

**Legislation Impacting  
The College System of Tennessee, Its Member Institutions,  
and Higher Education in Tennessee  
*Public Acts of 2021***

Abstract/Effective Date	Public Chapter
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**I. ACADEMICS AND WORKFORCE TRAINING**

As enacted, requires applicants for a technician certificate of registration, master barber certificate of registration, barber instructor certificate of registration, cosmetologist license, manicuring license, cosmetology instructor license, aesthetician license, or natural hair styling license to obtain up to one hour of online or in-person training by a nonprofit on domestic violence.

[Public Chapter 117](#)

*Effective upon becoming law (April 13, 2021) for rulemaking purposes. Otherwise effective January 1, 2022.*

As enacted, requires persons working with certain electrical equipment to meet certain requirements; makes that electrical equipment subject to inspection by a state-certified electrical inspector; prohibits liability against certain electric systems arising from those persons working with that electrical equipment; requires that copies of the national standards be available for public viewing.

[Public Chapter 177](#)

*Effective upon becoming law - April 20, 2021.*

As enacted, authorizes unlicensed graduates and students of certain medical training programs to provide telehealth services as long as those graduates and students adhere to the same standards for the provision of telehealth services that licensed medical professionals must meet.

[Public Chapter 179](#)

*Effective upon becoming law - April 20, 2021.*

As enacted, requires each high school to designate an apprenticeship training program contact; requires the department of education to compile and publish a list of the apprenticeship program contacts.

[Public Chapter 206](#)

*Effective as of July 1, 2021.*

As enacted, directs the department to provide career and technical education opportunities for students in middle school; requires an LEA to provide students in seventh or eighth grade with information on available career and technical education programs upon administering a career aptitude assessment.

[Public Chapter 271](#)

*Effective upon becoming law - April 30, 2021.*

<p>As enacted, requires an LEA or public charter school to notify a student's parent or guardian prior to commencing instruction of a sexual orientation or gender identity curriculum; permits a parent or guardian to excuse the parent's or guardian's student from a sexual orientation or gender identity curriculum, and prohibits the LEA or charter school from penalizing an excused student.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 3, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 281</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires the department to submit a report to the education administration committee and education instruction committee of the house on the high school graduation rate and to annually report on the state report card information related to state, LEA, and school level indicators of postsecondary readiness by graduating class.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 4, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 323</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes a graduate nurse to engage in the practice of professional nursing without a license for a limited period of time if certain conditions are met.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 4, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 340</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing contraception information provided as part of instruction of the family life curriculum.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 380</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes counties to develop and operate transition centers pursuant to interlocal agreements; authorizes a transition center to partner with a nonprofit organization that provides programming designed to reduce recidivism.</p> <p><i>Effective as of January 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 390</a></p>
<p>As enacted, establishes provisions governing the practice of certified medical assistants.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 11, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 396</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Registered Apprenticeship Program Act."</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 11, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 397</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Reentry Success Act of 2021".</p> <p><i>Sections 2 through 4 are effective upon becoming law (May 12, 2021) for administrative purposes and otherwise effective on January 1, 2022. Sections 5 through 15 effective July 1, 2021. Section 18 effective upon becoming law (May 12, 2021) for rulemaking purposes and otherwise effective October 1, 2021. All other sections effective upon becoming law - May 12, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 410</a></p>
<p>As enacted, deletes several obsolete provisions and makes various substantive changes to education laws; establishes parameters for the teaching of certain concepts related to race and sex.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 493</a></p>

<p>As enacted, makes various changes affecting certain professional boards and professions, including court reporters, motor vehicle dealers, barbers, certain apprentices, scrap metal dealers, locksmiths, and other professions.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 26, 2021) for rulemaking purposes. Otherwise effective October 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 549</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Work Ready Opportunity Program."</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 552</a></p>
<p><b>II. APPROPRIATIONS</b></p>	
<p>As enacted, requires each state agency to submit, on or before February 1 of each year, a report to members of the finance, ways and means committees summarizing amounts of federal block grants and purposes for which funds were expended, including any unexpended or returned portions.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 22, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 192</a></p>
<p>As enacted, makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 454</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes the state to issue and sell bonds of up to \$126 million.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 17, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 455</a></p>
<p>As enacted, establishes a sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients and on prepared food (excluding alcoholic beverages) from Friday, July 30, 2021, through Thursday, August 5, 2021; revises qualified work-based learning grant program provisions.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 456</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes the index of appropriations from state tax revenues for 2021-2022 fiscal year to exceed the index of estimated growth in the state's economy by \$431,600,000 or 2.37 percent.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 17, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 457</a></p>
<p><b>III. BUSINESS, HUMAN RESOURCES, &amp; FACILITIES</b></p>	
<p>As enacted, authorizes the court of workers' compensation claims to award additional attorneys' fees and costs incurred when an employer wrongfully denies a claim or wrongfully fails to timely initiate benefits to which the employee or dependent is entitled for injuries that occur between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 152</a></p>

<p>As enacted, authorizes a department, institution, office, or agency of the state to enter into an agreement with a third party to collect state funds on its behalf under which the third party is permitted to deduct its service fee from the funds collected prior to deposit when such agreement is approved in accordance with present law governing procurement; requires the chief procurement officer to file an annual report listing such approved contracts with the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the house and senate.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 20, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 172</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes a state department or agency to update signage on state property indicating accessibility for persons with disabilities within existing resources.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 20, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 173</a></p>
<p>As enacted, makes certain changes to the types of procurement contracts that are subject to review and approval by the comptroller of the treasury; alters the timing of such review and approval.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 22, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 193</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes state agencies to contract with a licensed provider of child care services to offer child care services as an option for the agency's officers and employees.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 28, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 238</a></p>
<p>As enacted, clarifies that when members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System elect to establish retirement service through monthly installments, the members can do so over the length of service being established.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 28, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 251</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing information to be filed by a plaintiff in an asbestos action; requires dismissal without prejudice of plaintiff's asbestos claim as to any defendant whose product or premises is not identified in the required information form; requires that plaintiff's asbestos claim be dismissed without prejudice if plaintiff fails to provide the required information.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 265</a></p>
<p>As enacted, deletes the Paperwork Reduction and Simplification Act of 1976; redistributes the recordkeeping responsibilities for the state protest committee; revises other various provisions governing state contracts.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 3, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 279</a></p>
<p>As enacted, establishes state employment protections for members of the national guard, state guard, and civil air patrol called to active state duty equivalent to the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) for members of the national guard called to federal active service.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 284</a></p>

<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing statewide building construction safety standards.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 4, 2021) for local government administration purposes. Otherwise effective September 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 332</a></p>
<p>As enacted, prohibits a public institution of higher education in this state from hosting a Confucius Institute or accepting a gift from, or entering a contract with, a foreign source in certain circumstances; enacts other related provisions.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 344</a></p>
<p>As enacted, prohibits members of the general assembly from bidding on, selling, or offering for sale any service to a state entity or to have a financial interest in the bidding, selling, or offering for sale of any service to a state entity; makes the prohibition applicable during the tenure of the member's office and for six months thereafter; creates certain exceptions; violation results in disqualification from holding certain offices; enacts other related provisions.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 347</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes an intercollegiate athlete at a four-year public or private institution of higher education located in this state, other than an institution of higher education governed by the board of regents of the state university and community college system, to earn compensation for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness under certain conditions.</p> <p><i>Effective as of January 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 400</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires an insurer to include cost sharing amounts paid by the enrollee, or on behalf of the enrollee by another person, when calculating an enrollee's contribution to an applicable cost sharing requirement, in certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 405</a></p>
<p>As enacted, increases from \$40 to \$50 the minimum amount that the state will match to an employee's optional retirement plan.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 416</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing criminal history checks of certain persons who come in direct contact with school children or children in a child care program.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 12, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 417</a></p>
<p>As enacted, provides 36 hours of yearly leave for a state employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability of 30 percent or more to be used to attend appointments related to the service-connected disability.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 427</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires that any state community colleges that are within the service area of Roane State Community College, located in Campbell County, and located within five miles of Interstate 75 be signed.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 13, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 438</a></p>

<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Accommodations for All Children Act."</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 452</a></p>
<p>As enacted, 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 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, if the entity or business maintains such a policy.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 453</a></p>
<p>As enacted, ends the BEST college savings program that permitted tuition units to be purchased under a tuition contract; provides for the use, refund, or rollover to another college savings plan of all funds remaining under any tuition contract.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 18, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 469</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes a nonprofit organization to conduct a bingo game as its annual event for purposes of the Tennessee Nonprofit Gaming Law.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 473</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes, from May 25, 2021, to July 1, 2023, law enforcement officers who have been retired for at least nine months from TCRS, from any superseded system administered by the state, or from any local retirement fund to accept employment as a law enforcement officer without loss or suspension of retirement benefits if certain conditions met.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 499</a></p>
<p>As enacted, adds provisions relative to COVID-19 response to authorize the commissioner of labor and workforce development to take certain actions in regard to unemployment compensation and to authorize the substitution of a copy of certain documentation in regard to transport by sheriff or transportation agent of a person for involuntary admission for mental health treatment.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 25, 2021) with Sections 1 and 2 terminating on July 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 538</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions governing benefits formula under the Tennessee Employment Security Law.</p> <p><i>Sections 1 and 2 effective December 1, 2023. All other sections effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 560</a></p>
<p>As enacted, clarifies that the fiscal review committee must be allowed to review noncompetitive procurement agreements; requires the chief procurement officer to report procurement contracts monthly to the fiscal review committee; revises provisions governing public employees accepting employment with respondent to a solicitation or contractor in certain situations; revises other provisions related to state contracts.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 562</a></p>

<p>As enacted, authorizes the treasurer to establish a length of service award program for eligible employers to participate in a deferred compensation plan for bona fide volunteers.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 27, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 594</a></p>
<p><b>IV. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b></p>	
<p>As enacted, creates an exception to the offense of unlawful carrying of a firearm, if a person meets age requirements, lawfully possesses the handgun, and is in a place that the person is lawfully present; revises other firearm statutes.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 108</a></p>
<p>As enacted, permits school child abuse coordinators, school teachers, school officials, and other school personnel to provide information relevant to suspected child abuse or child sexual abuse to the child's parents when required by federal law or regulation, the parent to whom the notification is made is not alleged to be the perpetrator or in any way complicit in the abuse or neglect, and the notification is done in conjunction with the department of children's services.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 20, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 161</a></p>
<p>As enacted, expands the type of equipment for which law enforcement agencies may exchange confiscated weapons to include any equipment suitable for use for legitimate law enforcement purposes.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 166</a></p>
<p>As enacted, redefines "crisis intervention" and "crisis response services" for purposes of the privileged communications.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 245</a></p>
<p>As enacted, adds certain cyber security-related information to the information that the state-level safety team must include in the template safety plan that LEAs must adopt as part of their comprehensive district-wide and building-level school safety plans.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 4, 2021) for administrative purposes. Otherwise effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 335</a></p>
<p>As enacted, states that a law enforcement officer meeting certain qualifications who makes an arrest outside of the law enforcement officer's jurisdiction has the same legal status and immunity from suit as a state or local law enforcement officer making an arrest within the state or local law enforcement officer's jurisdiction if certain circumstances are met.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 4, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 336</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Jim Coley Protection for Rape Survivors Act."</p> <p><i>Sections 6 and 10 effective upon becoming law - May 11, 2021. All other sections effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 362</a></p>

<p>As enacted, requires schools, nursery schools, preschools, child care facilities, and public institutions of higher education to include information on immunization exemptions on any communications to students or parents regarding immunization requirements.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 369</a></p>
<p>As enacted, creates the Class A misdemeanor of communicating a threat to commit an act of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity; creates the Class B misdemeanor of knowing failure to report a threat of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 395</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes law enforcement officers, district attorneys general, and the attorney general to seek criminal process for the production of wire and electronic communications and transactional records pertaining to the communications; sets guidelines for the service of and compliance with the criminal process.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 421</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Firearm Protection Act."</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 13, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 444</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises various provisions of the Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 18, 2021) with a termination date of July 1, 2024.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 462</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires law enforcement agencies to develop certain policies regarding the use of force; prohibits magistrates from issuing no-knock warrants; establishes certain reporting requirements.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 18, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 489</a></p>
<p>As enacted, establishes certain restrictions on requiring persons to be vaccinated for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 513</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Firearms Information Privacy Protection Act."</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 540</a></p>
<p>As enacted, repeals private acts enacting county boards of health or departments of health; requires commissioner of health to report information regarding certain quarantines to the joint government operations committee, the health committee of the house, and the health and welfare committee of the senate; limits the county health officer's quarantine power; prohibits state or local governmental official, entity, department, or agency requiring physical documentation or digital storage of protected health information related to an individual's immunization or vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of entering upon the premises of a state or local government entity, or utilizing services provided by a state or local government entity.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 550</a></p>



<p>As enacted, adds use of vapor products to the acts that are prohibited in enclosed public places under the Non-Smoker Protection Act; revises provision whereby a local government may prohibit smoking by a distance of up to 50 feet from a hospital's entrance unless the application of a 50-foot limit would place hospital patients in a potentially unsafe condition to make the provision mandatory instead of discretionary and to also apply to the use of vapor products.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 551</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Second Amendment Privacy and Protection Act of 2021,"</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 554</a></p>
<p><b>V. LEGAL/GOVERNANCE</b></p>	
<p>As enacted, prohibits state entities subject to review under the Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law from promulgating rules or adopting policies to exempt members of such entities from rulemaking or policy requirements solely by virtue of their status as members.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - March 23, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 37</a></p>
<p>As enacted, extends the Tennessee council for career and technical education to June 30, 2026.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - March 29, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 45</a></p>
<p>As enacted, extends and expands provisions regarding the process of selecting persons to fill certain positions at a public institution of higher education in this state.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 7, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 92</a></p>
<p>As enacted, specifies that local boards of education and governing bodies of public charter schools, as applicable, have the sole authority to open or close schools during a public health emergency; authorizes the board or governing body to delegate that authority to the director of schools or school administrator, as applicable.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 7, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 96</a></p>
<p>As enacted, confers immunity from civil liability upon a teacher, principal, school employee, or school bus driver properly using reasonable force to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another person.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 188</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes, from April 28, 2021, to July 1, 2025, a records custodian to petition a court to enjoin a person who makes a request to view or copy a public record with the intent to disrupt government operations from making records requests.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 28, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 242</a></p>

<p>As enacted, changes the attorney general and reporter's review of an emergency rule, from not disapproving solely on the basis of failure to meet statutory criteria to requiring that the attorney general not approve an emergency rule that does not meet statutory criteria for adoption.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 291</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires a department with rules promulgated and published on the secretary of state's website or with an administratively attached agency with rules so promulgated and published to submit, by December 1, 2023, and every eight years thereafter, a report of the department's chapters in effect as of July 1 of the year that the report is due to the chairs of the house and senate government operations committees.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 328</a></p>
<p>As enacted, changes the notice requirement for meetings conducted under the Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law, from 10 days prior to the hearing in newspapers of general circulation to seven days prior to such hearing on the general assembly website.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 404</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Personal Privacy Protection Act."</p> <p><i>Effective as of October 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 516</a></p>
<p>As enacted, limits an administrative agency's authority to promulgate rules without a public hearing.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 531</a></p>
<p>As enacted, increases from 75 to 90 days that amount of time for which the house or senate government operations committee may stay a rule; authorizes additional 90-day stays by committees acting jointly in certain circumstances.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 532</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act."</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 553</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises provisions regarding confidentiality of certain information in records of person arrested or charged but not convicted of an offense and information in accident reports.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 555</a></p>
<p>As enacted, transfers all powers and duties regarding the Tennessee Sports Gaming Act to the sports wagering advisory council.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 27, 2021) for rulemaking and administrative purposes. Otherwise effective as of January 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 593</a></p>

## VI. SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

<p>As enacted, declares an act of the general assembly enacted after January 1, 2021, that mandates a discount or waiver of the tuition or fees charged at public institutions of higher education unenforceable against an institution affected by the act unless the general assembly annually appropriates a sum sufficient to fully fund the discount or waiver program at the institution; requires each public institution of higher education to report certain information concerning discount and waiver programs.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - April 13, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 120</a></p>
<p>As enacted, extends eligibility for tuition reimbursement provided to members of the Tennessee national guard under the STRONG Act of 2017 to include technical certificates and diplomas and certain graduate programs; extends, from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2025, the date on which the act will be repealed.</p> <p><i>Section 6 effective upon bill becoming law (April 22, 2021). First five sections effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 216</a></p>
<p>As enacted, revises various provisions of the helping heroes grants.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 368</a></p>
<p>As enacted, adds William R. Moore College of Technology as an eligible institution for receipt of dual enrollment grants.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 392</a></p>
<p>As enacted, removes the requirement that a home school student must be enrolled as a home school student for a full year to be eligible for certain state lottery scholarships; adds those who complete six credit hours of dual enrollment courses to be eligible for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 467</a></p>
<p>As enacted, enacts the "Students Right to Know Act."</p> <p><i>Effective as of July 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 507</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires the commission to establish a four-year pilot program to award completion grants to Tennessee Promise scholarship students who have an immediate financial need or who are experiencing a financial hardship that may prevent the student from completing a postsecondary degree or credential.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 512</a></p>
<p>As enacted, increases from \$1,000 to \$1,250 the amount awarded each semester to a full-time student receiving the middle college scholarship.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 25, 2021. First applies to 2021/22 academic year.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 529</a></p>

<p>As enacted, clarifies that the dual enrollment program will award the in-state tuition and mandatory fees cost up to a maximum amount for the first four courses taken and makes other related changes.</p> <p><i>Effective as of January 1, 2022.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 536</a></p>
<p><b>VII. STUDENT SERVICES</b></p>	
<p>As enacted, designates certain licensing periods as provisional licensing periods; requires the department to establish and implement a quality assessment and rating system to evaluate child care agencies; makes various other changes relative to licensing of child care agencies.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law (May 3, 2021) for rulemaking purposes. Otherwise effective July 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 280</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires the commissioner of human services to designate a specific departmental staff person to serve, in addition to the staff person's other duties, as a liaison to provide an official, uniform message to child care providers, community stakeholders, department child care staff, and partner agencies, using all appropriate channels of communication.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 12, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 406</a></p>
<p>As enacted, authorizes the department to utilize an enrollment-based child care subsidy payments program that complies with all applicable federal funding requirements and legal authority and that seeks to provide adequate, stable payments to providers of child care services by establishing effective payment practices based upon accurate time and attendance systems.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 18, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 484</a></p>
<p>As enacted, requires the department, working jointly with the higher education commission, the board of regents, and public institutions of higher education, to establish a foster care youth outreach pilot program at a minimum of five public institutions of higher education.</p> <p><i>Effective upon becoming law - May 26, 2021.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Public Chapter 547</a></p>