

Legislative Update – Week of February 26th, 2021

Emergency Orders renewed.

The Governor has renewed his standing Emergency Orders from the beginning of the pandemic. Emergency Orders 77, 78, and 79 were issued today at 3:00. They can be found by clicking [here](#). The orders are reduced from earlier orders and focus primarily on removing restrictions to regulations and licensing in healthcare facilities that are still treating COVID patients and are on the front lines of the epidemic. Further the orders allow for remote meetings of government and remote public notarization. The orders will remain effective until April 28th.

Items to Watch this Week

Right to Work

[SJR 2](#) (Kelsey)

The right to work constitutional amendment reaches the senate floor where it is expected to pass. The amendment would then need to work its way through the house before it can be placed on the next gubernatorial ballot for ratification or denial by the voters of Tennessee.

You can watch the debate on the Senate Floor on Monday at 5:00 p.m. [here](#).

E-Verify

[HB801 SB902](#) (Griffey/ Stevens)

This bill would require employers of six (6) or more employees to electronically verify citizenship of their employees before starting employment. Current law exempts employers of 50 employees or less from having to verify citizenship. This change is being worked against by both the Nashville Area Chamber and the State Chamber as overly burdensome on small business.

The bill is being heard in Banking and Consumer Affairs on Wednesday at 9:00 am and can be watched [here](#).

Dual Enrollment

[SB482 HB752](#) (Haile/ White)

Clarifies that the dual enrollment program will award the in-state tuition and mandatory fees cost up to a maximum amount for the first four courses taken and makes other related changes.

The bill is being head in Senate Education on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. [here](#).