



2021

Tennessee State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Tennessee's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Legislative and Missed Votes Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of legislators who serve in state legislatures and to bring awareness to lawmakers. The Foundation's State Legislative Scorecards, such as this scorecard, specifically inform the public about the positions taken by legislators in a particular state on economic growth issues.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION
EDUCATES THE
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EXAMINATIONS OF
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Methodology | Tennessee 2021

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Tennessee's elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examined legislative votes related to the Foundation's immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examined votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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The Foundation’s study examined over 4,400 floor votes and, in the end, included 20 Tennessee House votes and 20 Tennessee Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0%

scores are, by default, ranked #99 in the House and #33 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2021 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Tennessee House and Tennessee Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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33 MEMBERS

Tennessee Senate Snapshot

27 Republicans

6 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 44%

(Up from 43% in 2020)

Average Democrat Score: 16%

(Down from 18% in 2020)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Kerry Roberts (SD-25) | **68%**



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Senator Richard Briggs (SD-07) | **33%**

Senator Page Walley (SD-26) | **33%**



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Brenda Gilmore (SD-19) | **19%**



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Senator Sara Kyle (SD-30) | **13%**

Senator Jeff Yarbrow (SD-21) | **13%**

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	
POINTS					5	7	4	5	5	2	4	5	4	5	3	3	3	6	8	7	4	7	6	7	
Akbari, Raumesh	SD-29	D	18%	23%	-	X	4	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	3	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	28
Bailey, Paul	SD-15	R	47%	47%	X	7	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	X	X	-	4	-	-	7	6
Bell, Mike	SD-09	R	45%	57%	5	7	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	10
Bowling, Janince	SD-16	R	54%	58%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	7	6	7	3
Briggs, Richard	SD-07	R	33%	40%	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Campbell, Heidi	SD-20	D	16%	16%	-	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	29
Crowe, Rusty	SD-03	R	41%	49%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Gardenhire, Todd	SD-10	R	36%	42%	X	7	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	3	3	X	-	-	X	4	-	-	-	22
Gilmore, Brenda	SD-19	D	19%	25%	-	7	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	8	-	-	I	I	-	27
Haile, Ferrell	SD-18	R	47%	56%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	I	I	7	6
Hensley, Joey	SD-28	R	57%	57%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	7	6	7	2
Jackson, Edward	SD-27	R	41%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Johnson, Jack	SD-23	R	41%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Kelsey, Brian	SD-31	R	52%	54%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	5	X	5	3	3	3	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	4
Kyle, Sara	SD-30	D	13%	26%	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	-	31
Lundberg, Jon	SD-04	R	n/a	64%	X	7	4	X	X	-	X	X	-	5	X	3	3	X	X	X	4	I	I	7	
Massey, Becky	SD-06	R	39%	46%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	X	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	20
McNally, Randy	SD-05	R	34%	48%	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	23
Niceley, Frank	SD-08	R	46%	48%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	9
Pody, Mark	SD-17	R	49%	52%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	X	3	-	-	-	4	7	6	X	5

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Powers, Bill	SD-22	R	41%	45%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Reeves, Shane	SD-14	R	47%	54%	5	7	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	X	-	4	-	-	7	6
Roberts, Kerry	SD-25	R	68%	61%	5	7	4	X	X	-	4	X	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	7	6	7	1
Robinson, Katrina	SD-33	D	16%	23%	-	X	4	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	-	29
Rose, Paul	SD-32	R	41%	49%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Southerland, Steve	SD-01	R	41%	47%	5	7	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	X	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Stevens, John	SD-24	R	44%	52%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	11
Swann, Art	SD-02	R	39%	48%	5	7	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	X	20
Walley, Page	SD-26	R	33%	33%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	7	25
Watson, Bo	SD-11	R	41%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	X	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
White, Dawn	SD-13	R	41%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	12
Yager, Ken	SD-12	R	34%	45%	X	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	23
Yarbro, Jeff	SD-21	D	13%	25%	-	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	31

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HB 13

PROHIBIT VACCINE MANDATE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the implementation of a government-imposed vaccine mandate on Tennesseans. Specifically, the legislation prohibits a governor from issuing an executive order, state agencies from implementing regulations, and municipalities and smaller political subdivisions from enacting ordinances that require vaccination against COVID-19 or any of its variants. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 83-7, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 21-8, on April 29, 2021.

HB 566

SUNSET ALL AGENCY RULES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires all state agencies and rule-making entities to submit a report, every eight years, of all regulations within their purview for review by the state legislature. Specifically, the legislation requires agencies to make

determinations and recommendations on whether each individual rule should be amended, maintained, or repealed. Forcing regulatory agencies to justify their rules is an important accountability measure for reducing the overall government burden on Tennessee residents and taxpayers by encouraging the repeal of unnecessary, burdensome, and duplicative regulations. Additionally, this measure will help rein in the unelected administrative state. Deregulation also removes barriers to entry, enables more innovation, and promotes economic growth. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 69-23, on April 19, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on April 14, 2021.

HB 948

MODEST CERTIFICATE OF NEED REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill makes some relatively modest changes to the state's existing certificate-of-need (CON) laws, which improve the ability of healthcare providers to deliver better and expanded services

to patients. CON laws are overly burdensome requirements that benefit large hospital associations and the medical establishment by constraining the ability of providers to expand their services without approval from unelected state bureaucrats. This legislation streamlines the approval process and reduces some regulatory barriers for expanding care. Consumer demand and the free market should determine what health services are available, as opposed to relying on the arbitrary decisions of state bureaucrats. This legislation will result in greater access and lower costs for some health services. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 76-13, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-1, on May 5, 2021.

HB 1204

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a tax and subsidy scheme for the explicit benefit of the Tennessee Smokies minor league baseball team. This crony legislation

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provides for certain sales taxes to be collected by the Smokies and redirected toward the Knoxville and Knox County Sports Authority for the purpose of financing the team's new baseball stadium. Furthermore, the bill expands corporate welfare, by using sales tax proceeds from all events held in the stadium to finance the stadium's debt. Meanwhile, it allows the Tennessee Smokies to collect the booking fees for any other events held at their taxpayer-funded stadium. The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. Additionally, the government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 71-10, on April 27, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on April 28, 2021.

HB 1437

CORPORATE WELFARE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION FOR TITANS FOOTBALL TEAM (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill not only extends a taxpayer-funded subsidy program for the Tennessee Titans'

stadium for another 30 years, but it also expands the existing corporate welfare program to include the development and promotion of a surrounding 130-acre area for capital projects and infrastructure "necessary for the operation of the sports facility." The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. Additionally, the government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 75-10, on April 27, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, on April 29, 2021.

SB 26

EXTENDS "TEMPORARY" TAX ON DRINKS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends what was initially described as a "temporary tax" on bottles of soft drinks and barrels of beer for an additional six years. The legislation is estimated to inflict \$4.5 million in taxes on Tennessee taxpayers in order to fund certain state highway programs and projects. At a time when hard-working Americans face rising inflation over the cost of basic goods

and services and with Tennessee having a \$2.8 billion general fund surplus, lawmakers should not be extending niche tax regimes to support their favored pet projects. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 70-8, on April 1, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 18, 2021.

SB 101

ART THERAPY LICENSING SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new occupational licensing regime for art therapists through the state Board of Examiners in Psychology. The new program would charge an initial license fee of \$300 and a biennial renewal fee of \$225 for art therapists to maintain their license. The purpose of this new licensing scheme is explicitly stated as protecting the occupation of art therapy from "unqualified persons." This is not a core function of government, and licensing schemes such as this stifle economic growth by imposing barriers on those seeking employment and reducing competition, which results in higher prices for consumers.

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This licensing scheme should be completely eliminated. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 81-7, on April 5, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-2, on March 18, 2021.

SB 424

SALES TAX HIKE IN NASHVILLE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for the doubling – from one-quarter to one-half percent – of a tax on all sales within a portion of the tourism district to fund corporate welfare projects. Davidson County, the only metropolitan government levying the fee, suffered self-inflicted revenue losses by imposing some of the most stringent and longest COVID-19 lockdowns in the state. Taxpayers should not foot the bill for higher taxes designed to benefit one county and well-connected industries within that county. Such policies pit citizens against one another and benefit politically-preferred industries. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 57-19, on May 3, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 26-3, on April 26, 2021.

SB 481

CORPORATE WELFARE EXTENSION FOR PREDATORS HOCKEY TEAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the period that the Nashville Predators hockey franchise is able to collect a portion of the state's sales tax on the sales of admission, food and drink, and merchandise. Originally, this 30-year sweetheart deal, in which a private entity exclusively benefits from sales taxes, was set to expire in 2029. The legislation extends this corporate welfare for an additional 20 years until 2049. The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 75-4, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-0, on March 18, 2021.

SB 623

PROHIBIT CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN K-12

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits K-12 public or charter schools from including or promoting concepts incorporated in Critical Race Theory (CRT).

CRT is a radical theory rooted in Marxism that espouses the notion that all of society is racialized and should be collectively viewed through identity groups that are separated into oppressed and oppressors. This legislation prohibits taxpayer-funded school districts and colleges from teaching students that one race or ethnic group is inherently racist or intellectually superior to another. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 69-20, on May 5, 2021. This bill passed the Tennessee Senate, 25-7, on the same day.

SB 771

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill makes modest changes to a variety of industries and professions regulated through growth- and innovation-stifling occupational licensing regimes. This includes reducing relevant fees for court reporters, motor vehicle salespersons, barbers, funeral directors, scrap metal dealers, locksmiths, automobile auctioneers, and collection services. Occupational licensing schemes are

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not a core function of government, and they stifle economic growth by imposing barriers on those seeking employment. Additionally, they reduce competition and result in higher prices for consumers. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 86-1, on May 4, 2021. It passed the Tennessee Senate, 28-0, on April 28, 2021.

SB 788
MODEST EDUCATIONAL CHOICE REFORM
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enhances K-12 public school choice by allowing parents to enroll their children in an out-of-zone school that has available space. The legislation provides for an open enrollment period that must be at least 30 days long, with relevant information publicized by the school district at least 14 days before the open enrollment period begins. At a time when a record number of parents are moving their children out of failing government schools, it is critical to implement policies that empower both parents and students with better educational options. The Tennessee House passed this bill,

89-5, on April 26, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed the House amended version, 24-2, on May 3, 2021.

SB 858
PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT MANDATE FOR VACCINE PASSPORT
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits state and local government officials from mandating that a private business require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or mandating proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to enter a government building or use government services. Government edicts that impose burdensome mandates on private businesses or attempt to implement vaccine passports for civic participation infringe upon economic freedom and individual liberty. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 68-22, on May 3, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 25-6, on May 4, 2021.

SB 911
SPENDING EXCESS TAX REVENUE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

According to the Tennessee Constitution, the state legislature is not permitted to spend any tax revenue that exceeds the growth in the state’s economy, as measured by the increase in per capita income, unless the General Assembly explicitly sets forth both the dollar amount and rate at which they intend to bust the spending cap. For the current budget cycle, the total proposed spending increase was \$431.6 million. This proposed legislation allows the state legislature to bypass this check and spend nearly half-a-billion dollars beyond the per capita income growth. Lawmakers should focus on decreasing taxes and regulations, reining in government spending, and returning money to taxpayers, instead of spending more taxpayer money. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 91-0, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 31-0, on the same day.

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SB 912

2021-2022 INFLATED STATE BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

The state budget proposal for the FY 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, totals \$42.6 billion, which is an increase of nearly \$3.4 billion over FY 2020-2021 spending. This 8.5 percent year-over-year increase comes after the current budget is projected to finish with a \$3 billion surplus. Instead of returning money to hard-working taxpayers, lawmakers have decided to spend their taxpayer-funded revenue windfall on meritless teacher pay raises, crony grant programs, and increased Medicaid funding. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 76-11, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed the House's amended bill, 24-6, on the same day.

SB 1030

PERMANENT MUNICIPAL TAX HIKES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill removes existing and future limitations on both a city and a county levying a hotel or motel occupancy tax. The legislation allows the hotel or motel occupancy tax to be levied by

just a vote of the local legislative bodies, letting the Tennessee General Assembly off the hook from having to approve or reject city and county occupancy taxes. Furthermore, the bill provides for such a tax to be as high as 4 percent. This will result in an explosion in local tax hikes, with greatly diminished accountability from state lawmakers who ultimately are supposed to have primary oversight over political subdivisions of the state. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 57-15, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, on the same day.

SB 1534

PROHIBIT PRIVATE ELECTION GRANTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits any state entity responsible for conducting elections from accepting outside funds without approval by the speaker of the state senate (Lt. Governor) and speaker of the state house. The legislation also prohibits county entities from accepting outside funds for conducting elections, unless approved by the Secretary of State. Conducting elections is an essential function of government and

funding should be transparent so as to ensure accountability is directed at elected officials who answer directly to voters. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 72-20, on April 21, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 26-4, on April 14, 2021.

SB 8001

NEW HIGH-COST BUREAUCRATIC ENTITY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee (MAWT), the primary purpose of which is to promote economic development related to the new Ford Motor Company plant. This bill imparts the unelected MAWT with broad authority, without legislative oversight. The annual cost for the MAWT Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and third party professional services is estimated at \$870,000 per year and does not include any of the costs associated with exercising any of its powers. In an extraordinary session specifically called to take up this issue, the Tennessee Senate passed this bill 26-4 on October 20, 2021. The Tennessee House passed it the same day, 90-3-2.

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SB 8002

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR FORD (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill gives Ford Motor Company at least \$500 million in taxpayer funds for a new electric vehicle manufacturing facility in West Tennessee, known as Blue Oval City, with a promise by Ford to invest \$5.6 billion in the project and create 5,800 jobs. An additional \$200 million was allocated for road construction in the surrounding three-county area. Lawmakers and bureaucrats picking winners and losers in the marketplace is not a core function of government. Furthermore, Tennessee taxpayers should not be subsidizing a company that, at the quarterly report following the bill's passage, had \$29 billion of cash and \$45 billion in liquidity. In an extraordinary session specifically called to take up this issue, the Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 26-4 on October 20, 2021. The Tennessee House passed it the same day, 90-3-2.

SJR 2

RIGHT TO WORK RESOLUTION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution is the Tennessee General Assembly's second and final step needed to add an amendment to the state constitution that protects the right of working Tennesseans to either join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization. Right-to-work measures are critical for ensuring long-term economic growth and protecting the free speech rights of workers from highly-politicized union bosses. The resolution passed with its required two-thirds vote, so it will now go on the statewide ballot for voter consideration in 2022. The Tennessee House passed the resolution, 67-24, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 24-7, on March 8, 2021.

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Tennessee House Snapshot

72 Republicans

26 Democrats

1 Vacancy

Average Republican Score: 50%
(Up from 45% in 2020)

Average Democrat Score: 21%
(Down from 32% in 2020)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Tim Rudd (HD-34) | **100%**



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Ron Travis (HD-31) | **31%**



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. John Windle (HD-41) | **45%**



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Bob Freeman (HD-56) | **6%**

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Alexander, Rebecca	HD-07	R	43%	43%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Baum, Charlie	HD-37	R	47%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	32
Beck, Bill	HD-51	D	19%	21%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	84
Boyd, Clark	HD-46	R	47%	53%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Bricken, Rush	HD-47	R	43%	47%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Byrd, David	HD-71	R	n/a	56%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	
Calfee, Kent	HD-32	R	43%	48%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Campbell, Scotty	HD-03	R	52%	52%	5	7	4	X	-	X	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	I	I	-	17
Camper, Karen	HD-87	D	25%	30%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	3	3	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	77
Carr, Dale	HD-12	R	48%	47%	5	7	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Carringer, Michele	HD-16	R	47%	47%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Casada, Glen	HD-63	R	46%	47%	5	7	4	X	X	X	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	X	-	-	7	39
Cepicky, Scott	HD-64	R	81%	66%	5	7	4	5	5	2	-	4	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	7	6	7	2
Chism, Jesse	HD-85	D	19%	32%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	84
Clemmons, John	HD-55	D	19%	26%	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	84
Cochran, Mark	HD-23	R	47%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Cooper, Barbara	HD-86	D	n/a	32%	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	
Crawford, John	HD-01	R	59%	64%	5	7	4	X	-	-	3	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	I	I	7	11
Curcio, Michael	HD-69	R	46%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	X	-	-	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	39
Darby, Tandy	HD-76	R	42%	42%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	-	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	66

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Dixie, Vincent	HD-54	D	20%	22%	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	82
Doggett, Clay	HD-70	R	68%	66%	5	7	4	5	5	2	-	4	4	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	5
Eldridge, Rick	HD-10	R	48%	51%	5	7	X	5	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Faison, Jeremy	HD-11	R	45%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	44
Farmer, Andrew	HD-17	R	48%	50%	5	7	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Freeman, Bob	HD-56	D	6%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Gant, Ron	HD-94	R	46%	48%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	39
Garrett, Johnny	HD-45	R	48%	53%	5	7	4	-	-	X	-	X	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Gillespie, John	HD-97	R	42%	42%	5	7	4	-	-	X	X	-	-	5	3	3	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	66
Griffey, Bruce	HD-75	R	60%	53%	X	7	X	5	X	-	3	X	X	5	X	3	5	-	X	X	4	-	-	X	8
Grills, Rusty	HD-77	R	68%	58%	5	7	4	X	5	2	X	4	4	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	5
Hakeem, Yusuf	HD-28	D	26%	29%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	74
Halford, Curtis	HD-79	R	49%	48%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	I	I	7	22
Hall, Mark	HD-24	R	48%	56%	5	7	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Hardaway, G	HD-93	D	20%	27%	5	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	82
Harris, Torrey	HD-90	D	21%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	81
Haston, Kirk	HD-72	R	44%	49%	5	X	4	X	-	X	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	49
Hawk, David	HD-05	R	43%	45%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Hazlewood, Patsy	HD-27	R	43%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Helton, Esther	HD-30	R	43%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50

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Hicks, Gary	HD-09	R	43%	46%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Hicks, Tim	HD-06	R	45%	45%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	44
Hodges, Jason	HD-67	D	26%	30%	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	7	4	-	-	-	74
Holsclaw, John	HD-04	R	43%	43%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Howell, Dan	HD-22	R	56%	57%	5	7	4	X	5	-	3	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	15
Hulsey, Bud	HD-02	R	n/a	63%	X	7	X	X	X	2	-	X	X	X	X	3	X	X	X	X	4	-	-	X	
Hurt, Chris	HD-82	R	46%	55%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	39
Jernigan, Darren	HD-60	D	16%	29%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	89
Johnson, Curtis	HD-68	R	43%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Johnson, Gloria	HD-13	D	18%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	88
Keisling, Kelly	HD-38	R	40%	49%	5	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	68
Kumar, Sabi	HD-66	R	46%	51%	5	7	4	X	X	X	-	-	-	5	3	3	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	39
Lafferty, Justin	HD-89	R	79%	72%	5	7	4	X	5	2	X	4	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	X	X	7	3
Lamar, London	HD-91	D	11%	23%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3	X	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	92
Lamberth, William	HD-44	R	39%	50%	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	69
Leatherwood, Tom	HD-99	R	59%	60%	5	7	4	X	X	-	-	4	X	5	3	3	5	X	-	-	4	-	-	7	11
Littleton, Mary	HD-78	R	52%	59%	5	7	4	X	X	-	X	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	17
Love, Harold	HD-58	D	7%	20%	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	93
Lynn, Susan	HD-57	R	60%	60%	5	7	4	-	X	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	X	X	X	4	-	-	X	8
Mannis, Eddie	HD-18	R	37%	37%	X	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	70

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Marsh, Pat	HD-62	R	43%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
McKenzie, Samuel	HD-15	D	23%	23%	5	-	4	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	79
Miller, Larry	HD-88	D	32%	35%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	3	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	71
Mitchell, Bo	HD-50	D	24%	30%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	78
Moody, Debra	HD-81	R	53%	64%	5	7	4	X	X	X	X	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	16
Moon, Jerome	HD-08	R	43%	51%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Ogles, Brandon	HD-61	R	57%	63%	5	X	4	X	X	X	X	4	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	X	-	-	7	13
Parkinson, Antonio	HD-98	D	23%	29%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	X	X	7	-	-	-	X	79
Potts, Jason	HD-59	D	n/a	43%	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	
Powell, Jason	HD-53	D	12%	23%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	91
Powers, Dennis	HD-36	R	52%	57%	5	7	4	-	-	X	-	4	4	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	17
Ragan, John	HD-33	R	51%	54%	5	7	4	-	-	X	X	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	20
Ramsey, Bob	HD-20	R	43%	43%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Reedy, Jay	HD-74	R	47%	52%	5	7	4	-	-	X	3	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Rudd, Tim	HD-34	R	100%	78%	5	7	4	5	5	X	3	4	X	5	3	3	5	X	X	X	4	7	6	7	1
Rudder, Iris	HD-39	R	43%	49%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Russell, Lowell	HD-21	R	45%	49%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	44
Sexton, Cameron	HD-25	R	48%	49%	5	7	4	-	-	-	3	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	25
Sexton, Jerry	HD-35	R	71%	68%	5	7	4	5	5	2	-	4	4	5	X	3	5	-	-	-	4	I	I	7	4
Shaw, Johnny	HD-80	D	26%	37%	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	-	74

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Sherrell, Paul	HD-43	R	47%	56%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Smith, Robin	HD-26	R	49%	53%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	X	X	7	22
Sparks, Mike	HD-49	R	50%	58%	5	7	4	-	-	-	3	X	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	21
Stewart, Mike	HD-52	D	28%	27%	5	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	73
Terry, Bryan	HD-48	R	60%	72%	5	7	4	5	5	-	X	X	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	8
Thompson, Dwayne	HD-96	D	19%	25%	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	8	X	-	-	-	-	84
Todd, Chris	HD-73	R	48%	52%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	25
Towns, Joe	HD-84	D	14%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	X	7	X	-	-	-	90
Travis, Ron	HD-31	R	31%	47%	5	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	3	X	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	72
Vaughan, Kevin	HD-95	R	45%	44%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	44
Vital, Greg	HD-29	R	n/a	n/a	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	-	-	I
Warner, Todd	HD-92	R	61%	61%	5	7	4	5	5	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	X	4	-	-	7	7
Weaver, Terri Lynn	HD-40	R	57%	56%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	X	3	X	-	-	-	4	7	6	7	13
White, Mark	HD-83	R	43%	50%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Whitson, Sam	HD-65	R	43%	46%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Williams, Ryan	HD-42	R	49%	48%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	X	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	22
Windle, John	HD-41	D	45%	54%	5	7	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	7	4	-	-	-	44
Wright, Dave	HD-19	R	43%	54%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	50
Zachary, Jason	HD-14	R	47%	55%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	3	3	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	32
Darby, Tandy	HD-76	R	42%	42%	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	-	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	66

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HB 13

PROHIBIT VACCINE MANDATE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the implementation of a government-imposed vaccine mandate on Tennesseans. Specifically, the legislation prohibits a governor from issuing an executive order, state agencies from implementing regulations, and municipalities and smaller political subdivisions from enacting ordinances that require vaccination against COVID-19 or any of its variants. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 83-7, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 21-8, on April 29, 2021.

HB 566

SUNSET ALL AGENCY RULES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires all state agencies and rule-making entities to submit a report, every eight years, of all regulations within their purview for review by the state legislature. Specifically, the legislation requires agencies to make

determinations and recommendations on whether each individual rule should be amended, maintained, or repealed. Forcing regulatory agencies to justify their rules is an important accountability measure for reducing the overall government burden on Tennessee residents and taxpayers by encouraging the repeal of unnecessary, burdensome, and duplicative regulations. Additionally, this measure will help rein in the unelected administrative state. Deregulation also removes barriers to entry, enables more innovation, and promotes economic growth. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 69-23, on April 19, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on April 14, 2021.

HB 948

MODEST CERTIFICATE OF NEED REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill makes some relatively modest changes to the state's existing certificate-of-need (CON) laws, which improve the ability of healthcare providers to deliver better and expanded services

to patients. CON laws are overly burdensome requirements that benefit large hospital associations and the medical establishment by constraining the ability of providers to expand their services without approval from unelected state bureaucrats. This legislation streamlines the approval process and reduces some regulatory barriers for expanding care. Consumer demand and the free market should determine what health services are available, as opposed to relying on the arbitrary decisions of state bureaucrats. This legislation will result in greater access and lower costs for some health services. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 76-13, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-1, on May 5, 2021.

HB 1204

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a tax and subsidy scheme for the explicit benefit of the Tennessee Smokies minor league baseball team. This crony legislation

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provides for certain sales taxes to be collected by the Smokies and redirected toward the Knoxville and Knox County Sports Authority for the purpose of financing the team’s new baseball stadium. Furthermore, the bill expands corporate welfare, by using sales tax proceeds from all events held in the stadium to finance the stadium’s debt. Meanwhile, it allows the Tennessee Smokies to collect the booking fees for any other events held at their taxpayer-funded stadium. The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. Additionally, the government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 71-10, on April 27, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on April 28, 2021.

HB 1437

CORPORATE WELFARE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION FOR TITANS FOOTBALL TEAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill not only extends a taxpayer-funded subsidy program for the Tennessee Titans’

stadium for another 30 years, but it also expands the existing corporate welfare program to include the development and promotion of a surrounding 130-acre area for capital projects and infrastructure “necessary for the operation of the sports facility.” The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. Additionally, the government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 75-10, on April 27, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, on April 29, 2021.

SB 26

EXTENDS “TEMPORARY” TAX ON DRINKS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends what was initially described as a “temporary tax” on bottles of soft drinks and barrels of beer for an additional six years. The legislation is estimated to inflict \$4.5 million in taxes on Tennessee taxpayers in order to fund certain state highway programs and projects. At a time when hard-working Americans face rising inflation over the cost of basic goods

and services and with Tennessee having a \$2.8 billion general fund surplus, lawmakers should not be extending niche tax regimes to support their favored pet projects. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 70-8, on April 1, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 18, 2021.

SB 101

ART THERAPY LICENSING SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new occupational licensing regime for art therapists through the state Board of Examiners in Psychology. The new program would charge an initial license fee of \$300 and a biennial renewal fee of \$225 for art therapists to maintain their license. The purpose of this new licensing scheme is explicitly stated as protecting the occupation of art therapy from “unqualified persons.” This is not a core function of government, and licensing schemes such as this stifle economic growth by imposing barriers on those seeking employment and reducing competition, which results in higher prices for consumers.

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This licensing scheme should be completely eliminated. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 81-7, on April 5, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-2, on March 18, 2021.

SB 424

SALES TAX HIKE IN NASHVILLE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for the doubling – from one-quarter to one-half percent – of a tax on all sales within a portion of the tourism district to fund corporate welfare projects. Davidson County, the only metropolitan government levying the fee, suffered self-inflicted revenue losses by imposing some of the most stringent and longest COVID-19 lockdowns in the state. Taxpayers should not foot the bill for higher taxes designed to benefit one county and well-connected industries within that county. Such policies pit citizens against one another and benefit politically-preferred industries. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 57-19, on May 3, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 26-3, on April 26, 2021.

SB 481

CORPORATE WELFARE EXTENSION FOR PREDATORS HOCKEY TEAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the period that the Nashville Predators hockey franchise is able to collect a portion of the state’s sales tax on the sales of admission, food and drink, and merchandise. Originally, this 30-year sweetheart deal, in which a private entity exclusively benefits from sales taxes, was set to expire in 2029. The legislation extends this corporate welfare for an additional 20 years until 2049. The government should not be using tax dollars from hardworking Tennesseans to subsidize private sports franchises. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 75-4, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 30-0, on March 18, 2021.

SB 623

PROHIBIT CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN K-12

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits K-12 public or charter schools from including or promoting concepts incorporated in Critical Race Theory (CRT).

CRT is a radical theory rooted in Marxism that espouses the notion that all of society is racialized and should be collectively viewed through identity groups that are separated into oppressed and oppressors. This legislation prohibits taxpayer-funded school districts and colleges from teaching students that one race or ethnic group is inherently racist or intellectually superior to another. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 69-20, on May 5, 2021. This bill passed the Tennessee Senate, 25-7, on the same day.

SB 771

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill makes modest changes to a variety of industries and professions regulated through growth- and innovation-stifling occupational licensing regimes. This includes reducing relevant fees for court reporters, motor vehicle salespersons, barbers, funeral directors, scrap metal dealers, locksmiths, automobile auctioneers, and collection services. Occupational licensing schemes are

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not a core function of government, and they stifle economic growth by imposing barriers on those seeking employment. Additionally, they reduce competition and result in higher prices for consumers. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 86-1, on May 4, 2021. It passed the Tennessee Senate, 28-0, on April 28, 2021.

SB 788

MODEST EDUCATIONAL CHOICE REFORM (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enhances K-12 public school choice by allowing parents to enroll their children in an out-of-zone school that has available space. The legislation provides for an open enrollment period that must be at least 30 days long, with relevant information publicized by the school district at least 14 days before the open enrollment period begins. At a time when a record number of parents are moving their children out of failing government schools, it is critical to implement policies that empower both parents and students with better educational

options. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 89-5, on April 26, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed the House amended version, 24-2, on May 3, 2021.

SB 858

PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT MANDATE FOR VACCINE PASSPORT (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits state and local government officials from mandating that a private business require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or mandating proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to enter a government building or use government services. Government edicts that impose burdensome mandates on private businesses or attempt to implement vaccine passports for civic participation infringe upon economic freedom and individual liberty. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 68-22, on May 3, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 25-6, on May 4, 2021.

SB 911

SPENDING EXCESS TAX REVENUE (CFGF OPPOSES)

According to the Tennessee Constitution, the state legislature is not permitted to spend any tax revenue that exceeds the growth in the state's economy, as measured by the increase in per capita income, unless the General Assembly explicitly sets forth both the dollar amount and rate at which they intend to bust the spending cap. For the current budget cycle, the total proposed spending increase was \$431.6 million. This proposed legislation allows the state legislature to bypass this check and spend nearly half-a-billion dollars beyond the per capita income growth. Lawmakers should focus on decreasing taxes and regulations, reining in government spending, and returning money to taxpayers, instead of spending more taxpayer money. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 91-0, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 31-0, on the same day.

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SB 912

2021-2022 INFLATED STATE BUDGET (CFGF OPPOSES)

The state budget proposal for the FY 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, totals \$42.6 billion, which is an increase of nearly \$3.4 billion over FY 2020-2021 spending. This 8.5 percent year-over-year increase comes after the current budget is projected to finish with a \$3 billion surplus. Instead of returning money to hard-working taxpayers, lawmakers have decided to spend their taxpayer-funded revenue windfall on meritless teacher pay raises, crony grant programs, and increased Medicaid funding. This bill passed the Tennessee House, 76-11, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed the House's amended bill, 24-6, on the same day.

SB 1030

PERMANENT MUNICIPAL TAX HIKES (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill removes existing and future limitations on both a city and a county levying a hotel or motel occupancy tax. The legislation allows the hotel or motel occupancy tax to be levied by

just a vote of the local legislative bodies, letting the Tennessee General Assembly off the hook from having to approve or reject city and county occupancy taxes. Furthermore, the bill provides for such a tax to be as high as 4 percent. This will result in an explosion in local tax hikes, with greatly diminished accountability from state lawmakers who ultimately are supposed to have primary oversight over political subdivisions of the state. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 57-15, on May 4, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, on the same day.

SB 1534

PROHIBIT PRIVATE ELECTION GRANTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits any state entity responsible for conducting elections from accepting outside funds without approval by the speaker of the state senate (Lt. Governor) and speaker of the state house. The legislation also prohibits county entities from accepting outside funds for conducting elections, unless approved by the Secretary of State. Conducting elections is an essential function of government and

funding should be transparent so as to ensure accountability is directed at elected officials who answer directly to voters. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 72-20, on April 21, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 26-4, on April 14, 2021.

SB 8001

NEW HIGH-COST BUREAUCRATIC ENTITY (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee (MAWT), the primary purpose of which is to promote economic development related to the new Ford Motor Company plant. This bill imparts the unelected MAWT with broad authority, without legislative oversight. The annual cost for the MAWT Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and third party professional services is estimated at \$870,000 per year and does not include any of the costs associated with exercising any of its powers. In an extraordinary session specifically called to take up this issue, the Tennessee Senate passed this bill 26-4 on October 20, 2021. The Tennessee House passed it the same day, 90-3-2.

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SB 8002

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR FORD
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill gives Ford Motor Company at least \$500 million in taxpayer funds for a new electric vehicle manufacturing facility in West Tennessee, known as Blue Oval City, with a promise by Ford to invest \$5.6 billion in the project and create 5,800 jobs. An additional \$200 million was allocated for road construction in the surrounding three-county area. Lawmakers and bureaucrats picking winners and losers in the marketplace is not a core function of government. Furthermore, Tennessee taxpayers should not be subsidizing a company that, at the quarterly report following the bill’s passage, had \$29 billion of cash and \$45 billion in liquidity. In an extraordinary session specifically called to take up this issue, the Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 26-4 on October 20, 2021. The Tennessee House passed it the same day, 90-3-2.

SJR 2

RIGHT TO WORK RESOLUTION
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution is the Tennessee General Assembly’s second and final step needed to add an amendment to the state constitution that protects the right of working Tennesseans to either join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization. Right-to-work measures are critical for ensuring long-term economic growth and protecting the free speech rights of workers from highly-politicized union bosses. The resolution passed with its required two-thirds vote, so it will now go on the statewide ballot for voter consideration in 2022. The Tennessee House passed the resolution, 67-24, on April 29, 2021. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 24-7, on March 8, 2021.

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