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2017 - 2018 TN SCORECARD - UNDERSTANDING THE BILLS



HJR (House Joint Resolution) 37

Resolution to recognize that God is the source of our rights

A resolution to amend the state Constitution to acknowledge that our rights do not come from government but Almighty God. Passed the House 69-17 and the Senate in a slightly different version 25-1 with one abstention.

SB 127/HB 54

Prohibits governmental discrimination based on a business' personnel policies

Prohibits state and local government officials from discriminating against businesses because of their internal personnel policies on sexual orientation and abortion coverage if they comply with federal law on those issues. Passed the Senate 25-5 with three abstentions, no action in the House. This bill was part of the Family Action of Tennessee legislative package; therefore, recorded committee votes are included.

SB 449/HB 566

Limits ability of state boards to adopt ethics codes developed by professional associations

To protect attacks on religious liberty, bill requires all boards and commissions using an ethics code created by a private professional or business association to submit any changes to those codes by those private associations for approval by House and Senate Government Operations Committees. Passed the Senate 26-1 with three abstentions and the House 72-23. Signed by Governor Haslam.

SB 1085/HB 1111

Undefined words must be given their ordinary meaning

Requires courts to give undefined words in the Tennessee Code such as husband, wife, mother, and father their natural and ordinary meaning, except when a contrary intention is clearly manifest. Passed the Senate 23-6 with one abstention and the House 70-23. Signed by Governor Haslam. This bill was part of the Family Action of Tennessee legislative package; therefore, recorded committee votes are included.

SB 1180/HB 1189

Severely restricts abortions after the beginning of 20th week of pregnancy

Severely restricts abortion on a woman after the beginning of the 20th week of pregnancy and requires testing to determine viability of the unborn child. Passed the Senate 27-3 and the House 69-18 with three abstentions. Signed by Governor Haslam.

SB 2029/HB 2690

Requires LEA to notify parents before child is subjected to mental health evaluation

Requires LEA to notify parents before child is subjected to mental health evaluation. Passed the Senate 30-0 and the House 95-0. Signed by Governor Haslam.

SB 2148/HB 2251

Requires state to seek waiver limiting Medicare/Medicaid funding to abortion-related entities

Directs the commissioner of Finance and Administration to submit a waiver request to centers for Medicare and Medicaid to exclude providers if the Bureau of TennCare determines that the inclusion of the provider would result in the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortions. Passed the Senate 24-2 and the House 71-17. Signed by the Governor.

SB 2227/HB 2381

Calls for state to establish a memorial to unborn children

Calls for the establishment of a memorial to unborn children be erected on the grounds of the Capitol. Passed the Senate 25-3 and the House 63-15 with four abstentions. Signed by the Governor.

SB 2480/HB 2620

Allows Attorney General to represent LEAs in lawsuit involving students' privacy in locker rooms

Authorizes Attorney General to represent a local school board and/or its employees in a legal proceeding arising out of the school board's adoption of a policy or practice designating multi-person restrooms, locker rooms, or other facilities for use based only on one's biological sex. Passed in the House Civil Justice Committee, failed in the Senate Judiciary Committee for the lack of a second. This bill was part of the Family Action of Tennessee legislative package; therefore, recorded committee votes are included.



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SB 2679/HB 2683

Places limitation on issuing subpoena of pastor relative to sermon materials

Prohibits any government entity except a court to subpoena a pastor concerning sermon or notes. Passed the Senate 32-0 and the House 76-7 with six abstentions. Signed by Governor Haslam.



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Key Election Dates 2018

PRIMARY

Voter Registration Deadline - Tuesday, July 3

Early Voting - Friday, July 13 - Saturday, July 28

Election Day - Thursday, August 2

GENERAL

Voter Registration Deadline - Tuesday, October 9

Early Voting - Wednesday, October 17 - Thursday, November 1

Election Day - Tuesday, November 6