

Late night meetings in March bring April adjournments

This week's theme at captiol hill was full calendars and lengthy committee meetings. However, the legislature's business is moving toward its final push before an expected adjournment in mid-April. The continued hold up is still Governor Lee's major education push the for the reform of the education formula Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement, or TISA as it has been termed. With the supplemental budget amendment due March 28th the push to get TISA in its final form will take shape this week and determine how the rest of this legislative session shapes up.

Items to Watch this Week

Election

[SB2445/ HB 2128](#) (Hensley/ Crawford)

Prohibits non-US citizens from voting in federal, state, or local elections in Tennessee and requires local governments uphold the outlined process. Tasks the coordinator of elections with cross checking specific lists of registered voters to determine proper voter eligibility.

The bill is calendared for the Senate State and Local committee on 3/22/2022 and can be seen [here](#).

Privaty property

[SB 2116/ HB 2435](#) (Bell/ Curcio)

The bill requires a public entity that enacts or enforces a new land use regulation that restricts or prohibits uses of a parcel of private real property to compensate the private property owner if that restriction has caused a loss of at least 10% in fair market value. Allows a private property owner to demand compensation by written notice by certified mail to the chief executive officer of the public entity and must include a written appraisal or other evidence of a loss in market value. Requires the public entity to remove the regulation, provide compensation, or deny the compensation within 180 days of written notice. Provides the owner a cause of action against the public entity in the local circuit court if the entity continues to enforce the regulation or denies compensation after the 180 days of written notice

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Healthcare

[HB 2452/ SB2151](#) (Weaver / Hensley)

This bill creates an unlawful discriminatory practice for an individual or other governmental entity to withhold or deny service, insurance, or benefits based on vaccination status. Further extends to the hiring process; an employer may not refuse an employee a position based on any vaccination status. Finally, prohibits segregation within places of public accommodation based on any vaccination status.

The bill is calendared for the House Civil Justice committee on 3/23/2022 and can be seen [here](#).

COVID 19

[HB 1871/ SB 1982](#) (Hulseley / Bowling)

The bill prohibits a licensing board or disciplinary subcommittee from revoking, failing to renew, suspending or taking action against a physician's license based solely on the physician's patient recommendations regarding treatment or COVID-19, including off-label or vaccine treatments. Prohibits a pharmacy from blocking or attempting to block a patient's access to Covid-19 treatment under certain circumstances. Clarifies definitions of "COVID-19," "off-label" and "treatment for COVID-19. The bill prohibits a governmental entity, LEA, or school from adopting or enforcing a statute, ordinance, rule, policy, or practice arising from COVID-19 that fails to recognize natural immunity as providing a level of immune protection least as protective as a COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, it prohibits a private business from adopting or enforcing a rule, policy, procedure, or practice arising from COVID-19 that fails to recognize natural immunity to COVID-19.

The bill is calendared for the House Health committee on 3/22/2022 and can be seen [here](#).

Employment Law

[HB2096/ SB2071](#) (Lamberth/ Johnson)

This bill requires the department of human services to obtain specific authorization from the general assembly before seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing a waiver of work requirements established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP program). Prohibits the department from exercising the state's option to provide an exemption from work requirements. Requires the department to assign all individuals subject to an employment and training program requirements.

The bill is calendared for the House Health committee on 3/22/2022 and can be seen [here](#).