

Legislative Update – Week of April 12, 2021

The Governor has entered the chat

With the number of bills dropping from 1053 last week to 533 this week the end of session is in sight. The governor's commissioner of finance and administration and his budget chief will present the governor's amendment to the budget in both House and the Senate this week. This usually signals the beginning of the end of session. It is expected that the overcollection and federal funds will bring in a total of over 2 billion in one time and recurring funds not seen in other years.

Updates

[SB 1554 HB 1467](#)

The data privacy bill was rolled until 2022 in the House and Senate

[SB 482 HB 752](#)

The bill on dual enrollment is in Senate Finance and House Education awaiting funding in the governor's supplemental budget.

[SB 564 HB 1269](#)

The bill would have prohibited a private company from requiring masks or immunizations of any kind. If a company had any policy on immunization the bill would create a private cause of action against the company from any employee or customer. This bill was taken off notice.

Items to Watch this Week

Education

[SB 878 HB 1210](#) (Stevens/ Ragan)

The bill as amended removes the ability for any organized education association to have an opt out policy for Tennessee teachers. Effectively, the goal of the bill would reduce the membership of the TEA by making their members opt into the organization every year.

The bill is set to be heard on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in House Education and can be seen [here](#)

The Budget

[SB 1061 HB 985](#) (Watson/ Hazelwood)

This is the budget and budget amendment

This bill will be heard in Senate Finance, Ways and Means Government at 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday and can be seen [here](#).

[SB 752 HB 771](#) (Johnson/ Lamberth)

Tennessee Registered Apprenticeship Program Act." Creates the Tennessee office of apprenticeship within the department of labor and workforce development. Establishes the purposes and duties of the office of apprenticeship. Creates the Tennessee apprenticeship council and establishes the appointment process for members

This bill will be heard in Senate Finance, Ways and Means Government at 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday and can be seen [here](#).

Community Engagement

[SB 1610 HB 978](#) (Bailey/ Williams)

As introduced, creates a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable by a \$50 fine and community service work, for solicitation or camping along a controlled-access highway or entrance or exit ramp; expands Equal Access to Public Property Act of 2012 to apply the offense of unauthorized camping on state property to all public property

This bill will be heard in Senate Judiciary at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and can be seen [here](#).