



# TENNESSEE FIREARMS ASSOCIATION

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## Tennessee Firearms Association

Calendar Report – April 17, 2023 to May 1, 2023

Mon 4/17/23 4:00pm - House Chamber, House Floor

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25. **HB1202** **EDUCATION: Authorization of a school staff member to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds.**  
Williams R.
- Sponsors:** Authorizes a faculty or staff member of a school to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds subject to certain conditions, including obtaining an enhanced handgun carry permit and completing annual training.
- Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (006139) permits a faculty or staff member employed by a LEA to possess and carry a concealed handgun on the school grounds. Requires the faculty or staff member to possess a valid handgun carry permit, not be prohibited from carrying a handgun under state or federal laws, have the written authorization of the chief of the appropriate law enforcement agency to carry or possess a concealed handgun on school grounds, and have successfully completed 40 hours in basic training in school policing when the authorization to carry a handgun on school grounds is issued and each year following. Requires the director of school to notify the chief of the appropriate law enforcement agency of the authorization of a faculty or staff member to carry a concealed handgun. Requires specific identifying information and documents to remain confidential. Prohibits the faculty or staff member from carrying the handgun openly or in stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, in meetings regarding disciplinary or tenure issues, medical or health offices, or any location where a provision of state or federal law prohibits the carrying of a handgun. House Education Administration Committee amendment 1 (006894) authorizes a person employed by a local education agency (LEA) as a faculty or staff member at a school within the LEA to possess and carry a concealed handgun on the grounds of the school at which the person is assigned. Establishes requirements for a faculty or staff member at a school within the LEA to possess and carry a concealed handgun on the grounds of the school. Establishes that an LEA and law enforcement agency are immune from claims for monetary damages that arise solely from, or that are related to, a faculty or staff member's use of, or failure to use, a handgun. Establishes that the section does not apply to schools within the Department of Children's Services LEA or schools within the Department of Correction's LEA.
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 10, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23
- Progress:**
- Senate Status:** 04/04/23 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to first calendar of 2024.
- House Status:** 04/14/23 - Set for House Floor 04/17/23.
- Executive Status:**
- Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Floor ;
- Public Chapter:**
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 8, relative to schools.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:**
- Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation
- Position:**
- Priority:**
- Comment:**
- rows:**  
SB1325 - P. Bailey - 04/04/23 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to first calendar of 2024.

Mon 4/17/23 4:00pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Floor

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20. **SB1491**  
Rose P.
- CRIMINAL LAW: Sheriff and sheriff's deputy are law enforcement officers for purposes of criminal code.**  
**Sponsors:** Clarifies that a sheriff and sheriff's deputy are law enforcement officers for purposes of the criminal code. Clarifies that a deputy jailer is a law enforcement officer only for the purposes of enhancement of a crime under the criminal code. Broadly captioned.  
**Amendment Summary:**  
**Subcommittee Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 9, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** H: 02/01/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Floor 04/17/23.  
**House Status:** 04/03/23 - House passed.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Floor ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.  
**AG Opinion:**  
**Cosponsors:**  
**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation  
**Position:**  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:**  
**rows:**  
HB1013 - R. Grills - 04/03/23 - House passed.

Tue 4/18/23 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

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1. **HB1444**  
Lamberth  
W.
- CRIMINAL LAW: Handgun carry permit holder change of address notification.**  
**Sponsors:** Authorizes a handgun permit holder to notify the department of safety of a change in residence by electronic means.  
**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005221) requires a person committing the offense of driving under the influence (DUI) as a fifth, sixth, or subsequent offense to serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (007341) deletes the authorization for a judge to sentence a first-time offender in Davidson County to serve 200 hours of community service in lieu of the minimum 48-hour jail sentence for DUI with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) between 0.08 and 0.19 percent, or the 7- consecutive days sentence for DUI with a BAC of 0.20 percent or more. Requires the operator of a noncommercial, not-for-hire pickup truck to ensure that no material or hard debris, including gravel, rocks, or dried mud, on the noncommercial, not-for-hire pickup truck falls or blows off and comes into contact with the roadway or another motor vehicle while the pickup truck is being operated. Establishes that the violation of such requirement is a Class C misdemeanor. Requires a person committing the offense of vehicular homicide and leaving the scene of an accident to serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits.  
**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Criminal Justice Sub Amendments\\_04.04.2023.pdf](#)  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.  
**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41 and Title 55, relative to criminal law.  
**AG Opinion:**  
**Cosponsors:**  
**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation  
**Position:**  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:** This legislation was filed as a "caption" bill likely to mislead citizens on the sponsor's or

**sponsors' true intent. Compare the original bill language with the amendment. This type of abuse and deception makes it difficult to track bills or trust the captions that legislators originally place on bills.**

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SB1349 - J. Lundberg - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

Tue 4/18/23 9:00am - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

HEADER: Behind the Budget. MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: [Email All](#); CHAIR [G. Hicks \(R\)](#); [C. Baum \(R\)](#); [S. Campbell \(R\)](#); [K. Camper \(D\)](#); [M. Cochran \(R\)](#); [J. Faison \(R\)](#); [J. Garrett \(R\)](#); [D. Hawk \(R\)](#); [P. Hazlewood \(R\)](#); [H. Love Jr. \(D\)](#); [J. Moon \(R\)](#); [J. Shaw \(D\)](#); [S. Whitson \(R\)](#); [R. Williams \(R\)](#) STAFF: Kara McMahan, Executive Assistant; Mirna Tunjic, Research Analyst; Dakota Gordon, Research Analyst  
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3. **HB1030** **CRIMINAL LAW: Administrative office of courts report on number of appeals files regarding repeat violent offender.**  
Sexton  
C.
- Sponsors:** Requires the administrative office of the courts to report the number of appeals filed appealing the finding that a criminal defendant is a repeat violent offender by no later than February 1 of each year to the senate judiciary committee and the house criminal justice committee. Broadly captioned.
- Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (006091) creates an additional repeat violent offender sentencing system and requires the court to determine the appropriate sentencing framework to which an offender should be sentenced as a repeat violent offender. Expands the offenses under which a defendant who is convicted of a violent offense, which occurred on or after July 1, 2023, and the combination of the strikes allocated for the violent offense and the defendant's prior convictions equals three or more strikes. Requires a defendant to receive at least two strikes from offenses outlined as one strike offense and at least three total strikes prior to being sentenced to imprisonment for life. Outlines 46 offenses that result in an offender receiving 1 strike and 15 offenses that result in an offender receiving 0.5 strikes. Establishes that any other felony offense results in an offender receiving 0.25 strikes. Defines prior conviction as a defendant convicted of a violent offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2023, but before the violent offense for which the defendant is to be sentenced. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (007132) creates an additional repeat violent offender sentencing system and requires the court to determine the appropriate sentencing framework to which an offender should be sentenced as a repeat violent offender. Expands the offenses under which a defendant who is convicted of a violent offense, which occurred on or after July 1, 2023, and the combination of the strikes allocated for the violent offense and the defendant's prior convictions equals three or more strikes. Requires a defendant receive at least two strikes from offenses outlined as one strike offenses and at least three total strikes prior to being sentenced to imprisonment for life. Outlines 49 offenses that result in an offender receiving 1 strike and 15 offenses that result in an offender receiving 0.5 strikes. Establishes that any other felony offense and a misdemeanor conviction for the facilitation, criminal attempt, solicitation and conspiracy to commit any 1 strike offense, results in an offender receiving 0.25 strikes. Requires a court to deduct 0.5 strikes from the defendant's total number of strikes accumulated for 0.5 and 0.25 strike offenses for each three-year period of time a defendant has had no criminal convictions. Defines prior conviction as a defendant convicted of a violent offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2023, but before the violent offense for which the defendant is to be sentenced.
- Subcommittee Amendments:** [Criminal Justice Sub Amendments 03.14.2023.pdf](#)
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23
- Progress:**
- Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.
- House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.
- Executive Status:**
- Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;
- Public Chapter:**
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to repeat offenders.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. Doggett, Clay, Sen. Lundberg, Jon
- Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation
- Position:**
- Priority:**
- Comment:** : This legislation was filed as a "caption" bill likely to mislead citizens on the sponsor's or sponsors' true intent. Compare the original bill language with the amendment. This type of abuse and deception makes it difficult to track bills or trust the captions that legislators originally place on bills.
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- SB1193 - R. McNally - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.
42. **HB1307** **CRIMINAL LAW: Voucher program to offset costs of person taking a first time handgun safety course.**  
Kumar  
S.
- Sponsors:** Authorizes the department of safety to create a voucher program for the purpose of offsetting the cost of persons taking a handgun safety course for the first time. Requires the department to report the number of courses taken using vouchers to the senate judiciary committee and house criminal justice committee. Broadly captioned.
- Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2023) Increase State Expenditures \$547,100/FY23-24/Handgun Permit Reserve \$547,100/FY24-25/Handgun Permit Reserve

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/24/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Floor 04/18/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Floor ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 39, relative to handgun safety courses.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Bricken, Rush, Sen. Campbell, Heidi, Rep. Dixie, Vincent, Rep. Farmer, Andrew, Rep. Gant, Ron, Rep. Hicks, Gary, Rep. Parkinson, Antonio, Rep. Rudder, Iris, Rep. Sparks, Mike, Rep. Wright, Dave

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:**

**Comment:** **OPPOSE – diversion of handgun permit holder fees to a program to teach others handgun safety rather than to refund the money.**

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SB360 - B. Massey - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Floor 04/18/23.

78. HB578  
Bricken  
R.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Eliminates application and processing fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit.**

**Sponsors:** Eliminates the application and processing fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit.

**Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (004022) removes the application fee for an enhanced handgun permit. Reduces, from \$300 to \$200, the application fee for a lifetime enhanced handgun permit. Eliminates the portions of the application fee for enhanced and lifetime enhanced handgun permits that are distributed to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and local sheriffs. Effective January 1, 2024. Repeals January 1, 2027.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Civil Justice Sub Amendment 02.21.2023.pdf](#)

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2023) Decrease State Revenue \$4,009,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division \$702,600/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Decrease State Expenditures \$322,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Decrease Local Revenue \$220,400/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$30,000 in FY23-24.

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 01/30/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 02/06/23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to enhanced handgun carry permits.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:**

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:** The bill has a narrow caption and is written to only apply to enhanced permits. As filed, the bill removes the fees charged by the state for enhance permits and renewals.

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SB1121 - J. Bowling - 02/06/23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

91. HB373  
Gillespie  
J.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Adds criminal offenses of aggravated assault with a firearm to nonprobated sentences.**

**Sponsors:** Adds the criminal offenses of aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury to another or the death of another and aggravated assault involving the actual discharge of a firearm to those offenses that are not eligible for probated sentence, if the offenses were committed intentionally or knowingly.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2023) Increase State Expenditures \$17,077,300 Incarceration

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/30/23, H: 01/30/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to probation.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Sen. McNally, Randy, Sen. Rose, Paul, Rep. White, Mark

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**rows:**

SB623 - B. Taylor - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

96. **HB671** **WELFARE: Registration requirements for charitable organizations.**  
Johnson  
G. **Sponsors:** Exempts a child care agency licensed by the department of human services from the registration requirements for charitable organizations.  
**Amendment Summary:**  
**Subcommittee Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2023) Decrease State Revenue \$14,400/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/ Division of Business and Charitable Organizations  
**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 01/30/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 02/23/23 - Senate passed.  
**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, Chapter 101, relative to charitable solicitations.  
**AG Opinion:**  
**Cosponsors:**  
**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation  
**Position:**  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:**  
**rows:**  
SB886 - R. Akbari - 02/23/23 - Senate passed.
110. **HB343** **TAXES SALES: Sales tax holiday for retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.**  
Sparks  
M. **Sponsors:** Extends for an additional year, until June 30, 2024, the sales tax holiday for the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.  
**Amendment Summary:**  
**Subcommittee Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$1,351,700/FY23-24 Increase State Expenditures \$577,700/FY23-24 Increase Local Revenue \$27,500/FY23-24  
**Intro Dates:** H: 01/21/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.  
**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to gun safes and gun safety devices.  
**AG Opinion:**  
**Cosponsors:** Sen. Kyle, Sara  
**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:**  
**rows:**  
SB1448 - K. Roberts - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.
111. **HB342** **TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.**  
Sparks  
M. **Sponsors:** Permanently exempts from sales and use tax, the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices. Removes the temporary sales tax holiday.  
**Amendment Summary:**  
**Subcommittee Amendments:**  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$1,351,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$550,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years  
**Intro Dates:** S: 01/25/23, H: 01/21/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.  
**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to taxation of gun safes and gun safety devices.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Campbell, Heidi

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**rows:**

SB395 - S. Kyle - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

Tue 4/18/23 9:00am - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

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5. **HB1005** **CRIMINAL LAW: Enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits.**

Grills R.

**Sponsors:** Renames enhanced and concealed handgun carry permits as enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits and authorizes a permit holder to carry any firearms, rather than handguns, that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. Expands the circumstances in which a permit holder may carry a firearm. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (005459) eliminates the criminal offense of possession of a firearm or club with intent to go armed. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit. Renames concealed handgun carry permits and enhanced handgun carry permits to concealed firearm carry permits and enhanced firearm carry permits. Authorizes holders of concealed and enhanced handgun carry permits to carry any firearm that the permit-holder legally owns or possesses in any place or manner that is currently authorized for handguns. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a juvenile to carry, with the intent to go armed, a firearm. Provides numerous exceptions to this offense. Narrows the defenses available to certain individuals charged with various offenses of unlawful possession of a handgun, firearm, or deadly weapon. Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005535) lowers the age to carry a handgun, whether openly or concealed, from 21 to 18, and eliminates all associated military requirements. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit. Revises the defenses available to certain individuals charged with the offense of unlawful carrying, with the intent to go armed, a firearm or club.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Civil Justice Sub Amendment 02.21.2023.pdf](#)

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/18/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 10; Title 33; Title 36; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Barrett, Jody, Rep. Butler, Ed, Rep. Capley, Kip, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Fritts, Monty, Rep. Richey, Bryan, Rep. Todd, Chris

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:** **BILL AS AMENDED IN THE SENATE DOES NOTHING – BILL LIKELY TO BE ROLLED TO 2024**

**rows:**

SB1503 - J. Stevens - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/18/23.

6. **HB760** **CRIMINAL LAW: Waives lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit fees for retired veterans.**

Eldridge R.

**Sponsors:** Waives lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit fees for state residents who are retired veterans of the United States armed forces.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (005128) changes the effective date to January 01, 2024.

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 4, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Up To \$109,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Division Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the modifications will not result in an increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in an additional one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$58,000 in FY23-24.

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/26/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to military veterans.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:**

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Neutral

**Priority:**

**Comment:** This legislation is typical of those that pick "winners and losers" at taxpayer expense. TFA generally opposes legislation that creates treats one class of citizens different than others with respect to a fundamental, constitutionally protected civil right such as the Second Amendment

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SB521 - F. Niceley - 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**Tue 4/18/23 10:00am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee**

HEADER: The committee will meet immediately following the Senate FWM Appropriations Subcommittee. Items 1 - 3 are Before Budget Bills. Items 4 - 11 are Budget Bills. MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: [Email All](#); CHAIR [B. Watson \(R\)](#); VICE CHAIR [J. Stevens \(R\)](#); 2ND VICE CHAIR [J. Hensley \(R\)](#); [F. Haile \(R\)](#); [J. Johnson \(R\)](#); [L. Lamar \(D\)](#); [B. Powers \(R\)](#); [P. Walley \(R\)](#); [D. White \(R\)](#); [K. Yager \(R\)](#); [J. Yarbro \(D\)](#) STAFF: John Kerr, Research Analyst; Laynee Phillips, Research Analyst PHONE: 615-741-3227

3. **SB1503** **CRIMINAL LAW: Enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits.**  
Stevens J. **Sponsors:** Renames enhanced and concealed handgun carry permits as enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits and authorizes a permit holder to carry any firearms, rather than handguns, that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. Expands the circumstances in which a permit holder may carry a firearm. Broadly captioned.  
**Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (005459) eliminates the criminal offense of possession of a firearm or club with intent to go armed. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit. Renames concealed handgun carry permits and enhanced handgun carry permits to concealed firearm carry permits and enhanced firearm carry permits. Authorizes holders of concealed and enhanced handgun carry permits to carry any firearm that the permit-holder legally owns or possesses in any place or manner that is currently authorized for handguns. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a juvenile to carry, with the intent to go armed, a firearm. Provides numerous exceptions to this offense. Narrows the defenses available to certain individuals charged with various offenses of unlawful possession of a handgun, firearm, or deadly weapon. Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005535) lowers the age to carry a handgun, whether openly or concealed, from 21 to 18, and eliminates all associated military requirements. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit. Revises the defenses available to certain individuals charged with the offense of unlawful carrying, with the intent to go armed, a firearm or club.  
**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Civil Justice Sub Amendment 02.21.2023.pdf](#)  
**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 16, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
**Intro Dates:** H: 02/01/23  
**Progress:**  
**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/18/23.  
**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.  
**Executive Status:**  
**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;  
**Public Chapter:**  
**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 10; Title 33; Title 36; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50 and Title 70, relative to firearms.  
**AG Opinion:**  
**Cosponsors:** Rep. Barrett, Jody, Rep. Butler, Ed, Rep. Capley, Kip, Rep. Doggett, Clay, Rep. Fritts, Monty, Rep. Richey, Bryan, Rep. Todd, Chris  
**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation  
**Position:** Support  
**Priority:**  
**Comment:** **BILL AS AMENDED IN THE SENATE DOES NOTHING – BILL LIKELY TO BE ROLLED TO 2024**  
**rows:**  
HB1005 - R. Grills - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Tue 4/18/23 1:30pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Floor**

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5. **SB360** **CRIMINAL LAW: Voucher program to offset costs of person taking a first time handgun safety course.**  
Massey **Sponsors:** Authorizes the department of safety to create a voucher program for the purpose of offsetting the cost of

- B. persons taking a handgun safety course for the first time. Requires the department to report the number of courses taken using vouchers to the senate judiciary committee and house criminal justice committee. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2023) Increase State Expenditures \$547,100/FY23-24/Handgun Permit Reserve \$547,100/FY24-25/Handgun Permit Reserve

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/24/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Floor 04/18/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Floor ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 39, relative to handgun safety courses.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Bricken, Rush, Sen. Campbell, Heidi, Rep. Dixie, Vincent, Rep. Farmer, Andrew, Rep. Gant, Ron, Rep. Hicks, Gary, Rep. Parkinson, Antonio, Rep. Rudder, Iris, Rep. Sparks, Mike, Rep. Wright, Dave

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** **OPPOSE – diversion of handgun permit holder fees to a program to teach others handgun safety rather than to refund the money.**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**rows:**

HB1307 - S. Kumar - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

13. **SB822** JUDICIARY: Civil liability action brought against certain manufacturers, dealers, and sellers of firearms.

Hensley  
J.

**Sponsors:** Limits the circumstances under which a qualified civil liability action may be brought against certain manufacturers, dealers, and sellers of firearms and related products. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (004089) limits the circumstances under which a qualified civil liability action may be brought against a dealer, manufacturer, or seller of firearms, ammunition, and their components.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Civil Justice Sub Amendment 02.21.2023.pdf](#)

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Floor 04/18/23.

**House Status:** 03/06/23 - House passed with amendment 1 (004089).

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Floor ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 6; Title 29; Title 39 and Title 47, relative to qualified civil liability actions.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Bricken, Rush, Rep. Capley, Kip, Rep. Eldridge, Rick, Rep. Garrett, Johnny , Rep. Grills, Rusty, Rep. Lamberth, William, Rep. Sherrell, Paul, Rep. Todd, Chris

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

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HB1189 - M. Fritts - 03/06/23 - House passed with amendment 1 (004089).

Thu 4/20/23 8:30am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

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38. **SB395** TAXES SALES: Exemption - retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.

Kyle S.

**Sponsors:** Permanently exempts from sales and use tax, the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices. Removes the temporary sales tax holiday.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 6, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$1,351,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$550,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/25/23, H: 01/21/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to taxation of gun safes and gun safety devices.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Campbell, Heidi

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

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HB342 - M. Sparks - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

48. **SB1349**  
Lundberg  
J.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Handgun carry permit holder change of address notification.**

**Sponsors:** Authorizes a handgun permit holder to notify the department of safety of a change in residence by electronic means.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005221) requires a person committing the offense of driving under the influence (DUI) as a fifth, sixth, or subsequent offense to serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (007341) deletes the authorization for a judge to sentence a first-time offender in Davidson County to serve 200 hours of community service in lieu of the minimum 48-hour jail sentence for DUI with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) between 0.08 and 0.19 percent, or the 7- consecutive days sentence for DUI with a BAC of 0.20 percent or more. Requires the operator of a noncommercial, not-for-hire pickup truck to ensure that no material or hard debris, including gravel, rocks, or dried mud, on the noncommercial, not-for-hire pickup truck falls or blows off and comes into contact with the roadway or another motor vehicle while the pickup truck is being operated. Establishes that the violation of such requirement is a Class C misdemeanor. Requires a person committing the offense of vehicular homicide and leaving the scene of an accident to serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Criminal Justice Sub Amendments 04.04.2023.pdf](#)

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41 and Title 55, relative to criminal law.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:**

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:** This legislation was filed as a "caption" bill likely to mislead citizens on the sponsor's or sponsors' true intent. Compare the original bill language with the amendment. This type of abuse and deception makes it difficult to track bills or trust the captions that legislators originally place on bills.

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HB1444 - W. Lamberth - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

58. **SB1193**  
McNally  
R.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Administrative office of courts report on number of appeals files regarding repeat violent offender.**

**Sponsors:** Requires the administrative office of the courts to report the number of appeals filed appealing the finding that a criminal defendant is a repeat violent offender by no later than February 1 of each year to the senate judiciary committee and the house criminal justice committee. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (006091) creates an additional repeat violent offender sentencing system and requires the court to determine the appropriate sentencing framework to which an offender should be sentenced as a repeat violent offender. Expands the offenses under which a defendant who is convicted of a violent offense, which occurred on or after July 1, 2023, and the combination of the strikes allocated for the violent offense and the defendant's prior convictions equals three or more strikes. Requires a defendant to receive at least two strikes from offenses outlined as one strike offense and at least three total strikes prior to being sentenced to imprisonment for life. Outlines 46 offenses that result in an offender receiving 1 strike and 15 offenses that result in an offender receiving 0.5 strikes. Establishes that any other felony offense results in an offender receiving 0.25 strikes. Defines prior conviction as a defendant convicted of a violent offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2023, but before the violent offense for which the defendant is to be sentenced. House Criminal Justice Committee amendment 1 (007132) creates an additional repeat violent offender sentencing system and requires the court to determine the appropriate sentencing framework to which an offender should be sentenced as a repeat violent offender. Expands the offenses under which a defendant who is convicted of a violent offense, which occurred on or after July 1, 2023, and the combination of the strikes allocated for the violent offense and the defendant's prior convictions equals three or more strikes. Requires a defendant receive at least two strikes from offenses outlined as one strike offenses and at least three total strikes prior to being sentenced to imprisonment for life. Outlines 49 offenses that result in an offender receiving 1 strike and 15 offenses that result in an offender receiving 0.5 strikes. Establishes that any other felony offense and a misdemeanor conviction for the facilitation, criminal attempt, solicitation and conspiracy to commit any 1 strike offense, results in an offender receiving 0.25 strikes. Requires a court to deduct 0.5 strikes from the defendant's total number of strikes accumulated for 0.5 and

0.25 strike offenses for each three-year period of time a defendant has had no criminal convictions. Defines prior conviction as a defendant convicted of a violent offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2023, but before the violent offense for which the defendant is to be sentenced.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** [Criminal Justice Sub Amendments 03.14.2023.pdf](#)

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 1, 2023) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/02/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to repeat offenders.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Doggett, Clay, Sen. Lundberg, Jon

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:** This legislation was filed as a "caption" bill likely to mislead citizens on the sponsor's or sponsors' true intent. Compare the original bill language with the amendment. This type of abuse and deception makes it difficult to track bills or trust the captions that legislators originally place on bills.

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HB1030 - C. Sexton - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

63. **SB521**  
Niceley  
F.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Waives lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit fees for retired veterans.**

**Sponsors:** Waives lifetime enhanced handgun carry permit fees for state residents who are retired veterans of the United States armed forces.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (005128) changes the effective date to January 01, 2024.

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 4, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Up To \$109,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Division Other Fiscal Impact To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the modifications will not result in an increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in an additional one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$58,000 in FY23-24.

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/26/23, H: 02/01/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to military veterans.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:**

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Neutral

**Priority:**

**Comment:** This legislation is typical of those that pick "winners and losers" at taxpayer expense. TFA generally opposes legislation that creates treats one class of citizens different than others with respect to a fundamental, constitutionally protected civil right such as the Second Amendment

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HB760 - R. Eldridge - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

80. **SB1448**  
Roberts  
K.

**TAXES SALES: Sales tax holiday for retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.**

**Sponsors:** Extends for an additional year, until June 30, 2024, the sales tax holiday for the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2023) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$1,351,700/FY23-24 Increase State Expenditures \$577,700/FY23-24 Increase Local Revenue \$27,500/FY23-24

**Intro Dates:** H: 01/21/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to gun safes and gun safety devices.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Kyle, Sara

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**rows:**

HB343 - M. Sparks - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

90. **SB623**

Taylor B.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Adds criminal offenses of aggravated assault with a firearm to nonprobated sentences.**

**Sponsors:** Adds the criminal offenses of aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury to another or the death of another and aggravated assault involving the actual discharge of a firearm to those offenses that are not eligible for probated sentence, if the offenses were committed intentionally or knowingly.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2023) Increase State Expenditures \$17,077,300 Incarceration

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/30/23, H: 01/30/23

**Progress:**

**Senate Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/20/23.

**House Status:** 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.

**Executive Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to probation.

**AG Opinion:**

**Cosponsors:** Sen. McNally, Randy, Sen. Rose, Paul, Rep. White, Mark

**Tracks:** 2023-24 Legislation

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

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HB373 - J. Gillespie - 04/13/23 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/18/23.