

Legislative Update – Week of March 15, 2021

Money

Congress passed the largest to date stimulus package. Before the passage of the newest act Tennessee had received more than fifteen billion in stimulus funding. As a reminder the Emergency Order allowing Tennessee to draw down these funds remains in effect until June 22. To see how that funding is being spent please click [here](#).

We did see the defeat of some anti-business legislation as [HB 801](#) by Rep. Griffey died in subcommittee. The bill would have required all employers with five employees or more to electronically verify citizenship before hiring them.

[SJR 002](#) also know as the “Right to Work” constitutional amendment has passed the Senate and heads to a floor vote in the House. The last hurdle before being placed on the next gubernatorial ballot.

Further, Rep. Rudd’s resolution [HR0022](#) for the immediate removal of a Nashville Chancellor was also defeated in committee.

Items to Watch this Week

Business Restrictions

[HB 1182 SB 1224](#) (Rudd/ Rose)

Requires a public or private entity or business that operates a building or facility open to the general public to post a notice at the entrance of each public restroom and at each entrance of the building of the entity's or business's policy of allowing a member of either biological sex to use any public restroom within the building or facility.

You can watch the bill in House State Government Committee Tuesday at 1:30 pm [here](#).

Taxes

[SB 987 HB 1299](#) (Gardenhire/ Jernigan)

This bill municipalities to levy and collect an annual income tax on incomes derived by way of dividends from stocks or by way of interest on bonds. This was previously done under the title “Hall Tax”. However, this would expound upon the previous tax allowing the determination of the tax to be done on the municipal level.

You can watch this bill in Senate State and Local Committee on Tuesday at 10:30 am [here](#).

[HB 358 SB 563](#) (Marsh/ Bowling)

Authorizes a county trustee to proceed against delinquent taxpayers by retaining an agent to collect delinquent personal property taxes, interest, costs, and attorneys' fees. The bill is being amended to make sure the third-party collection agent does not retain any tax information of the taxpayer and so that fees and recovery expenses are capped.

You can watch the bill in House Property and Planning Committee on Tuesday at 4:30 pm [here](#).

Landfills

[HB 562 SB 196](#) (Dixie/ Robinson)

The bill states that once the current landfills were full there would be no or very few landfills in Tennessee and waste would have to be shipped out of state.

The bill can be watched on Wednesday at 11:30 am in Senate Energy Agriculture and Natural Resources [here](#).