

Tennessee Home Education Association Legislative Update

Call Your Representative!!

**Ask them to, "Please support Rep. Hulse's
amendment to HB01."**

Click [HERE](#) to find your Representative.

From Mr. Claiborne Thornton, President of THEA:

The right to direct the upbringing of a child is critically important to the direction in which the child will go, where their lives will take them. The freedom to home school rests on this most fundamental right - the right of parents to direct the upbringing of the children entrusted to you by God.

Through David Fowler, President of the Family Action Council of Tennessee and through Mike Farris's expressed concern, THEA now feels that it is mandatory, it is essential, to amend the language to HB01. The bill lists several Findings, which are the basis or foundation upon which the bill rests. The bill has passed the Senate this week.

HB01 prevents the mutilation of minor children based on the identity or gender of the child. The issue came to the forefront last year when physicians at Vanderbilt Hospital pressed for these surgeries because they bring so much money into the hospital.

The Governor and Legislature were outraged. SB01 / HB01 are the bills that resulted.

Finding m) in this bill puts in jeopardy the authority of parents in directing their children's upbringing. Many

national Christian leaders are highly concerned about this same vulnerability. The detailed argument involves delving into the Obergerfell decision by the US Supreme Court, or SCOTUS, which found new constitutional freedoms for all persons, including your children.

Here is the opening sentence of the SCOTUS Obergerfell decision:

"The Constitution promises liberty to all within its reach, a liberty that includes certain specific rights that allow persons, within a lawful realm to define and express their identity."

As mentioned this SCOTUS decision created a right for all "persons", which includes minor children "to define and express their identity".

Today courts in Massachusetts are using Obergerfell to remove children from their homes because the child has the rights mentioned above. The State sees itself as obligated to defend the Constitutional right of the child against their parent, including in their choice to alter their gender by surgical and chemical mutilation. Please let that sink in.

A huge part of the relationship between children and their parents is now legally up for grabs and Finding m) in HB01 could, but does not address this issue preserving parental rights.

Representative Bud Hulsey has agreed to sponsor the attached heavily vetted amendment to HB01 to prevent and correct this loss of parental rights.

No one wants to undermine the parent / child relationship.

No one wants children mutilated.

This issue has been boiling in the background, since Vanderbilt's outrageous greed was discovered.

Now we have a clear plan.

Now we have a plan of action.

Now we need your calls to your state Representative. Enter your address and get their phone number and email address.

Ask them, "Please support Rep. Hulsey's amendment to HB01."

The FINAL vote will occur on Wednesday February 22, 2023 on the House Floor with all TN representatives voting.

Please call today. Every State Representative (click here) will be voting on Wednesday and they all need to hear from you.

Ask them, "Please support Rep. Hulsey's amendment to HB01."

More information will follow, but you have enough information to act now. Share this with every concerned parent, your church, extended family, and Christian friends.

Call and keep calling to protect your parental rights and protect children from mutilation.

Technical Amendment attached.
Bullet point discussion
Article from Tennessean newspaper

Respectfully,

Claiborne Thornton, President
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Please continue to scroll down to see the bills that THEA is currently monitoring during this legislation:

HB0252 (Barrett): SB0644 (Hensley)

Schools, Home - As introduced, removes the requirement that a parent-teacher of a home school student provide proof of the student's immunizations and receipt of health services or examinations required by law generally for children in this state to the local education agency; exempts home school students from the immunization requirements applicable to students attending a school, nursery school, kindergarten, preschool, or child care facility. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6 and Title 68. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

HB0252 Actions	Date	SB0644	Date
Filed for introduction	01/17/2023	Filed for introduction	01/26/2023
Intro., P1C.	01/20/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/30/2023
P2C, ref. to Education Administration	01/21/2023	Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	02/02/2023
Assigned to s/c K-12 Subcommittee	01/24/2023		
Placed on s/c cal K-12 Subcommittee for 2/7/2023	02/01/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/02/2023		
Rec. for pass by s/c ref. to Education Administration	02/07/2023		
Placed on cal. Education Administration for 2/15/2023	02/08/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/13/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/14/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/15/2023		
Rec. for pass. if am., ref. to Calendar & Rules Committee	02/15/2023		

SB0443 (Lowe); HB1271 (Cochran)

Local Education Agencies - As introduced, enacts the "Access and Opportunity Act"; requires each LEA and public school to provide home school students in good academic standing and students who transfer into the LEA or public school in good academic standing equal access to all academic, arts, or athletic programs, clubs, events, and opportunities offered by the LEA or public school. - Amends TCA Title 49. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0443 Actions	Date	HB1271	Date
Filed for introduction	01/25/2023	Filed for introduction	01/31/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/26/2023	Intro., P1C.	02/01/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	01/30/2023	P2C, ref. to Education Administration	02/02/2023
		Assigned to s/c K-12 Subcommittee	02/07/2023
Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/22/2023	02/15/2023		

SB0001 (Johnson); HB0001 (Lamberth)

Public Health - As introduced, prohibits a healthcare provider from performing on a minor or administering to a minor a medical procedure if the performance or administration of the procedure is for the purpose of enabling a minor to identify with, or live as, a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex. - Amends TCA Title 28; Title 29; Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0001 Actions	Date	HB0001 Actions	Date
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/10/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/04/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/11/2023	Intro., P1C.	01/10/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, held on desk pending committee appointments	01/11/2023	P2C held on desk, pending appointment of Standing Committees	01/11/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/13/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/11/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/17/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/12/2023
Refer to Senate Health & Welfare Committee	01/20/2023	Ref. to Health Committee -- Civil Justice Committee	01/12/2023
Placed on Senate Health and Welfare Committee calendar for 2/1/2023	01/25/2023	Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee	01/12/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/26/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/18/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/31/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/24/2023
Recommended for passage with amendment/s, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee Ayes 8, Nays 1 PNV 0	02/01/2023	Placed on s/c cal Health Subcommittee for 1/31/2023	01/25/2023
Placed on Senate Judiciary Committee calendar for 2/7/2023	02/01/2023	Rec for pass if am by s/c ref. to Health Committee	01/31/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/06/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/31/2023
Recommended for passage with amendment/s, refer to Senate Calendar Committee Ayes 7, Nays 2 PNV 0	02/07/2023	Placed on cal. Health Committee for 2/8/2023	02/01/2023
Placed on Senate Regular Calendar for 2/13/2023	02/09/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/01/2023
Engrossed; ready for transmission to House	02/13/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/08/2023
Senate adopted Amendment (Amendment 2 - SA0008)	02/13/2023	Rec. for pass. if am., ref. to Civil Justice Committee	02/08/2023
Amendment withdrawn. (Amendment 1 - SA0003)	02/13/2023	Placed on cal. Civil Justice Committee for 2/15/2023	02/09/2023
Senate adopted Amendment (Amendment 3 - SA0015)	02/13/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/09/2023
Passed Senate as amended, Ayes 26, Nays 6	02/13/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/13/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/14/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/15/2023
Rcvd. from S., held on H. desk.	02/16/2023	Rec. for pass. if am., ref. to Calendar & Rules Committee	02/15/2023

SB0001 Actions**Date****HB0001 Actions****Date**

		Placed on cal. Calendar & Rules Committee for 2/16/2023	02/15/2023
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		H. Placed on Regular Calendar for 2/23/2023	02/16/2023
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		Sponsor(s) Added.	02/16/2023
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SB0636 (Lowe); HB1096 (Hale)

Sports - As introduced, prohibits a public school from using public funds to join, become members of, or maintain membership in an association that regulates interscholastic athletics unless the association's bylaws allow a home school student in good standing to immediately participate in an interscholastic athletic offered by a public school if the student was previously enrolled in the public school and participated as a member of the interscholastic athletic team while enrolled. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0636 Actions	Date	HB1096	Date
Filed for introduction	01/26/2023	Filed for introduction	01/31/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/30/2023	Intro., P1C.	02/01/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	02/02/2023	P2C, ref. to Education Administration	02/02/2023
		Assigned to s/c K-12 Subcommittee	02/07/2023

SB0620 (Pody); HB1414 (Todd)

Children - As introduced, enacts the "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act", which declares that the ability of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of that parent's child is a fundamental right. - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 49. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0620 Actions	Date	HB1414	Date
Filed for introduction	01/26/2023	Filed for introduction	01/31/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/30/2023	Intro., P1C.	02/01/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee	02/02/2023	Sponsor change.	02/02/2023
		Sponsor(s) withdrawn.	02/02/2023
		Assigned to s/c Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee	02/07/2023

SB0417 (Gardenhire); HB0455 (White)

Students - As introduced, prohibits a parent or guardian of a student who has accumulated five or more days of unexcused absences during the school year from withdrawing the student from school during the school year except for certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 37; Title 39 and Title 49, Chapter 6. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0417 Actions	Date	HB0455 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/24/2023	Filed for introduction	01/25/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/25/2023	Intro., P1C.	01/30/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	01/26/2023	P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt.	02/01/2023

SB0203 (Walley); HB0134 (Haston)

Campaigns and Campaign Finance - As introduced, exempts churches and other religious organizations from the Campaign Financial Disclosure Act of 1980 with respect to expending funds in favor of or in opposition to single or multiple issue measures related to questions of public or private morality, including, but not limited to, alcohol, drugs, abortion, marriage, or gambling. - Amends TCA Section 2-10-101. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0203 Actions	Date	HB0134 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/17/2023	Filed for introduction	01/11/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/20/2023	Intro., P1C.	01/12/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate State and Local Government Committee	01/21/2023	P2C, ref. to Local Government Committee	01/20/2023
Placed on Senate State and Local Government Committee calendar for 2/14/2023	02/07/2023	Assigned to s/c Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee	01/24/2023
Action deferred in Senate State and Local Government Committee to 2/28/2023	02/14/2023		

HB0158 (Zachary); SB0102 (Gardenhire)

Education - As introduced, prohibits a local education agency, public charter school, public institution of higher education, the state board of education, and the department of education from requiring an educator, employee of an LEA or charter school, faculty member, or employee of a public institution of higher education to complete or participate in implicit bias training; defines "implicit bias training"; prohibits adverse licensure and employment actions from being taken against such an individual for the individual's failure or refusal to participate in implicit bias training. - Amends TCA Title 49. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

HB0158 Actions	Date	SB0102 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/11/2023	Filed for introduction	01/11/2023
Intro., P1C.	01/12/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/12/2023
P2C, ref. to Education Administration	01/20/2023	Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	01/20/2023
Assigned to s/c K-12 Subcommittee	01/24/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/31/2023
		Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/22/2023	02/15/2023

HB0027 (Lamberth); SB0074 (Watson)

As introduced, allows a student who earns the student's first baccalaureate degree in less than the projected completion time to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship in pursuit of an advanced degree. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

HB0027 Actions	Date	SB0074 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/04/2023	Filed for introduction	01/04/2023
Intro., P1C.	01/10/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/10/2023
P2C held on desk, pending appointment of Standing Committees	01/11/2023	Passed on Second Consideration, held on desk pending committee appointments	01/11/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/12/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/13/2023
Placed on s/c cal Higher Education Subcommittee for 1/30/2023	01/25/2023	Refer to Senate Education Committee	01/20/2023
Def. to Lottery Calendar	01/30/2023	Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/15/2023	02/08/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/30/2023	Action deferred in Senate Education Committee to 2/22/2023	02/15/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/02/2023	Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/22/2023	02/15/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/08/2023		

HB0116 (Hurt); SB0112 (Watson)

Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, expands the definition of "eligible postsecondary institution" to include certain private postsecondary institutions for purposes of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

HB0016 Actions	Date	SB0112 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/11/2023	Filed for introduction	01/11/2023
Intro., P1C.	01/12/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/11/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/12/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/12/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/20/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/13/2023
P2C, ref. to Education Administration -- Government Operations for Review	01/20/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/20/2023
Assigned to s/c Higher Education Subcommittee	01/24/2023	Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Education Committee	01/20/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/30/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	02/01/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/31/2023		
Placed on s/c cal Higher Education Subcommittee for 2/6/2023	02/01/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/02/2023		
Def. to Lottery Calendar	02/06/2023		
Sponsor(s) Added.	02/07/2023		

SB0074 (Watson); HB0027 (Lamberth)

Scholarships and Financial Aid - As introduced, allows a student who earns the student's first baccalaureate degree in less than the projected completion time to continue to receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship in pursuit of an advanced degree. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0074 Actions	Date	HB0027 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/04/2023	Filed for introduction	01/04/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/10/2023	Intro., P1C.	01/10/2023
Sponsor(s) Added.	01/13/2023	P2C held on desk, pending appointment of Standing Committees	01/11/2023
Refer to Senate Education Committee	01/20/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/12/2023
Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/15/2023	02/08/2023	Placed on s/c cal Higher Education Subcommittee for 1/30/2023	01/25/2023
Action deferred in Senate Education Committee to 2/22/2023	02/15/2023	Def. to Lottery Calendar	01/30/2023
Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 2/22/2023	02/15/2023	Sponsor(s) Added.	01/30/2023
		Sponsor(s) Added.	02/02/2023
		Sponsor(s) Added.	02/08/2023

SB0005 (Bowling); HB1378 (Ragan)

Health Care - As introduced, enacts the “Youth Health Protection Act.” - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 9; Title 14; Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

SB0005 Actions	Date	HB1378 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	11/15/2022	Filed for introduction	01/31/2023
Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	01/10/2023	Intro., P1C.	02/01/2023
Passed on Second Consideration, held on desk pending committee appointments	01/11/2023	P2C, ref. to Health Committee -- Civil Justice Committee	02/02/2023
Refer to Senate Judiciary Committee	01/20/2023	Assigned to s/c Health Subcommittee	02/07/2023

HB1109 (Travis); SB1319 (Bailey)

Criminal Offenses - As introduced, adds to the offense of custodial interference, a parent or other family member who harbors or hides a child within or outside this state, knowing that the child has been placed in the custody of the department of children's services pursuant to a protective custody order or an emergency custody order entered by a court; states that it is not a defense that the person harboring or hiding the child has not been served with an actual copy of a protective custody order or emergency custody order. - Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 6 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 3. Click [here](#) to read the full bill.

HB1109 Actions	Date	SB1319 Actions	Date
Filed for introduction	01/31/2023	Filed for introduction	01/31/2023
Intro., P1C.	02/01/2023	Introduced, Passed on First Consideration	02/02/2023
P2C, ref. to Criminal Justice Committee	02/02/2023	Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee	02/06/2023
Assigned to s/c Criminal Justice Subcommittee	02/07/2023		