentive program, requires such committees to work with the third-party vendor with which the department of finance and administration has entered into a contract to provide incentives through the incentive program. Specifies that the committees shall require the third-party vendor to provide each enrollee with online information on the cost and quality of healthcare services and providers, allow an enrollee to shop for healthcare services and providers, and reward the enrollee by sharing savings generated by the enrollee's choice of healthcare services or providers. Specifies requirements for contracts with third-party vendor. Requires the committees in collaboration with the third-party vendor of the incentive program to submit an annual report to the speakers of the house and senate, the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate, the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over state government, the chair of the commerce and labor committee of the senate, and the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over insurance. Requires the report to identify the number of enrollees participating in the incentive program and the cost savings to the state healthcare plan as a result of the implementation of the incentive program. Specifies that the report be submitted no later than March 15, 2027, and no later than March 15 of each year thereafter.
House Status: 01/27/25 - Withdrawn in House.

HB111 HEALTH CARE: Required pregnancy serological tests.

Sponsors: Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary: Adds as a disease for which a laboratory must test during a standard serological test of a pregnant woman hepatitis C antibody (anti-HCV) with automatic reflex to HCV RNA if anti-HCV is reactive, and makes certain other changes to the process of conducting required pregnancy serological tests.
House Status: 01/28/25 - Referred to House Population Health Subcommittee.

HB376 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Discriminatory practices prohibited regarding membership of state regulatory and health related boards.

Sponsors: Rep. Zachary, Jason
Summary: Prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin. Prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition. Creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for violations. Broadly captioned.
House Status: 01/27/25 - Filed for Introduction

HJR7 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - defines person.

Sponsors: Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Proposes an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee to declare that a person shall not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall a person be denied equal protection of the law; defines "person" to include every human being from fertilization to natural death.
House Status: 12/11/24 - Filed for Introduction

HJR28 HEALTH CARE: Constitutional amendment - right to forgo medical treatment.

Sponsors: Rep. Bulso, Gino
Summary: Proposes an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee to grant a person the right to forgo medical treatment.
House Status: 01/13/25 - Filed for Introduction