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Bill Category	Name or Brief Description	Bill # (Senate & House)	Purpose of the Bill	What Happened in the TN Legislature?
Constitutional Govt.	*Legislator Standing Bill	SB 436/HB 558	Allows Legislature to initiate lawsuits that challenge local ordinances and federal laws and to intervene in lawsuits in which constitutionality or interpretation of a state or federal law is at issue.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Constitutional Govt.	*Applying the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act	SB 449/HB 566	Requires all boards and commissions that currently implement an ethics code developed by a private professional or business association to submit any changes to those codes by those private associations for approval by House and Senate Committee on Govt. Operations.	Signed into law as Public Chapter 215.
Constitutional Govt.	*Solicitor General Bill	SB 1240/HB 690	Creates office of Solicitor General to be appointed by Legislature and transfers all current duties of Attorney General (except reporting of Supreme Court cases) to Solicitor General	Passed the House Civil Justice Committee. No action taken in the Senate.
Education	Prohibits SEL	SB 4/HB 357	Prohibits state board of education from adopting or providing standards or competencies for social and emotional learning (SEL).	No action taken in House or Senate.
Education	Partisan school board elections	SB 582/HB 1039	Requires school board elections to be partisan races.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Education	Student Privacy Bill	SB 771/HB 888	Requires students in public schools and universities to use bathroom and locker room facilities of the sex listed on their birth certificate.	Failed for lack of a motion in Senate Education Committee. No action taken in House.

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Family	*Husband/wife and father/mother defined biologically	SB 30/HB 33	Clarifies that words “husband,” “wife,” “father,” and “mother,” when used in a statute, are to be given their ordinary meaning based on biological distinctions between men and women.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Family	Pornography Resolution	SJR 35	Resolution declares pornography is a public health crisis.	Signed by Governor.
Family	Natural Marriage Defense Act	SB 752/HB 892	Declares that Tennessee will only recognize and give effect to marriages between one man and one woman and will not recognize any court decision that purports to strike down natural marriage.	House Civil Justice Subcommittee adopted amendment to indemnify officials who comply w/existing license law and referred to next year. No action taken in House or Senate.
Family	Undefined words given ordinary meaning	SB 1085/HB 1111	Requires that undefined words in the Tennessee Code be given their natural and ordinary meaning, except when a contrary intention is clearly manifest.	Signed into law. Public Chapter number not assigned yet.
Family	Mandates contraception coverage for insurance policies	SB 1142/HB 721	Requires that every group health insurance policy, to the extent not preempted by federal law, have coverage for all contraceptive drugs and devices approved by the FDA.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Family	*Insemination Statute Repeal	SB 1153/HB 1406	Repeals statute that deems child born to a married woman as a result of artificial insemination, with consent of married woman’s husband, to be the legitimate child of the husband and wife.	No action taken in House or Senate.

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Life	Fetal Heartbeat Bill	SB 244/HB 108	Bans abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Life	Personhood at fertilization	SB 754/HB 895	Declares that life begins at conception and all the rights of personhood attach at that point.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Life	20-week abortion ban	SB 766/HB 101	Prohibits abortion after 20 weeks with exceptions for the life and health of the mother.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Life	Prohibits abortions after viability	SB 1180/HB 1189	Prohibits abortion of a viable fetus and requires testing to determine viability if a woman is at least 20 weeks pregnant.	Signed into law. Public Chapter number not assigned yet.
Life	Assisted Suicide Bill	SB 1378/HB 1394	Allows for an adult suffering from a terminal disease to make a written request for life-ending medication.	No action taken in House or Senate.
Miscellaneous	Establishes horse racing commission	SB 346/HB 814	Establishes the Tennessee Horse Racing Commission to regulate horse racing and wagering in Tennessee.	No action taken in House or Senate.

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Miscellaneous	Excludes cannabidiol from definition of marijuana	SB 385/HB 694	Excludes cannabidiol products approved as prescription medication by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from the statutory definition of marijuana.	Signed into law as Public Chapter 120.
Religious Liberty	Business Protection Act	SB 127/HB 54	Prohibits discriminatory action by state and local govt. officials against businesses on the basis of the business' internal personnel policies, provided they are in compliance with state and federal law.	Passed Senate 25-5-3. No action taken in House.
Religious Liberty	Political involvement of churches	SB 403/HB 609	Exempts churches and religious organizations from the requirements applicable to Political Action Committees (PACs) when spending funds in favor or opposition to ballot measures related to morality, such as alcohol, drugs, abortion, marriage, or gambling.	No action taken in House or Senate.

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