

**Legislation Impacting the
Tennessee Board of Regents and Member Institutions
*Public Acts of 2019***

Section/Description	Public Chapter
I. ACADEMICS AND WORKFORCE TRAINING	
<p>As enacted, requires an LEA to make certain interest inventories available to students in grades five through nine; requires an LEA to administer a career aptitude assessment to students in grades seven or eight.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 11, 2019.</i></p>	Public Chapter 108
<p>As enacted, authorizes qualified aliens enumerated in federal law to apply for an embalmer's license; changes the requirement that an applicant for an embalmer's license have obtained an associate of arts degree to an associate degree.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 18, 2019.</i></p>	Public Chapter 161
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing expedited issuance of certain professional licenses for certain armed forces members and their spouses to instead exempt such persons from licensure in certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019; and shall apply to all persons who make application for an exemption from licensure under this act.</i></p>	Public Chapter 195
<p>As enacted, transfers, from the state board of education to the department of education, the authority to accept and administer federal funds for the purpose of promoting public education; designates the department of education as the state board for career and technical education; grants the department of education the authority to administer annual appropriations made for career and technical education; revises other related provisions.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 25, 2019.</i></p>	Public Chapter 204
<p>As enacted, exempts a person who engages in hair braiding from the cosmetologist licensure requirements if certain requirements met.</p> <p><i>For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 25, 2019. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	Public Chapter 207

<p>As enacted, deletes age requirement and certain other requirements for persons practicing ultrasound sonography in a nonclinical 3D/4D ultrasound boutique setting.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 30, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 222</p>
<p>As enacted, requires the department of correction, in partnership with the Tennessee higher education commission and the board of regents, to develop and submit to the general assembly an annual report detailing the higher education opportunities available to eligible incarcerated individuals in this state.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 30, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 238</p>
<p>As enacted, restricts the use of the title "nurse" to those actively licensed or certified by the board of nursing; revises the provisions governing the board of nursing's enjoining violations of practicing nursing without a license.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 2, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 245</p>
<p>As enacted, creates exemptions to licensure and certification requirements, as applicable, for certain medical professionals licensed in other states who are participating in federal Innovative Readiness Training programs.</p> <p><i>For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 30, 2019. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 255</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes LEAs to offer internship programs for elective credits in the high school curriculum through cooperative agreements with local and state governments.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 304</p>
<p>As enacted, permits dental hygienists to exercise prescriptive authority that is limited to fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetic agents, and non-systemic oral antimicrobials under certain conditions; requires the board of dentistry to set educational and training requirements by rule; requires board to also determine allowable percentages of certain active ingredients in medications that may be prescribed by dental hygienists.</p> <p><i>For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 8, 2019. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 319</p>
<p>As enacted, revises requirements for certificate to practice as a registered nurse first assistant.</p> <p><i>For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 8, 2019. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 326</p>

<p>As enacted, establishes the Governor's Civics Seal to recognize public schools and local education agencies implementing high-quality civic education programs.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 330</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes a county sheriff to create an inmate reentry education program.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 346</p>
<p>As enacted, establishes the Agriculture Education and Youth Participation Task Force.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 361</p>
<p>As enacted, expands career and technical education programs to middle school grades; requires the board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.</p> <p><i>Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, and shall apply to the 2019-2020 school year and each school year thereafter. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 366</p>
<p>As enacted, requires students to pass a civics test to receive a full diploma upon graduation from high school; revises and enacts other provisions relating to civics test.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 442</p>
<p>As enacted, creates the Tennessee wine and grape board; establishes the powers and duties of the board; abolishes the viticulture advisory board; establishes certain requirements regarding use of funds received by the board.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 444</p>
<p>As enacted, requires the department of education to develop a state plan for computer science in grades K-12.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 22, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 454</p>
<p>As enacted, rewrites provisions governing limited pilot project for certification of a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center; creates limited pilot project for purpose of determining the impact of such training centers.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 24, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 489</p>

<p>As enacted, allows certain persons who receive certified occupational training as a prisoner or a student in a high school technical training class to receive equivalent credit toward an occupational license relating to the training received.</p> <p><i>For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 492</p>
<p>II. APPROPRIATIONS</p>	
<p>As enacted, authorizes the state to issue and sell bonds of up to \$124 million.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 17, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 403</p>
<p>As enacted, revises certain provisions governing the distribution of revenue under the Business Tax Act; provides, in regard to the provisions governing financing under the Development District Act of 1965, that appropriations to the department of economic and community development for economic development district grants may be reduced in the amount of \$174,000 (recurring) for the transfer of such amount to the commission on children and youth for the sole purpose of making a grant in such amount to the Tennessee CASA Association.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, May 17, 2019. Section 1 of this act shall apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 404</p>
<p>As enacted, makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019; provided, however, that any provision of this act which authorizes prior or immediate expenditures and any section or item which specifies an immediate effective date shall take effect upon becoming a law.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 405</p>
<p>III. BUSINESS, HUMAN RESOURCES, & FACILITIES</p>	
<p>As enacted, requires certain public entities to disclose to the office of the comptroller events of default; makes other related revisions.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; March 20, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 6</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes a certified athlete agent to pay expenses incurred before the signing of an agency contract under certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; March 28, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 67</p>

<p>As enacted, designates any facility on the campus of a public institution of higher education that is designed and used for school-sanctioned sporting events as a sports authority facility for purposes of consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 8, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 99</p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Dynamic Accessibility Act," which provides for a modern symbol of access for disabled persons.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law April 9, 2019, for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 112</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes the chief law enforcement officer of a state or local law enforcement agency to establish policies regarding off-duty use of law enforcement vehicles to provide an enhanced security presence at vulnerable locations, which include places of worship, schools, and parks.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 9, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 139</p>
<p>As enacted, adds private employers to the types of employers subject to the requirements of the Healthy Workplace Act; clarifies that the Healthy Workplace Act does not create a cause of action against an employer who does not adopt the model policy created by TACIR or adopt a policy that conforms to the requirements set out in TACIR'S policy.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 23, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 214</p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing determination of whether an employer-employee relationship exists in certain employment arrangements.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect January 1, 2020; and applies only to actions occurring on or after that date.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 337</p>
<p>As enacted, makes police officers and firefighters who are members of the state retirement system eligible for service retirement upon completion of 25 years of creditable service.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 362</p>
<p>As enacted, prohibits a medical review officer from considering prescriptions issued more than six months prior to a positive confirmed drug result for purposes of determining a valid prescription and immunity from actions authorized for employers to take against employees and job applicants following such a result under drug-free workplace program.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 373</p>

<p>As enacted, prohibits a current early service retiree from changing to disability retirement; makes other revisions to provisions governing the Tennessee consolidated retirement system.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 381</p>
<p>As enacted, declares the legislative intent that the dual enrollment grant be fully funded before any funds in the lottery for education account are transferred to the Tennessee Promise scholarship endowment fund.</p> <p><i>Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2019. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 463</p>
<p>As enacted, requires certain state agencies and political subdivisions to prepare and submit reports to the department of finance and administration regarding the effects of and plans for reductions in federal funding.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 24, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 480</p>
<p>IV. HEALTH & SAFETY</p>	
<p>As enacted, prohibits the dropping of items or substances from unmanned aircraft into an open-air event venue where more than 100 persons are gathered for a ticketed event; violation is Class C misdemeanor.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 40</p>
<p>As enacted, limits the places in which one may use vapor products.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 17, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 144</p>
<p>As enacted, updates the definitions of "firearm" and "antique firearm" to mirror definitions under federal law; makes various changes related to updated definitions.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 2, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 279</p>
<p>As enacted, adds physician assistants to the list of medical practitioners who are qualified to draw blood from a motor vehicle operator for evidentiary purposes in a DUI investigation.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 22, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 448</p>

<p>As enacted, creates a concealed handgun carry permit, which allows a person to carry a concealed handgun; re-designates the existing handgun carry permit as an enhanced handgun carry permit. This act does not change the law regarding who may carry a handgun on a TBR campus.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 479</p>
<p>V. LEGAL/GOVERNANCE</p>	
<p>As enacted, specifies that the entity responsible for the AED program is not civilly liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission related to the use or maintenance of the AED that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; March 28, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 61</p>
<p>As enacted, requires that personally identifying information contained in motor vehicle accident reports be treated as confidential information and restricted from public disclosure; creates exceptions; revises other provisions governing motor vehicle accident reports.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 111</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes the comptroller to investigate Class A and B felonies related to private funds if there is a request by the attorney general and reporter or the district attorney general, the investigation is in conjunction with an open investigation by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, and an investigation would be in the public interest.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 9, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 133</p>
<p>As enacted, allows a party or non-party making certain filings with a court to redact portions of a person's social security number, taxpayer identification number, birth date, or financial account number or the name of a minor when included in the filing, unless such information is otherwise required by statute, rule, or order.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; April 17, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 151</p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Public Participation Act," which creates a process by which a person may petition a court to dismiss a legal action that is based on the person's exercise of the right to free speech, right to petition, or right of association. This act does not apply to TBR institutions or employees.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019; and shall apply to any legal action commenced on or after the effective date of this act.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 185</p>

<p>As enacted, provides that any legislation of the house of representatives that creates an exception to the requirement deeming records of public entities to be open for inspection by the public must be referred to the government operations committee according to the rules of the house of representatives.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 221</p>
<p>As enacted, makes various changes to state education laws; revises certain duties of the commissioner of education; transfers certain duties from the department of education to local boards of education; transfers certain duties from the state board of education to local education agencies.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 2, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 248</p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes LEAs to establish a threat assessment team for the purpose of developing comprehensive, intervention-based approaches to prevent violence, manage reports of potential threats, and create a system that fosters a safe, supportive, and effective school environment.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 394</p>
<p>As enacted, requires LEAs and public charter schools to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy; requires the department of education to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop a trauma-informed discipline policy.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 21, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 421</p>
<p>As enacted, declares settlement agreement provisions that have purpose or effect of concealing identities of persons relating to a claim as void and unenforceable and contrary to public policy of this state if settlement agreement is entered into by governmental entity; maintains confidentiality of victim's identity if the claim involves sexual harassment or sexual assault.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 21, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 425</p>
<p>As enacted, continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state after January 1, 2018; schedules the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers Rule 0660-11-.05, relative to professional conduct, and filed in the office of secretary of state on December 12, 2018, to expire on May 21, 2019; specifies that, effective July 1, 2019, the department of revenue is no longer prohibited from collecting internet sales or use taxes pursuant to Rule 1320-05-01-.129(2).</p> <p><i>Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2019. All other sections of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 21, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 429</p>
<p>As enacted, replaces the awarding of treble damages under the Public Employee Political Freedom Act of 1980 with the awarding of compensatory damages.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 22, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 446</p>

<p>As enacted, replaces the department of economic and community development with the Tennessee higher education commission as the state agency charged with administering grants related to work-based learning programs; revises related provisions. This act deletes the provision enacted last year that required that public higher education institutions maintain liability insurance for work-based learning students.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 468</p>
<p>As enacted, designates the fiscal review committee as a joint office of the general assembly; revises other provisions governing the committee.</p> <p><i>Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, May 24, 2019; and Section 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 476</p>
<p>As enacted, enhances the penalty for destruction or alteration of governmental records from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019; and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 495</p>
<p>VI. SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID</p>	
<p>As enacted, requires public postsecondary institutions to classify the spouse or dependent child of an active member of the United States armed forces transferred out of state on military orders as an in-state student for tuition purposes.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law April 3, 2019; and shall apply to tuition classifications for the 2019-2020 academic year and each academic year thereafter.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 80</p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education Act; specifies that financial assistance received for all dual enrollment courses attempted after the fourth dual enrollment course reduces any subsequent award of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 203</p>
<p>As enacted, adds William R. Moore College of Technology as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee promise scholarship.</p> <p><i>For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law May 10, 2019. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2019. Section 2 of this act shall take effect August 1, 2023.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 385</p>

<p>As enacted, enacts "Michelle's Law," which extends a 25 percent discount on the tuition to any state institution of higher education to every child under 24 years of age whose parent died while employed as a full-time certified teacher in a public school in Tennessee or as a full-time technology coordinator in an LEA in Tennessee.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 10, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 402</p>
<p>As enacted, increases, from \$600 to \$1,000, the amount of a Tennessee middle college scholarship awarded each semester to an eligible student for full-time attendance.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, May 24, 2019; and shall apply to students seeking middle college scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year and each academic year thereafter.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 469</p>
<p>As enacted, increases from one to two the number of additional dual enrollment courses a student may take under a dual enrollment grant under certain circumstances; allows an eligible student to receive a dual enrollment grant for no more than 10 courses.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, at 12:02 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 482</p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program."</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 24, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 506</p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Sports Gaming Act."</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law; May 24, 2019; for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019; for all other purposes.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 507</p>
<p>VII. STUDENT SERVICES</p>	
<p>As enacted, requires a board of education to allow a student who is the dependent child of a member of the United States armed forces and who does not reside within the boundaries of the school district to enroll in a public school within the school district under certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law April 9, 2019; and shall apply to students seeking enrollment in a public school in this state for the 2019-2020 school and each school year thereafter.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 138</p>

<p>As enacted, requires agencies to ensure the provision of appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if the agency requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination; not applicable to an examination mandated and administered pursuant to federal law.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act May 2, 2019. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020, for all other purposes.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 243</p>
<p>As enacted, requires a degree-granting postsecondary educational institution to designate a staff member to serve as a homeless-student liaison to assist homeless students who are enrolled in the institution, and to develop a plan to provide homeless students who are enrolled in the institution access to housing resources, if the institution offers housing resources.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 266</p>
<p>As enacted, requires LEAs to provide students and parents of students enrolled in grades 9-12 with certain information regarding college and career experiences.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 274</p>
<p>As enacted, requires each state institution of higher education to do the following: develop and implement a suicide prevention plan for students, faculty, and staff; and provide the plan to students, faculty, and staff at least once each semester.</p> <p><i>This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.</i></p>	<p>Public Chapter 455</p>