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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 by the Governor 4/28/17, 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.
Constitutional Govt.	Gender identity added as a factor in determining hate crime	SB 1943/HB 1982	Adds gender identity to the list of victim characteristics that should be considered as an enhancement factor in sentencing.	No action taken in the House or Senate.
Constitutional Govt	Right of General Assembly to intervene in certain lawsuits	SB 2655/HB 1946	Allows the Speaker of the House and Speaker of the Senate, jointly, or a majority of the members of both houses to intervene in certain <i>existing</i> legal proceedings where the constitutionality of a state statute is challenged or in which "new" or novel interpretations to expand constitutional or statutory rights are being advocated.	No action taken in the House or Senate.



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Constitutional Govt.	Method of Selecting the Attorney General	SJR 88	This resolution seeks to amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Tennessee Constitution to provide for appointment of the state attorney general by joint vote of the General Assembly. The Tennessee Supreme Court currently selects the attorney general.	Passed as amended by Senate Judiciary Committee 7-2. No action taken in the House.
Constitutional Govt.	Method of Selecting the Attorney General	SJR 611	This resolution seeks to amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Tennessee Constitution to provide selection of the state attorney general by nomination by the Tennessee Supreme Court and confirmation by a joint vote of the General Assembly. The Tennessee Supreme Court currently selects the attorney general.	Passed by Senate 28-1. No action taken by the House.
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 in Senate Education Committee lack of a motion. No action taken in House.
Education	School Protection and Student Privacy	SB 2480/HB 2620	Authorizes attorney general to represent a local school board and/or its employees in a legal proceeding arising out of the school board's adoption of a policy or practice designating multi-person restrooms, locker rooms, or other facilities for use based only on one's biological sex.	Passed by the House Civil Justice Committee. No action taken in the Senate.



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Family	Husband/wife and father/mother defined biologically	SB 30/HB 33	Clarifies that “husband,” “wife,” “father,” and “mother,” are to be given their ordinary meaning based on biological distinctions between men and women.	No action taken in the House or Senate.
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.	No action taken in the 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 by Governor 5/5/17, Public Chapter 302
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 the 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 the House or Senate.
Family	Pornography Resolution	SJR 35	Resolution declares pornography is a public health crisis.	Signed by Governor 4/24/17.
Life	Fetal Heartbeat Bill	SB 244/HB 108	As amended, if an ultrasound is performed prior to an abortion requires the reporting of certain information related to whether a heartbeat was detected and requires woman/patient be given the option to be informed of results.	Signed by Governor 5/3/18, Public Chapter 862.
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 the House or Senate.



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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 the 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 by Governor 5/11/17, Public Chapter 353.
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 the House or Senate.
Life	Fetal Heartbeat Detection	SB 1961/HB 1892	Prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected; requires fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion; creates exceptions.	No action taken in the House or Senate.
Life	Distribution of Medicare/Medicaid Funding	SB 2148/HB 2251	The bill would direct the commissioner of F&A to submit a request for a waiver to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid to exclude such entities if the Bureau of TennCare determines that the inclusion of the provider would result in the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortion.	Signed by the Governor on 4/12/18, Public Chapter 682.
Life	Information to be provided prior to abortion	SB 2365/HB 1746	Requires that certain information regarding the physician who will perform an abortion be provided to the woman prior to an abortion.	Passed by the House Health Committee. No action taken in the Senate.



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Life	Use of Title X Family Planning Funds	SB 2494/HB 2262	This bill would place into law the method implemented by the Haslam administration to prioritize entities receiving these funds with entities such as Planned Parenthood being awarded the funds only as a last resort if there is no other qualified entity to perform the required services.	Signed by the Governor 4/9/18, Public Chapter 660.
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 the House or Senate.
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 by Governor 4/12/17, Public Chapter 120.
Miscellaneous	Legalizes marijuana for medical purposes	SB 1633/HB 1700	Create an exception to the criminal law for the possession of no more than one ounce of marijuana if it is possessed for the treatment of a provable medical condition.	No action taken in the House or Senate.
Miscellaneous	Medical Cannabis Act	SB 1710/HB 1749	Enacts the "Medical Cannabis Act;" establishes medical cannabis commission for regulation of cannabis-related health care.	Passed House Criminal Justice Committee. No action taken in the Senate.
Miscellaneous	Establishes Tennessee Horse Racing Commission to regulate horse racing and wagering in Tennessee	SB 1908/HB 2109	This bill is the final step toward full legalization of horse racing and gambling on those races in Tennessee. Virtually identical to SB 346.	No action taken in the House or Senate.



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Miscellaneous	Authorizing Casinos and Games of Chance	HJR 109	The resolution seeks to amend Article XI, Section 5 of the Tennessee Constitution that if passed, would allow the Legislature to authorize casinos and games of chance associated with casinos to be operated in Tennessee.	No action taken in the House or Senate.
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 the 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 the House or Senate.

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