



Public Policy Committee Positions on Legislation

Bills to SUPPORT:

Direct Support Professional wages - Support budget amendment to increase recurring funds for DSPs

Conservatorship

SB711 Sen. Stevens, John

HB686 Rep. Kumar, Sabi

FAMILY LAW: Public guardianship for the elderly. Allows the executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to request the district public guardian to serve as a conservator for disabled persons who are younger than sixty (60) years of age if certain criteria are met.

SB867 Sen. Lundberg, Jon

HB896 Rep. Jernigan, Darren

ESTATES & TRUSTS: Requirement for educational training on conservatorships. Requires conservators other than public guardians to complete educational training on conservatorships within 30 days of appointment. Allows a guardian ad litem to obtain a credit report and state and national criminal history background checks for a proposed fiduciary.

Education

SB790 Sen. Johnson, Jack

HB934 Rep. Lamberth, William

EDUCATION: Revises special education laws.

TennCare

SB476 Sen. Roberts, Kerry

HB498 Rep. Whitson, Sam

TENNCARE: Reduces time for mailing documentation - TennCare applications. Broadly captioned.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to healthcare benefits for disabled children. If amended to include Katie Beckett waiver.

Tort Liability

SB576 Sen. Gardenhire, Todd

HB192 Rep. Carter, Mike

TORT LIABILITY: Immunity for civil liability for local governments for certain software. Establishes that a person does not have a cause of action against a local government, officers, employees, or agents of a local government for any defect or malfunction in a software program intended to register a non-communicative person with law enforcement when the program was designed in good faith and without cost to the recipient local government or user of the program. Provides exception to immunity for claims based on gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith.

Bill to OPPOSE:

TennCare

SB1428 Sen. Bailey, Paul

HB1280 Rep. Hill, Timothy

TENNCARE: TennCare II funding by means of a block grant indexed for inflation and population growth.