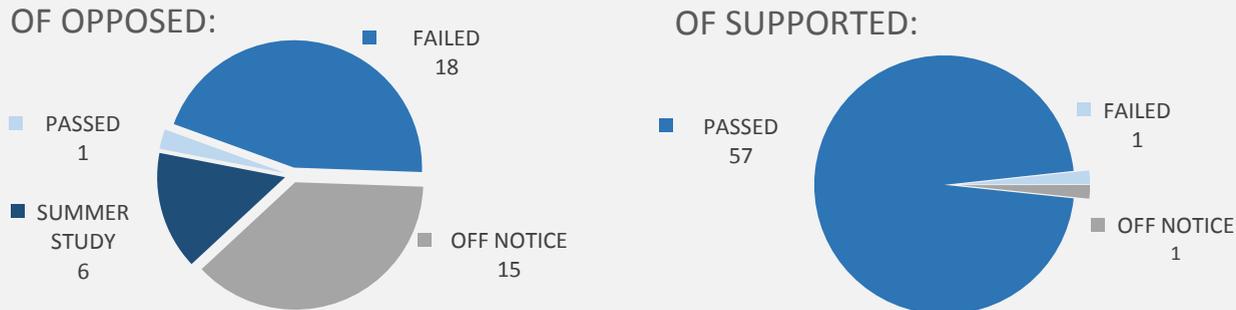


2015 - 2016 TENNESSEE CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME CHART

During the 109th General Assembly, more than 1,250 bills and resolutions were introduced. Out of this number, approximately 600 were enacted into law. Each bill was reviewed by the Tennessee Chamber to determine the potential harmful effects on the business community. Legislation determined to have a direct impact on business was reviewed by the appropriate committee and the Board of Directors to determine Chamber position. This chart lists each of the bills and the ultimate result. It is our way of being accountable to you. Here are the results:



In this chart, you will see the bills divided by areas of interest with bill and PC numbers, sponsors, a brief description, Chamber position, and final disposition. Like any good business, the Chamber works hard to earn its members a meaningful return on their investment. We hope you find this chart useful.

light blue highlighted bill indicates key vote item
 ✓ or ✗ indicates if Chamber's desired outcome was achieved

BILL	SPONSOR	SYNOPSIS	POSITION	STATUS	CHAMBER SUCCESS
AGRICULTURE					
SB696 HB1218	Niceley Towns	Created "Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act", requiring businesses to label any food for retail sale that is genetically engineered.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB1934 HB1946	Yager Lollar	Chamber agenda priority bill establishing that the Commissioner of Agriculture has and maintains sole authority to regulate seed preventing a patchwork of local government mandates in this area.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 643	✓
SB2591 HB1941	Norris Wirgau	Strengthens TN agricultural nuisance laws to ensure established farming operations are able to defend against nuisance complaints.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 728	✓
HJR218	Brooks	Expresses the legislature's support of the use of science-based data to assess the true impacts and regulation of agricultural technologies.	SUPPORT	PASSED SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	✓
COMMERCIAL LAW					
SB972 HB767	Dickerson Powell	Enacts the "For-Profit Benefit Corporation Act", successful in a number of other states, allowing business and entrepreneurs to establish business structures with a public benefit component.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 497	✓
SB2005 HB1631	Ketron Rogers	As proposed, the bill narrowed time requirements that a business must report a breach of personal information by computer hackers. Chamber supported amendments expanded the timeframes of the bill ensuring that business can comply	DEFER with Chamber amendment	PASSED PC 692	✓
SB2268 HB2388	Beavers Carter	Anti-business bill would have prohibited businesses from including mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer contracts.	OPPOSE	FAILED / OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2467 HB2549	Kelsey Durham	If enacted, bill would have raised business litigation costs, by adding an additional right of action under Tennessee's Consumer Protection Act requiring all business advertisements include any mandatory costs and fees. The bill would have severely hindered businesses' ability to make large multi-state advertisement buys.	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
CRIMINAL LAW / FIREARMS					
SB168 HB202	Bowling Keisling	Creates a civil action against any business who punishes an employee who transports and stores a firearm in a motor vehicle. Created additional legal burdens on business by allowing employees to seek an injunction or civil damages against the employer.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB463 HB200	Bell Lamberth	Establishes that there is a 1-year statute of limitations for certain criminal acts.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 388	✓
SB774 HB682	Beavers VanHuss	Revises Tennessee's firearm posting requirements, including signage and location. Requires signs prohibiting firearms to be in prominent locations by January 1, 2018.	DEFER	PASSED PC 638	✓
SB798	Roberts	U.S. Chamber and Tennessee Chamber initiative ensuring that Labor Union efforts			✗

HB1286	Durham	obstructing business passageway and driveways are not allowed in Tennessee.	SUPPORT	FAILED	✗
SB926 HB1245	Roberts Holt	U.S. Chamber and Tennessee Chamber effort to crack down on Labor Unions targeting retail merchant vandalism.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 183	✓
SB1058 HB994	Green Todd	Bill creates a new cause of action against Tennessee employers if any adverse employment action is taken against an employee who stores a firearm in their vehicle. Chamber worked to ensure that this action must be based solely on the transportation or storage of the firearm in an employer's parking lot.	OPPOSE	PASSED PC 80	✗
SB1736 HB2033	Gresham Faison	Establishes additional liability protections for landowners who do not post for firearms.	DEFER with Chamber amendments	PASSED	✓
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
SB86 HB76	Norris McCormick	Provides that actual employees of a business and not subcontractors are used to determine tax credits and other economic incentives.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 84	✓
SB302 HB1194	Yager Ragan	Bill provides adventure tourism economic development tax credits for seasonal jobs.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 759	✓
SB629 HB549	Bailey Powell	Permanently establishes the Made in Tennessee Act promoting Manufacturers and their Tennessee made products.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 131	✓
SB750 HB809	Watson Hazlewood	Establishes aeronautics economic development fund to be used to promote the growth of the aeronautics industry in Tennessee.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1027	✓
SB1645 HB1688	Briggs Hicks	Requires annual PILOT reports and other economic development agreements be filed with the comptroller of the treasury instead of the state board of equalization.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 588	✓
SB1728 HB1692	Crowe Carr	Grants industrial development corporations the authority to waive payments in lieu of taxes made by lessees if creating municipality formally delegates such authority to corporation.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 777	✓
SB1905 HB1669	Johnson Durham	Proposed bill would have created significant burden on small business requiring those with less than 6 employees to verify the work authorization status of all new employees using the E-Verify program.	OPPOSE	FAILED / OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2560 HB1556	Norris McCormick	Redirects to the Department of Tourist Development responsibilities established previously under the Tennessee Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 845	✓
HJR93	Sparks	Bill would have harmed local economic development by creating an additional requirement for industry development boards to scrutinize the value of jobs and return on investment prior to granting local tax incentives.	OPPOSE	FAILED / OFF NOTICE	✓
HJR508	Mitchell	Legislative resolution expressing Tennessee's opposition to the TransPacific Partnership (TPP) and encouraged each member of Tennessee's congressional delegation to do the same.	OPPOSE	FAILED/OFF NOTICE	✓
EDUCATION					
SB1163 HB1035	Bell Spivey	Bill established new Tennessee K-12 educational standards allowing input from local educators, businesses, and other state leaders. Bill maintained strong accountability measures.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 423	✓
SB127 HB24	Tracy Williams	Establishes the Go Build Tennessee Program to promote construction careers.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 500	✓
SB453 HB946	Gardenhire Brooks	Establishes STEM innovation hubs dedicated to serving rural areas in Tennessee. Also establishes STEM leadership training across Tennessee.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 489	✓
SB605 HB646	Norris McCormick	Part of Governor Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative establishing the Community College Reconnect Grant for students seeking an associate degree.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 363	✓
SB1194 HB1267	Beavers Womick	Instead of uniform state K-12 standards, this bill would have authorized local education agencies and school boards to establish their own K-12 education standards.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB1606 HB1968	Niceley Powers	Bill would have inserted politics into local schools by reestablishing elected local school superintendents.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB2159 HB2462	Tate Camper	Bill would have limited Tennessee's ability to assess students' progress, allowing them to opt out from taking any standardized test that is not a college admissions test.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2540 HB1537	Norris McCormick	Established the TN Student Assessment Transparency Act streamlining Tennessee's K-12 assessments, lowering testing requirements from 3 tests to 1, to be taken at grade 11	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 844	✓

SB2595 HB2117	Norris McCormick	Makes a number of positive changes to the Community College Reconnect Grant.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1081	✓
ENERGY & MINING					
SB2354 HB2295	Dickerson Beck	Would have limited private property rights, prohibiting certain quarry operations in areas of the state.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB842 HB833	Yager Powers	Establishes Tennessee primacy over the regulation of surface coal mining.	SUPPORT	OFF NOTICE	✗
ENVIRONMENT					
SB92 HB81	Norris McCormick	Enacts industry supported changes to the regulation of petroleum underground storage tanks and waste.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 292	✓
SB1325 HB868	McNally Keisling	Establishes business and legislative input to monitor Tennessee's implementation of the Clean Power Plan.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 478	✓
SB1690 HB1503	Bell Hawk	Revised certain provisions regarding the petroleum underground storage tank fund.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 877	✓
SB1915 HB1966	Dickerson Mitchell	Bill would overturn existing regulatory process for establishing the location of natural gas compressor locations, injecting politics into those decisions.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2225 HB2197	Southerland Gilmore	Requires the TDEC Commissioner to study the processing of organic waste and incorporate the findings and recommendations into the state's comprehensive solid waste management plan.	??	PASSED PC 648	
SB2491 HB2516	Bailey Williams	Directs TDEC to create a database and to operate an interactive information clearinghouse, defined as a tracking identification system for tires sold by dealers.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2542 HB1539	Norris McCormick	Requires the TDEC Commissioner to maintain separate accounts for moneys collected and expended by each division of the department. Part of Administration Package.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 741	✓
SB2543 HB1540	Norris McCormick	Revises eligibility criteria for counties that receive rebates against the solid waste disposal tipping fee surcharge in lieu of a recycling equipment grant from the 11 highest waste generating counties to the five most populous counties.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 742	✓
SB2544 HB1541	Norris McCormick	Broadens the scope of the proper disposal of used antifreeze, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid (referred to as "other automotive fluids").	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 771	✓
GOVERNMENT FUNDS / REGULATION					
SB321 HB290	Norris McCormick	Revises various Tennessee agricultural regulatory fund provisions and authorizes multiple fees to be set by rule. Chamber amendments limited the growth of these fees on industry	DEFER / Chamber Amendme	PASSED PC 485	✓
SB2389 HB2068	Bell Daniel	Establishes that state agency powers under the UAPA are to be narrowly construed. Increases burden of agencies by requiring them to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that administrative rules conform to certain specific criteria.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 859	✓
HEALTH CARE					
SB1223 HB699	Bell Sexton	TN Chamber agenda supported bill authorizing the practice of Telehealth in Tennessee. Telehealth benefits Tennessee employers saving employee time for sick leave and other medical costs. The bill further establishes that telehealth providers must be licensed and are authorized to make prescriptions and authorize certain treatments.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 261	✓
SJR93	Overbey	Authorizes implementation of Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25.		FAILED	
SJR7001	Overbey	Authorizes implementation of Insure Tennessee substantially as described in TennCare Demonstration Amendment #25.		FAILED	
SJR103	McNally	Urges the United States department of health and human services to approve a block grant in order to fund services to the existing TennCare population and to expand the Medicaid program in this State to persons with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty line.		PASSED	
SJR105	Yarbro	Authorizes the governor to do all that is necessary and appropriate to expand enrollment in Tennessee's Medicaid program.			
INSURANCE / MANDATES					

SB902 HB1006	Overbey Haynes	"Cancer Patient Choice Act" would have required certain clinical trial and other cancer treatments to be covered by TennCare and by the patient's health insurance.		TAKEN OFF NOTICE	
SB960 HB1017	Kyle Stewart	Required insurance companies to cover the treatment of autism spectrum disorders, including behavior therapy services, in ways that are at least as comprehensive as those provided for other neurological disorders.		FAILED	
SB1773 HB1441	Beavers Pody	Prohibited insurance companies from requiring more clinical evidence for proton radiation therapy than required of other radiation therapy treatments.		FAILED	
SB2091 HB2239	Ketron Lamberth	Prohibited insurance companies from requiring differing payments for anti-cancer medications that are injected or intravenously administered by a healthcare provider and anti-cancer medications that are patient administered.		FAILED	
SB2209 HB2430	Overbey Smith	"Cancer Patient Choice Act," would have established payment requirements for hypofractionated proton therapy protocols.		FAILED	
JUDICIARY					
SB1 HB142	Kelsey Lundberg	Creates the judicial confirmation committee and requires that judges appointment by the governor to fill vacancies in the appellate courts be confirmed by it.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 528	✓
SB819 HB1285	Kelsey Durham	Clarifies that a health care liability action can only be brought against health care service providers and their parent companies, excluding passive investors. Also specifies that there must be ample evidence in such cases showing that: 1) A duty of care existed and there was a breach of that duty; and 2) The breach of that duty is a legal cause of loss, injury, death, or damage to the claimant.		PASSED PC 254	
HJR72	Pody	Resolution would provide for the popular election of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of six years.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SJR63	Beavers	Resolution would provide for the popular election of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of six years.	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
SB2062 HB2234	Stevens Lundberg	Enacts the "Asbestos Bankruptcy Trust Claims Transparency Act" and the "Asbestos Claims Priorities Act", both specifying documentation and evidence that must be made available to all parties in the lawsuit.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 635	✓
LABOR LAW / REGULATORY					
SB371 HB296	Kyle Jones	Adds sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the list of characteristics protected from discrimination or harassment.		FAILED	
SB1883 HB2336	Tate Shaw	Bill would have removed the requirement that elections for civil actions must be made within 90 days of when a complaint about housing discrimination was filed.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB378 HB146	Ketron Moody	Prohibits the termination of employees because of their spending time away from work in canine search and rescue volunteer efforts.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB403 HB804	Green Pitts	Proposed that private employers be allowed to establish a preference policy for hiring certain veterans, spouses of veterans, and widows and widowers of veterans.	??	FAILED	
SB1726 HB1904	Crowe Windle	Encourages employers to provide paid or unpaid time off on Veterans Day for employees who are veterans.	??	OFF NOTICE	
SB653 HB483	Kyle Stewart	Set penalties for conditions endangering the health and safety of employees where the employer had reason to know of the condition.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2322 HB2090	Kyle Hardaway	The "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act" set the minimum wage at no less than \$15 per hour.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB2046 HB2277	Harris Turner	Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to set the state's minimum hourly wage rate at not less than \$10.10 per hour.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB1063 HB1257	Harris Turner	Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to set the state's minimum hourly wage rate at not less than \$10.10 per hour	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB659 HB579	Kyle Hardaway	The "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act" would establish a minimum wage that increases annually on July 1, up until 2017.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB662 HB552	Kyle Fitzhugh	Requires employers to provide employees with school-aged children four hours a year for involvement in school activities.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB663 HB557	Kyle Fitzhugh	Authorizes the department of labor to study the feasibility of a paid family and medical leave program.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB2298 HB1947	Kyle Clemmons	The "Tennessee Pay Equality Act" would restrict what is considered a bona fide factor of differential pay between sexes.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓

SB705	Gardenhire	Requires TACIR to create a model policy for employers to prevent abusive conduct in the workplace that would be reviewed by the general assembly.		OFF NOTICE	
SB864 HB903	Kyle Clemmons	This "Tennessee Pay Equality Act" would increase costs to employers in discrimination cases and also set rules about employer action with employees who raise concerns about equal pay.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB721 HB997	Green Durham	The "Tennessee Employee Injury Benefit Alternative" would allow an employer to follow certain actions to become exempt from the Workers' Compensation Law.		OFF NOTICE	
SB1067 HB555	Harris Fitzhugh	The "Making Work Pay Act" requires all employers to pay employees at least the federal minimum wage.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB1159 HB974	Massey Hill	The "Tennessee Pregnant Workers Fairness Act" declares various actions taken against an employee on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related condition to be sex-based discrimination.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB1066 HB768	Harris Fitzhugh	Requires employee handbooks to include the leave statute for adoption, pregnancy, and childbirth in subsequent editions.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
MISCELLANEOUS					
SB997 HB1161	Gardenhire Lynn	Proposed bill would roll back a number of regulatory requirements for lawsuit lenders raising litigation costs on business	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB749 HB779	Watson Carter	Revises various deannexing procedures and voting requirements.	??	SUMMER STUDY	
SB755 HB608	Watson Carter	Adds revisions and clarifications to Chapter 707 of the Public Acts of 2014 regarding annexation by ordinance.		PASSED PC 512	
SB1691 HB1838	Bell Durham	Mandates that any person who intentionally and without authority accesses a nonpublic area of another's premises will be liable to the owner or operator for any damages caused by the person's access.	SUPPORT		
SB1904 HB2555	Johnson Durham	Would require all employers with 6 and over employees to participate in mandatory e-verify program.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB1965 HB1830	Tracy Marsh	Makes revisions to the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act including requiring a private employer with 50 or more employees to enroll in the e-verify program.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 828	✓
SB2099 HB1952	Ketron Hazlewood	Authorizes any employee or employer who is harmed, as a result of a violation or threat of violation of the present state statutory right to a secret ballot election when seeking to designate an exclusive bargaining representative, to seek relief, including injunctive relief, in chancery court.	SUPPORT		
SB2338 HB2348	McNally Calfee	Allows all employees to waive the required 30-minute unpaid lunch break.			
SB2358 HB2372	Dickerson Shaw	Clarifies that discrimination in regards to hiring, firing, and other terms and conditions is prohibited against "any qualified individual on the basis of disability".	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
SB2481 HB2512	Green Holt	Removes the requirement that the administrator of employment security randomly verify 1,500 claimants weekly; revises certain provisions governing disqualification after sickness, disability, or pregnancy.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1063	✓
SB2496 HB2554	Roberts Durham	Increases fines and penalties for businesses that employ illegal immigrants.			
SB2556 HB1552	Norris McCormick	Revises various provisions governing seasonal employment.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 751	✓
SB2103 HB2002	Johnson Matlock	Prohibits a local government from prohibiting a private employer to request certain information on an application for employment.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 606	✓
SB2106 HB1811	Johnson Lamberth	Creates the offense of using a drone to fly within 250 feet of a critical infrastructure facility for the purpose of conducting surveillance, gathering information about the facility, or electronically recording critical infrastructure data.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 788	✓
TAX					
SB421 HB259	Jackson Reedy	Establishes the date of October 1 by which tax increment agencies must file a statement of all tax increment revenue allocations.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 71	✓
SB1312 HB418	McNally Sargent	Requires franchise and excise tax revenue growth estimates to be identified as recurring or nonrecurring.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 92	✓
SB324	Norris	Increases weight of the sales factor in the formula used to calculate franchise and	??	OFF NOTICE	

Bill Number	Author	Description	Support	Status	Outcome
HB213	McCormick	excise taxes.		OFF NOTICE	
SB603 HB644	Norris McCormick	Enacts the "Revenue Modernization Act," which included F&E apportionment change to include triple weighting of sales factor, helping TN business.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 514	✓
SB1278 HB1297	Kelsey Sparks	Expresses the legislative intent of the general assembly that employers that receive tax incentives make efforts to significantly increase the number of quality, full-time employee jobs following receipt of such tax incentive.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB1313 HB559	McNally Eldridge	This bill allows qualified manufacturers to elect to use a special formula with increased weight on the receipts factor to calculate the amount of net earnings apportioned for excise tax purposes.		OFF NOTICE	
SB1333 HB1320	McNally Matlock	Exempts from sales tax for industrial machinery certain co-generation equipment used by a manufacturing facility.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 420	✓
SB2538 HB2570	Norris McCormick	The "Rural Economic Opportunity Act of 2016" creates a fund for business tax credits in rural counties.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1019	✓
SB2558 HB1554	Norris McCormick	Revises various provisions governing estimated franchise and excises taxes and deficient or delinquent franchise and excise tax payments.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 881	✓
SB47 HB813	Green Sargent	Reduces Hall income tax from six percent to five percent and expresses legislative intent that the tax be statutorily reduced by one percent annually until elimination in 2022.		PASSED PC 1064	
SB322 HB291	Norris McCormick	Requires commissioners of economic and community development and revenue to evaluate certain tax credits and report to the governor and certain legislators.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 504	✓
SB354 HB422	Bailey Sexton	The Public Highway Maintenance Act of 2015 would have imposed additional surcharges and fees on commercial and freight vehicles.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	✓
SB1946 HB1860	Yager Carr	Allows authorized local governmental officials to access tax information to determine whether proper local taxes are being paid and if allocations from state levied taxes are being distributed correctly.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 705	✓
SB2539 HB1536	Norris McCormick	Bill establishes a new economic development incentive know as "Angel Investor Program" which allows for a Hall income tax credit of up to \$50k for certain persons investing in innovative small businesses.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1055	✓
SB106 HB95	Norris McCormick	Revises various provisions of tax law concerning disclosure of tax returns and tax information, net earnings and net losses of certain partnerships, and taxation of warranty, service, and software maintenance contracts.		PASSED PC 273	
SB752 HB467	Watson McCormick	Extends sales and use tax exemption for repair and refurbishment and related equipment of large airplanes located temporarily in Tennessee.		PASSED PC 506	
SB2537 HB1535	Norris McCormick	Economic incentive legislation expanding qualified data center sales and use exemption by reducing the capital investment requirement from \$250m to \$150m.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1001	✓
SB2570 HB2579	Norris McCormick	A Chamber agenda issue. The bill revises certain wholesaler Dept of Revenue reporting requirements that had proven to be burdensome.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 907	✓
SB2093 HB2407	Ketron Sargent	Enacts the "Public-Private Transportation Act of 2016", authorizing private business to work with government agencies on infrastructure improvements.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 975	✓
SB777 HB721	Beavers Pody	Authorizes counties to exempt certain vehicle emissions requirements. The Chamber worked to insure that industrial development will not be negatively impacted by the bill.	DEFER with Chamber amendment	PASSED PC 1028	✓
SB817 HB686	Tracy Marsh	Sets maximum weight limit for axles and axle groups for permitted, nondivisible overweight loads on freight vehicles.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 393	✓
SB1479 HB1471	Bailey Keisling	Requires that special permits issued for overweight and overdimensional vehicles allow continuous movement or travel seven days a week, during daylight and at night, and on holidays.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 923	✓
SB1634 HB1522	McNally Matlock	Bill would establish a registration and licensing program for all trailers in Tennessee, even lightweight trailers used for small business operations.	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
SB1718	Gardenhire	Proposed bill would prohibit the hauling of timber, logs, or pulpwood on U.S. Highway 11/State Route 2 in Bradley County. Tennessee Chamber is opposed to any effort that limits commerce.	OPPOSE	OFF NOTICE	
SB1964 HB1776	Tracy Marsh	Bill modernizes Tennessee's overweight and overdimensional load requirements ensuring commercial and business transportation needs are maintained.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1012	✓

SB1830 HB1892	Southerland Halford	Requires that general permits issued under the Water Quality Control Act be no more restrictive than federal requirements for management storm water post construction.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1007	✓
SB1444 HB1497	Kelsey Eldridge	Expands employment protections to include certain members of the armed services of other states.	??	OFF NOTICE	
WORKERS' COMPENSATION					
SB2580 HB2194	Norris Coley	Bill would have altered Tennessee's third-party tortfeasor and subrogation statute in workers' comp cases allowing recovery to the extent an employer has allocated fault. Tennessee Chamber had concerns with this bill and we will be working over the summer on any impacts this proposal could have on business.	OPPOSE		
SB105 HB94	Norris McCormick	Administration bill that makes various revisions to the Workers Compensation Law. Bill was reviewed by the Tennessee Chamber.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 341	✓
SB1706 HB1869	Gardenhire Farmer	Bill would have negatively impacted TN workers' compensation act by broadly authorizing attorneys to challenge rulings and benefits.	OPPOSE		
SB1758 HB1720	Green White	Bill authorizes administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation to assess a civil penalty for violations regarding rental and assignment of PPO network rights.		PASSED PC 826	
SB1880 HB2038	Johnson Eldridge	Workers' comp bill revising case management system and settlements. Tennessee Chamber provided input into the bill.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 803	✓
SB2563 HB1559	Norris McCormick	Administration workers' comp bill that made a number of revisions governing payments for permanent partial disabilities and other provisions of the workers' compensation law.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 816	✓
SB2582 HB2416	Norris Lynn	TN Chamber supported agenda that revises Tennessee's workers' compensation law by lowering the time in which employees must report injuries to 15 days and eliminating the annual one-hour drug free workplace training requirement. The bill also provides the TN workers' compensation division the authority to assist injured workers rather than them hiring attorneys, also address situations to help workers if an authorized claim is not being properly paid.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1056	✓
SB2266 HB1717	Beavers Pody	Increase business cost to hire armed security guard by requiring the completion of eight training hours, instead of four hours which is currently required.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
SB2469 HB2201	Green Daniel	The "Right to Earn a Living Act" establishes that rules or regulations for entry into any business are reviewed to ensure they do not create barriers to any profession or undue hardship to start a business.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1053	✓
SB1619 HB1955	Johnson Kane	Requires any legislative mandated health benefit must apply not only to private health insurance issuers but also to any state or local insurance program and any managed care organization contracting with the state to provide insurance through the TennCare program. This will stop proposals that target insurance mandates only on private business.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 683	✓
SB2280 HB2539	Kyle Fitzhugh	Prohibits an employer from discriminating on the basis of sex by paying any employee a wage rate less than the wage rates the employer pays to any employee of the opposite sex.	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
SB2059 HB2420	Briggs Lynn	Bill would have harmed Tennessee manufacturers and retailers by establishing a new regulatory framework in prohibiting the sale of furniture that contains a vast number of flame retardant chemicals, in children's products and residential upholstered furniture.	OPPOSE	SUMMER STUDY	✓
SJR2	Norris	Urges the U.S. Congress to support the "Regulation Freedom Amendment" establishing that new rules and regulations must go through legislative approval process instead of administrative implementation only.	SUPPORT	PASSED SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	✓