

2021 New Laws as of 6/2021 By Bill Number (items in blue are currently not in effect)

SB	HB	Senate Sponsor	House Sponsor	Bill Description	Effective Date	Public Chapter
12	9	Bowling	Reedy	Repeals the Locksmith Licensing Act of 2006.	5/27/2021	PC 572
14	22	Kelsey	Gillespie	Increases the penalty for drag racing from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor.	7/1/2021	PC 573
19	864	Gilmore	Chism	Adds nurses to the assault against a first responder who is discharging or attempting to discharge official duties statute.	7/1/2021	PC 458
20	789	Gilmore	Cooper	Requires Dept. of Health to disseminate information from the CDC concerning the health effects and dangers of using vapor products in schools, public junior high schools, and public senior high schools in Tennessee.	4/20/2021	PC 157
28	1028	Powers	Kumar	Authorizes metro governments to prohibit tobacco use on public property they own.	7/1/2021	PC 574
31	257	Roberts	Ragan	Sunset - Extends the alcoholic beverage commission to June 30, 2027.	3/31/2021	PC 82
51	276	Roberts	Ragan	Sunset - Extends Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to June 30, 2025.	3/23/2021	PC 12
78	318	Roberts	Ragan	Sunset - Extends the statewide planning and policy council for the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to June 30, 2025.	3/23/2021	PC 29
79	299	Roberts	Ragan	Sunset - Extends TN advisory commission on intergovern't relations to June 30, 2029.	3/23/2021	PC 30
83	303	Roberts	Ragan	Sunset - Extends the TBI to June 30, 2025.	3/29/2021	PC 44
102	119	Massey	Faison	Creates Silver Alert program.	5/1/2021	PC 350
108	118	Johnson	Lamberth	Codifies the Acts of the 2020 regular and extraordinary sessions.	3/23/2021	PC 33
109	1096	Powers	Baum	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.	7/1/2021	PC 188
110	40	Powers	Ogles	2021 Precious Cargo Act - Establishes procedures for citizens with intellectual or developmental disabilities to communicate with LE and first responders.	1/1/2022	PC 55
115	116	Haile	Garrett	Requires lifetime suspension and disqualifies for life persons convicted of a human trafficking offense from obtaining a commercial driver license.	4/13/2021	PC 112
118	490	Haile	Terry	Medical Cannabis Commission and Safe Harbor Law Expansion	5/27/2021	PC 577
129	55	Haile	Lamberth	Spencer Bristol Act - Increases the penalty for evading arrest that results in the serious bodily injury of a law enforcement officer to a Class C felony and evading arrest that results in the death of a law enforcement officer to a Class A felony.	7/1/2021	PC 278
135	197	Haile	Zachary	Authorizes 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.	4/28/2021	PC 242
138	123	Massey	Howell	Changes from 30 to 60 days the time in which a noncompliant applicant with a Tennessee Sheriffs' Association license plate must surrender the plate.	5/27/2021	PC 579
154	101	Briggs	Jernigan	Clarifies that a motorized wheelchair is not a motor vehicle for purposes of the rules of the road, accidents, and crimes involving motor vehicles.	3/29/2021	PC 56

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157	150	Briggs	Zachary	Broadens offense of property owner allowing an underage adult to consume alcohol to apply to all minors; sets a mandatory fine for convictions offenses related to providing alcohol to minors.	7/1/2021	PC 430
163	167	Pody	Moody	Communications between a peer supporter providing critical incident stress management intervention and a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel are considered confidential.	7/1/2021	PC 245
166	733	Lundberg	Smith	A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals if the person intentionally or knowingly kills, maims, tortures, crushes, burns, drowns, suffocates, mutilates, starves, or otherwise causes serious injury to a companion animal.	7/1/2021	PC 580
187	13	Bowling	Hulsey	Prohibits state and local authorities from forcing, requiring, or coercing a person to receive an immunization or vaccination for COVID-19 against the person's will.	5/25/2021	PC 513
188	17	Bowling	Lamar	Exempts victims of human trafficking from certain requirements for self-defense.	7/1/2021	PC 115
189	50	Bowling	Ogles	2020 Defense Doctrine - Adds imminent danger of grave sexual abuse as a justification for the use of deadly force in self-defense and to defenses of duress and use of deadly force by law enforcement officer.	4/7/2021	PC 83
207	215	Haile	Curcio	Stopping Addiction and Fostering Excellence (SAFE) Act.	7/1/2022	PC 309
212	1045	Haile	Kumar	Requires licensing authority, upon learning a healthcare prescriber was indicted for or convicted of certain criminal offenses, to restrict or revoke, respectively, the prescriber's ability to prescribe controlled substances.	5/18/2021	PC 461
214	342	Massey	Littleton	Requires a law enforcement officer to notify the department of children's services when a person under 18 years of age is taken into custody for suspicion of committing prostitution.	7/1/2021	PC 246
216	120	Massey	Whitson	Requires one hour of training on domestic violence for barbers and cosmetologists.	7/1/2021	PC 117
219	217	Powers	Curcio	Specifies the continuing education credits required for persons acting as a bounty hunter.	5/25/2021	PC 520
220	323	Powers	Hodges	Allows a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would constitute certain offenses to be committed to the Department of Children's Services for a period of one year.	7/1/2021	PC 319
226	47	Hensley	Ogles	Good Samaritan Sentencing Enhancement Act - A defendant convicted of first degree murder is eligible for death penalty if the victim was rendering assistance to a person at the time of death.	7/1/2021	PC 215
240	1049	Gardenhire	C. Sexton	Requires that insurance pool, special fund, and reserve fund created by a governmental entity and any entity administering such funds be audited annually by the comptroller of the treasury.	5/4/2021	PC 337
246	679	Massey	Carr	Aligns penalties for boating under the influence with the penalties for driving under the influence	7/1/2021	PC 434
252	109	Crowe	Hulsey	Creates a presumption that a prisoner who reaches the release eligibility date for the prisoner's combined sentences and has an active detainer to serve a term of imprisonment in another jurisdiction must be granted parole to the detainer if certain conditions are met.	7/1/2021	PC 353

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258	924	Massey	Wright	Authorizes law enforcement agencies to use a drone to provide or enhance security for a public event, to provide aerial coverage during a natural disaster, or to investigate the scene of a crime.	5/18/2021	PC 462
268	346	Yager	Calfee	Adds NAVPERS-660 honorable discharge certificate to documents that may be submitted by an honorably discharged veteran who requests to have "veteran" designation on a driver license.	4/28/2021	PC 247
274	326	Rose	Moody	Removes custody, visitation, or inheritance rights for a parent who has been convicted of aggravated statutory rape, statutory rape by an authority figure, or lesser included offenses of rape, from which crime the child was conceived.	7/1/2021	PC 164
277	153	Rose	Moody	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.	7/1/2021	PC 166
281	955	Rose	Littleton	A juvenile who commits rape is prohibited from accepting employment or volunteering in any capacity that causes the juvenile to be in direct contact with a minor.	7/1/2021	PC 436
283	904	Rose	Doggett	As introduced, authorizes a district attorney general to petition for and a court to issue a protective order prohibiting the defendant from publishing an informant's name, contact information, or statements at any time prior to or during trial; makes violation of such a protective order a Class E felony.	7/1/2021	PC 586
285	1145	Rose	Grills	Designates farms as critical infrastructure for purposes of the offense of critical infrastructure vandalism so the destruction or interference with any farm will be at least a Class E felony.	7/1/2021	PC 418
304	345	Briggs	Carr	Recreates the Elder Abuse Task Force	5/18/2021	PC 464
327	384	Lundberg	Crawford	Evelyn Boswell Law- Requires a parent who knows, learns, or believes that a child under the parent's charge and care is missing to report the child as being missing to a law enforcement agency or the TBI within 24 hours of determining that the child is missing.	7/1/2021	PC 107
331	382	Lundberg	Crawford	Expands offense of unlawful photography to include a photograph taken without an individual's consent and the focus of the photograph is the intimate area of the individual and the photograph was taken for the purpose of sexual arousal of the defendant.	7/1/2021	PC 354
354	476	Gardenhire	White	Authorizes the use of surveillance cameras owned by law enforcement agencies on federal interstate highways to aid in criminal investigations.	5/14/2021	PC 450
383	1126	Jackson	Russell	Redefines "seclusion" with regard to children in custody at juvenile detention facilities approved, certified, or licensed by the department of children's services.	5/25/2021	PC 492
404	412	Haile	Jernigan	Allows a retired LEO who is authorized to carry a firearm to provide private security services without completing the firearms training required for private protective services licensing.	7/1/2021	PC 322
440	530	Rose	Moody	Establishes a reward for information leading to the arrest of any person responsible for the shooting of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; sets the reward at \$10,000 if the officer is injured in the shooting or \$20,000 if the officer is killed in the shooting.	7/1/2021	PC 439
442	1343	Rose	Ogles	Creates the Class E felony of possessing a telecommunication device inside a penal institution.	7/1/2021	PC 236

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447	1231	Bell	Littleton	Requires the on-site facility supervisor-in-charge at a secure detention or correctional facility housing juveniles to immediately report any security breach to the department of children's services and local law enforcement.	7/1/2021	PC 252
448	1086	Bell	Curcio	Post-Conviction Fingerprint Analysis Act of 2021 - Requires a law enforcement agency that discovers potentially exculpatory evidence to report that evidence.	7/1/2021	PC 355
451	881	Bell	Terry	Expands offense of aggravated rioting to include rioting by a person who travels from outside the state with intent to commit a criminal offense and participating in a riot for compensation.	7/1/2021	PC 440
457	374	Bell	Casada	Requires that members of a community oversight board complete the local police force's citizen academy course within six months of beginning service on the board.	7/1/2021	PC 457
460	175	Bell	Russell	Clarifies that the mounting or placement of a trailer hitch ball in front of a registration plate will not be considered when making a determination whether the registration plate is clearly visible.	4/20/2021	PC 174
475	347	Powers	C. Johnson	Makes confidential certain personal, financial, and residential information of federal law enforcement agents and officers conducting operations in this state in the same manner that such information is confidential for state and local law enforcement officers and agents.	4/28/2021	PC 253
476	1121	Bell	Farmer	Creates a Class A misdemeanor for a person to use fraud or deception to try and obtain confidential records concerning reports of child sexual abuse.	7/1/2021	PC 590
489	240	Swann	Ramsey	Authorizes state community colleges and state colleges of applied technology to assist local governments with providing programs to reduce recidivism rates.	1/1/2022	PC 390
513	744	Haile	Curcio	Creates a program within the district attorneys general conference to award grants of up to \$5,000 to local governments for establishing a suitable meeting space for crime victims.	7/1/2021	PC 535
536	654	Walley	Darby	Allows subpoenas to be mailed to witnesses by certified mail with a return receipt or first-class mail to the last known address if the witness cannot be found.	5/13/2021	PC 442
543	661	Powers	Mannis	Deletes requirement that the comptroller of the treasury must conduct an annual audit of the TBI regarding their receipt and use of the \$15 portion of the handgun carry permit application fee to be used exclusively for updating and maintaining the fingerprint criminal history database.	4/22/2021	PC 195
555	762	Lundberg	Gillespie	Clarifies that the term "crime of violence" in regard to weapons offenses includes aggravated rape of a child rather than especially aggravated rape of a child.	5/13/2021	PC 443
557	446	Bell	Warner	Adds prohibition of the expenditure of state or local funds or employees to implement, regulate, or enforce any federal law or executive order regulating the sale of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories if it would violate a state law or the state constitution.	7/1/2021	PC 444
558	1132	Haile	Farmer	Clarifies for purposes of the Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Treatment Act, that a drug is anything, other than food, intended to affect the structure or function of the body.	5/24/2021	PC 491
572	910	Johnson	Casada	Establishes that personal identifying information concerning any person who has been arrested or charged, but not convicted, of any offense is confidential information and is not open for inspection by the public.	5/26/2021	PC 555

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610	714	Jackson	Hurt	An employee of a county or municipality is not entitled to back pay if the employee is arrested and placed on administrative leave and then voluntarily separates from employment, even if the charges are dropped or the employee is found not guilty.	5/18/2021	PC 470
619	364	Bell	Russell	Authorizes members of the general assembly to request Dept. of Safety to provide a copy of a crash report concerning fatal accidents that occurred in the member's district.	7/1/2021	PC 225
621	434	Bell	Lamberth	Permits service of ex parte orders of protection for up to one year from issuance; creates a lifetime order of protection that can be issued to a victim of certain felony offenses to prohibit the offender from coming about or communicating with the victim.	7/1/2021	PC 60
622	1183	Bell	Curcio	Clarifies that when a person is serving two or more probationary sentences and the person's probation is revoked on one sentence, then the person must receive credit for time served as a result of that revocation against any other concurrent sentence.	7/1/2021	PC 541
627	534	Bell	Howell	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.	7/1/2021	PC 395
628	430	Bell	Lamberth	Requires that a person convicted of facilitation of rape of a child or aggravated rape of a child be sentenced to community supervision for life and to serve 100% of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release, with no more than 15% in sentence reduction credits.	7/1/2021	PC 525
632	234	Bell	Russell	Clarifies that the existing requirement for drivers of motorcycles to wear a helmet applies to drivers of autocycles that are not fully enclosed.	7/1/2021	PC 176
643	723	Robinson	Hakeem	Requires Dept. of Children's Services to publish the guidelines for the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child on the department's website.	5/12/2021	PC 408
675	888	Haile	Curcio	Authorizes a clerk to charge a fee of less than \$100 for expunction; expands the offenses for which expunction is permitted.	7/1/2021	PC 539
681	241	Kelsey	Ramsey	Authorizes persons and entities licensed to sell liquor and beer by the drink for consumption on the premises to sell alcoholic beverages and beer for off-premise consumption.	5/14/2021	PC 451
699	809	Lundberg	Powell	Requires that captured plate data from automatic LPR systems be treated as confidential and not be open for inspection by members of the public; schedules provision to expire July 1, 2026.	4/22/2021	PC 201
706	976	Walley	Williams	Excludes from the definition of marijuana "a product," instead of "a cannabidiol product" approved as a prescription medication by the FDA; specifies that such a product will be redesignated, rescheduled, or deleted as a controlled substance.	4/22/2021	PC 230
707	1102	Walley	Shaw	Extends eligibility for expunction to a person convicted of assault and a person whose criminal conviction was eligible for judicial diversion at the time of sentencing.	7/1/2021	PC 494
717	1047	McNally	C. Sexton	Requires that a person convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child that was committed on or after July 1, 2021, be sentenced to community supervision for life.	7/1/2021	PC 563

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727	72	Johnson	Lamberth	Creates process by which the commissioner of correction may certify as eligible for parole certain chronically debilitated or incapacitated inmates.	4/30/2021	PC 282
731	66	Johnson	Lamberth	Extends the board of judicial conduct to June 30, 2025.	4/13/2021	PC 111
741	89	Johnson	Lamberth	Authorizes the commissioner of Dept. of Environment and Conservation to commission environmental investigative enforcement officers.	4/13/2021	PC 135
748	80	Johnson	Lamberth	Adds state chief medical examiner, a county medical examiner, a deputy or assistant state medical examiner or forensic pathologist to the definition of "healthcare practitioner" under the "Tennessee Prescription Safety Act of 2016." Changes the number of members that constitute a quorum on the controlled substance database committee from seven members to six.	4/13/2021	PC 136
753	81	Johnson	Lamberth	Requires the chief officer of a facility to notify certain persons within a certain time after the death of a person admitted to the facility.	3/29/2021	PC 62
754	82	Johnson	Lamberth	Establishes state employment protections for members of the national guard, state guard, and civil air patrol called to active state duty equivalent to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act for members of the national guard called to federal active service.	7/1/2021	PC 284
758	86	Johnson	Lamberth	Reduces the lower gross weight threshold for freight vehicles that are required to pay the registration tax of \$1,019 from 56,000 pounds to 55,000 pounds.	4/22/2021	PC 218
759	88	Johnson	Lamberth	Changes the criteria that a private entity must meet to conduct driver education courses and community education courses.	4/22/2021	PC 220
760	87	Johnson	Lamberth	Changes the formatting requirements for credentials issued by the Dept. of Safety.	4/22/2021	PC 219
765	786	Johnson	Lamberth	Constitutional/Permit Less Carry - 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.	7/1/2021	PC 108
766	783	Johnson	Lamberth	Requires the juvenile court clerk and the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to report certain juvenile justice information to the administrative office of the courts each month.	7/1/2021	PC 184
767	784	Johnson	Lamberth	Gov. CJ Reform - Allows Dept. of Corrections to contract with entities and organizations, including local governments, to create or operate community-based alternatives to incarceration. Sections 3 through 8 and 45 through 50 of this act take effect July 1, 2021, and apply to court determinations made on or after that date. Sections 9 through 44 of this act take effect October 1, 2021, and apply to court determinations made on or after that date.	7/1/2021 10/1/2021	PC 409

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768	785	Johnson	Lamberth	Gov. CJ Reform/Reentry Success Act of 2021 - Revises various provisions on parole, including creating a presumption that an eligible inmate must be released on parole upon reaching the inmate's parole eligibility date. Sections 5 through 8 of this act take effect July 1, 2021. Sections 9 through 15 of this act take effect July 1, 2021 and apply to parole determinations made on or after that date. Sections 2 through 4 of this act take effect January 1, 2022. Section 17 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law. Sections 18 through 20 of this act take effect July 1, 2021. All other sections of this act take effect upon becoming a law.	7/1/2021 1/1/2022	PC 410
770	781	Johnson	Lamberth	Terminates the TN private investigation and polygraph commission and state board for licensing alarm systems contractors with no wind down period.	7/1/2021	PC 294
771	780	Johnson	Lamberth	Makes various changes affecting certain professional boards, including court reporters, motor vehicle dealers, barbers, certain apprentices, scrap metal dealers, and locksmiths.	10/1/2021	PC 549
778	772	Johnson	Lamberth	Provides annual \$600 cash supplements to volunteer firefighters who successfully complete in each year an in-service training course.	7/1/2021	PC 478
784	712	Jackson	Hurt	Requires that a Class H or hardship license issued to a minor holding a Class P license or instructional permit expires on the date the Class P license or instructional permit expires.	1/1/2022	PC 137
829	1200	Haile	Hawk	Requires all court clerks to use the Tennessee court information system (TnCIS) developed by the administrative office of the courts.	7/1/2021	PC 446
832	648	Niceley	Faison	Removes the prohibition on destroying the records of any original process in a civil action or criminal proceeding.	5/13/2021	PC 447
841	511	Johnson	Gant	Limits the punishment a jury can consider for a defendant convicted of first degree murder committed against certain persons engaged in the performance of official duties to death or imprisonment for life without possibility of parole.	7/1/2021	PC 528
842	512	Johnson	Gant	Allows a person convicted of attempted first degree murder to be sentenced to imprisonment for life without possibility of parole if the offense is committed against first responders and correctional officers.	7/1/2021	PC 394
885	1128	Stevens	Farmer	Revises the coverage and application process of certain co-applicants to the home address confidentiality program established by the secretary of state.	4/13/2021	PC 140
893	870	Stevens	Doggett	Makes an order of restitution entered by a sentencing court into a final civil judgment at the time of entry; extends, from one year to two years, the time within which a victim of crime may file a claim with the criminal injuries compensation fund.	7/1/2021	PC 413
951	12	Kyle	Hardaway	April's Law - Clarifies that a person who engages in sexual contact with a corpse commits the offense of abuse of a corpse, a Class E felony; requires law enforcement officers to ask victims of stalking, domestic abuse, or sexual assault whether the victim requests the defendant be required to wear GPS-tracker if released on bond.	7/1/2021	PC 402

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965	1319	Gilmore	Hardaway	Requires the court to notify a defendant at the time of sentencing if the conviction is for an expungeable offense and the time period after which a petition to expunge may be filed.	7/1/2021	PC 358
970	1338	Lundberg	Ogles	Aggravated burglary and especially aggravated burglary are crimes committed against a person.	7/1/2021	PC 545
982	226	Massey	Vaughan	Authorizes medical laboratory directors to monitor personnel remotely.	5/25/2021	PC 495
992	841	Gardenhire	Williams	Revises how fiscal notes are calculated for bills modifying criminal offenses.	5/12/2021	PC 412
994	851	Gardenhire	Crawford	Makes personally identifying information provided by an individual as part of the individual's use of, or participation in, a government-sponsored property alert service or program confidential.	5/4/2021	PC 333
995	553	Gardenhire	Whitson	Adds COVID-19 to those acquired infectious diseases for which an emergency rescue worker is given a presumption to have a disability suffered in the line of duty .	4/13/2021	PC 142
1028	893	Briggs	McKenzie	Allows a person who was convicted of a nonviolent offense committed prior to January 1, 1980, and received a pardon for the offense to have the person's criminal records expunged.	7/1/2021	PC 361
1035	39	Bell	Freeman	Jim Coley Rape Survivors Protection Act - Requires healthcare provider to notify relevant law enforcement agency when a sexual assault collection kit is ready for release within 24 hours. Requires law enforcement agency to pick up the sexual assault evidence collection kit to a lab for DNA testing within 48 hours.	7/1/2021	PC 362
1046	402	Southerland	Keisling	Expands the definitions of Class I off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles to include those off-highway vehicles with a total dry weight up to 3,500 pounds.	4/7/2021	PC 103
1047	705	Southerland	Russell	Adds use of vapor products to the acts that are prohibited in enclosed public places.	7/1/2021	PC 551
1086	570	Roberts	Ragan	Eliminates the restriction that the government operations committees of the House and Senate may only stay the running of a rule for a period not to exceed 75 days.	5/25/2021	PC 532
1115	1302	White	Littleton	Removes the statute of limitation for prosecution of trafficking for commercial sex act when committed against a child on or after July 1, 2021	7/1/2021	PC 363
1117	428	White	Littleton	Revises the sentence for aggravated rape of a child when committed by a juvenile to a Class A felony to be sentenced within Range III; applies to sentences imposed on or after July 1, 2021.	7/1/2021	PC 104
1121	1211	White	Baum	Establishes the criminal offense of mail theft; specifies that the second or subsequent conviction of mail theft is at least a Class E felony.	7/1/2021	PC 364
1122	1180	White	Moody	Adds the offense of trafficking a person for a commercial sex act to the meaning of predatory offenses for purposes of sentencing a person as a child sexual predator.	7/1/2021	PC 210
1124	1006	White	Doggett	Expands the unruly act of illegal use of a communication device by a minor to include possessing or transmitting an image of sexual activity involving a minor.	7/1/2021	PC 147
1126	341	White	Littleton	Expands the sexual offenses for which a defendant is required to submit to an evaluation for and be subject to a standardized plan of sex offender treatment as part of the defendant's sentence.	5/11/2021	PC 365
1132	1334	White	Baum	Requires the human trafficking advisory council to inform the judiciary committee of the senate and the criminal justice committee of the house of the council's legislation recommendations.	4/30/2021	PC 268

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1142	1171	White	Terry	Extends the validity of temporary handgun carry permits issued to persons who have been granted an order of protection from 60 calendar days from the date of issuance to 90 calendar days from the date of issuance.	7/1/2021	PC 540
1148	25	White	Todd	Provides that a person who uses justifiable force against another may request a stay of proceedings in any civil action based on the use of force until the investigation has concluded.	7/1/2021	PC 387
1185	1383	Jackson	Todd	A law enforcement officer retired for at least 9 months from TCRS, from a superseded system administered by the state, or from a local retirement fund may accept employment as an LEO without loss or suspension of retirement benefits under specific conditions.	5/25/2021	PC 499
1211	1298	Bowling	Stewart	Clarifies that wireless communication includes text messages sent and received on smart devices for purposes of the Anti-Phishing Act	5/11/2021	PC 370
1227	1346	Rose	Moody	Expands the definition of "sexual activity" for purposes of offenses related to the sexual exploitation of children to include an intent of sexual arousal or gratification.	5/11/2021	PC 371
1228	718	Rose	Keisling	Safe Seniors Act of 202 - Increases the penalties for crimes against vulnerable adults by expanding the definition of offenses including first-degree murder and sexual exploitation.	10/1/2021	PC 500
1231	1339	Rose	Ogles	Expands the technology by which a child's testimony can be taken outside of a courtroom in certain cases to include secure video conferencing applications.	5/25/2021	PC 501
1232	961	Rose	Whitson	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 their jurisdiction.	5/4/2021	PC 336
1285	1312	White	Terry	Specifies that the trial judge may consider whether the victim of the offense of unlawful photographing in violation of privacy is a minor to determine if the offender is required to register as a sexual offender.	7/1/2021	PC 304
1286	478	White	Lamberth	Permits a child to be detained in a secure facility when there is probable cause to believe the child has committed certain offenses involving burglary, robbery, or theft of a motor vehicle.	4/7/2021	PC 105
1296	1303	Bowling	Bricken	Exempts from jury service persons 70 years of age and older.	7/1/2021	PC 544
1334	902	Hensley	Doggett	Second Amendment Privacy and Protection Act - Creates a Class E felony offense for a state or local government entity, official, employee, or agent to knowingly create or maintain a registry of firearm or firearm accessories or transmit such to the federal government.	5/26/2021	PC 554
1335	928	Hensley	Campbell	Tennessee Second Amendment Sanctuary Act - Declares any federal law, treaty, executive order or other regulation that violates the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution null and unenforceable in the state.	5/26/2021	PC 553

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1349	1062	Gardenhire	Hawk	Redefines the term "intellectual disability" for purposes of determining eligibility for the death penalty; allows a defendant sentenced to death prior to the effective date of the act to petition the trial court for a determination as to whether the defendant is intellectually disabled.	5/11/2021	PC 399
1361	1254	Bell	J. Sexton	Authorizes a person to seek attorney's fees in a civil asset forfeiture case when the claim is brought in a contested case hearing.	7/1/2021	PC 423
1364	1558	Bell	Cochran	Authorizes a county to regulate junkyards located within the county's boundaries as long as the rules or regulations are at least as stringent as those promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in the Junkyard Control Act.	5/4/2021	PC 343
1373	1433	Bell	Holsclaw	Reckless endangerment of discharging a weapon from within a motor vehicle is a Class C felony.	7/1/2021	PC 505
1380	1406	Bell	Curcio	Requires law enforcement agencies to develop certain policies regarding the use of force; prohibits choke holds and magistrates from issuing no-knock warrants. <u>Effective Jan. 1, 2022:</u> 1) LEA required to develop a policy regarding: a) De-escalation b) Limited circumstances when an officer may discharge a firearm from or at a moving vehicle as authorized in 39-11-620. 2) Use of Force reporting: a) Establish a Use of Force reporting system b) Implement the Use of Force reporting system c) Report Use of Force incidents to the TBI per the FBI's National Use of Force Data Collection	5/18/2021 1/1/2022	PC 489
1401	926	Swann	Curcio	Allows an age-restricted venue to continue to permit smoking in the venue even if the venue employs a person under 21 years of age if the employee is at least 16 years of age, the child of the owner of the venue, and the venue is not an adult oriented establishment.	7/1/2021	PC 415
1409	1373	Johnson	Whitson	Requires the state to reimburse a local government that provides health insurance benefits for first responders for the portion of health insurance premiums and benefits for which the local government is responsible if it provides for the surviving spouse and children of a first responder killed in the line of duty.	5/12/2021	PC 424
1424	1131	Akbari	Farmer	Prohibits a person who contracts with a school, local board of education, or child care program from coming into direct contact with children or entering the grounds of a school if the person was convicted of a criminal offense within the last 20 years or released from incarceration within the last 10 years.	5/12/2021	PC 417
1437	545	Akbari	Dixie	Requires an institutional parole officer to meet with an incarcerated individual within one year of the individual's release eligibility date to create a release plan; makes changes to considerations for parole eligibility.	5/11/2021	PC 381

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1530	417	Roberts	Littleton	Adds to the definition of "severe child abuse" the act of knowingly allowing a child to be within a structure where a Schedule I or II controlled substance is present and accessible to the child.	7/1/2021	PC 508
1531	427	Roberts	Littleton	States that a victim of sexual battery is incapable of consenting to sexual contact with a physician, psychologist, therapist, or certain other professionals during the course of receiving treatment for a mental, emotional, or physical condition or an interpersonal relationship	7/1/2021	PC 509
1560	488	Bailey	Williams	Allows for THP/TDSHS to donate 2 way radios to the local volunteer fire departments.	7/1/2021	PC 527
1567	943	Bailey	Mannis	Clarifies that non-compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws is not included in the definition of "illegal activities" related to provisions prohibiting termination of an employee.	5/26/2021	PC 556
1573	37	Bailey	Ogles	Prohibits a state or local governmental entity, the governor, or the executive head of a local government from classifying a category of workers as essential or nonessential.	5/11/2021	PC 384
1590	187	Bailey	Keisling	Specifies that a local governmental entity is immune from liability for any cause of action or claim for damages arising out of a person's participation in a private appropriately licensed substance abuse treatment program approved by the court as an alternative facility.	5/11/2021	PC 386
1591	951	Bailey	Littleton	Creates the offense of negligently, by act or omission, engaging in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment.	7/1/2021	PC 511
1592	1187	Bailey	Garrett	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.	7/1/2021	PC 421
1597	719	Bailey	Keisling	Designates ambulance service as an essential service, and directs all county governing bodies to make provisions to ensure that at least one licensed ambulance is available within their county.	4/22/2021	PC 212
1598	368	Bailey	Williams	Makes records of minor students created by a school resource or other law enforcement officer confidential and not subject to a public records request unless a requestor obtains consent from the minor's parent or guardian or pursuant to a court order.	5/11/2021	PC 391
1607	202	Bailey	Windle	Requires that retirees of THP with 25 years of service receive 80 percent of the scheduled premium or defined contribution for the health insurance benefits provided by the state.	5/25/2021	PC 518
1612	1155	Bailey	Gillespie	Establishes certain requirements for persons engaged in the business of buying or selling unattached catalytic converters as a single item; creates Class A, punishable by fine only, misdemeanor of possessing a used, detached catalytic converter that the person does not have authorization to possess.	7/1/2021	PC 213
HJR85			Kumar	Urges DEA to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug.		
SJR80		Akbari		Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee removing the criminal punishment exception from slavery and involuntary servitude prohibition.		
SR12		Bell		Appoints Lowell Russell to the POST Commission.		