



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

### City Manager Report

July 06, 2026

#### Activities:

- Hosted Beautification Committee to brainstorm beautification projects for FY27
- Held pre-construction meeting with contractor for Project Diabetes Phase 1 Project
- Welcomed food city executives, city officials, and others at Food City groundbreaking event
- Met with library and representatives from Discover Life in America about pollinator gardens
- Attended quarterly ICMA Veterans Advisory Committee meeting (virtual meeting)
- Hosted annual Industrial Development Board Meeting
- Attended TNECD Property Evaluation Program meetup with Jefferson Economic Alliance
- Attended GIS Consortium Meeting; appointed Vice Chair and committee for bylaw review
- Met with representative of the Perfection Group regarding future city projects
- Attended Jefferson City's Independence Day Celebration at Roy Harmon Park
- Met with vendor demonstrating city services phone applications

#### Announcements/Events:

- ORNL Bank Groundbreaking event scheduled for July 9th at 11AM
- Downtown Summer Movie Nights – July 17th at 8PM; Feature Film – “Captain America”

#### Attachments:

- Jefferson City Public Library July Calendar/Newsletter/Stats
- Jefferson City Senior Center July Calendar of Events
- Municipal Technical Advisory Service's Summary of Public Acts 2026

# July

2026

Monday

Tuesday

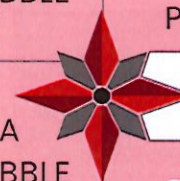
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                                      |                                                                         | 1<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>STORYTIME GO!<br><b>3PM</b> WATERCOLOR  | 2<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>LITTLE LISTENERS                              | 3<br><b>CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>                 | 4<br><b>CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  |
| 6<br><b>10AM</b> UKULELE CLUB<br><b>2PM</b> CRAFTERS | 7<br><b>9AM</b> SUMMER READING FIELD TRIP!<br><b>4:30PM</b> BOOK SOCIAL | 8<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>STORYTIME GO!<br><b>3PM</b> WATERCOLOR  | 9<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>LITTLE LISTENERS                              | 10<br><b>9AM</b> YOGA<br><b>3:30PM</b> SCRIBBLE SOCIETY | 11<br><b>11AM</b><br>POETRY PERSPECTIVES |
| 13<br><b>10AM</b> UKULELE CLUB<br><b>2PM</b> CANDLES | 14<br><b>2PM</b> SUMMER READING<br><b>4PM</b> ROCK PAINTING             | 15<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>STORYTIME GO!<br><b>3PM</b> WATERCOLOR | 16<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>LITTLE LISTENERS<br><b>4PM</b> LEGO BUILDERS | 17<br><b>9AM</b> YOGA<br><b>3:30PM</b> SCRIBBLE SOCIETY | 18<br><b>11AM</b><br>POETRY PERSPECTIVES |
| 20<br><b>10AM</b> UKULELE CLUB                       | 21<br><b>2PM</b> SUMMER READING<br><b>4PM</b> MIXED MEDIA               | 22<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>STORYTIME GO!<br><b>3PM</b> WATERCOLOR | 23<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>LITTLE LISTENERS                             | 24<br><b>9AM</b> YOGA<br><b>3:30PM</b> SCRIBBLE SOCIETY | 25<br><b>11AM</b><br>POETRY PERSPECTIVES |
| 27<br><b>10AM</b> UKULELE CLUB                       | 28<br><b>4PM</b> MOVIE TIME!                                            | 29<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>STORYTIME GO!<br><b>3PM</b> WATERCOLOR | 30<br><b>10:30AM</b><br>LITTLE LISTENERS                             | 31<br><b>9AM</b> YOGA<br><b>3:30PM</b> SCRIBBLE SOCIETY |                                          |



**JCPL**  
JEFFERSON CITY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Additional Events

### Movie Night:

**Tuesday, July 28 4:00-6:00pm**

Join us for popcorn and refreshments as we watch the 2024 film *Gladiator 2*. Everyone is welcome, and as always, it's **FREE!** (This film is rated R)



## SUMMER READING



### Children's programs:

**July 7:** \*Field Trip to McClung Museum and Knoxville Museum of Art

**July 14:** Mr. Bond's Science Guys

**July 21:** Jefferson City Fire Department

\*July 7 is an off-site field trip. We will be leaving the library at 9am and returning around 4pm. Sign up sheet is at the circulation desk. Space is limited to 120 spots!



### Adult programs:



**July 6:** Bookmarks and Greeting Cards with Jefferson City Crafters

**July 13:** Candle Making with Tiffany Aggen

**ALL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 2:00PM**

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## July at JCPL

## What's happening at the library



### Closings/ Holidays

The library will be closed  
Friday, June 3, 2026 and Saturday, July 4, 2026  
in observance of Independence Day.

## ONGOING EVENTS

## Children

### Homeschool Academy

**No Homeschool Academy this month!**  
Will resume after Summer Reading

### Storytime, Go: Wednesdays at 10:30am

Join us for stories, songs, and crafts designed to promote children's early literacy skills. Geared towards children ages 3-5.

### Little Listeners: Thursdays at 10:30am

A Storytime for babies and toddlers to enjoy songs, books, and rhymes with their caregiver. Geared towards children under 3 years old.

### Lego Builders: Thursday, July 16 at 4:00pm

The third Thursday of every month, bring your imagination and we'll bring the Legos!



## Teens and Up

### Scribble Society Writing Group: Fridays at 3:30pm

For teens and adults. Join us for writing, sprints, and fun with fellow writers. We meet every Friday and talk about how our writing is going before working on a prompt and then sharing our work.

### Anime Club:

**No Anime Club this month!**

For more information, contact Andrew Smith at 865-318-5890.

Mon-Fri: 9:00AM-6:00PM Sat.: 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Sun: Closed

## Adults



### Mixed Media Arts & Crafts:

**Tuesday, July 21 at 4:00pm**

Join us the third Tuesday of every month. All supplies will be provided.

**Class size is limited - registration is required!** Sign up sheet is at the circulation desk.

### Book Social: Tuesday, July 7 at 4:30pm

The first Tuesday of every month, come to talk about your latest reads. Make friends, have snacks, and enjoy the company of other readers!

### Watercolor Club: Wednesdays at 3:00pm

No talent required. Bring your own supplies and get creative!

### Yoga: Fridays at 9:00am

Bring your own mat. Beginner friendly!

## Teens and Up

### Rock Painting Workshop:

**Tuesday, July 14 at 4:00pm**

For adults and teens 13 and up. Join us the second Tuesday of every month. Bring a friend and paint some rocks!



### Poetry Perspectives: Saturdays at 11:00am

Join us as we read published poems and share and discuss our own works. This is for mature teens and adults.

108 City Center Drive, Jefferson City, TN 37760  
865-475-9094

## JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CLINCH RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

June 2026

| PHYSICAL COLLECTION |               |               |           |          |               |                  |              |          |          |              | ELECTRONIC COLLECTION<br>(Advantage, etc.) |                    | Current Balance |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Material Type       |               | Beginning     | Added     | Deleted  | Balance       |                  | Beginning    | Added    | Deleted  | Balance      | Locally Owned                              |                    |                 |
| Print Materials     | Locally Owned | 18,044        | 63        | 2        | 18,105        | Regionally Owned | 5,217        | 0        | 2        | 5,215        |                                            | E-books            | 71              |
| Audio Materials     |               | 609           | 0         | 1        | 608           |                  | 130          | 0        | 0        | 130          |                                            | Audio Downloadable | 99              |
| Video Materials     |               | 4,008         | 1         | 0        | 4,009         |                  | 6            | 0        | 0        | 6            |                                            | Video Downloadable | 0               |
| Other Materials*    |               | 269           | 27        | 1        | 295           |                  | 12           | 0        | 0        | 12           |                                            | Total              | 170             |
| <b>Total</b>        |               | <b>22,930</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>23,017</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>5,365</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5,363</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL COLLECTION</b>           |                    | <b>28,380</b>   |

\* Other Materials should include any materials not counted elsewhere ie: subscriptions, microforms, reference books, genealogy books, etc. (regardless whether the item is circulated or not circulated)

| PROGRAMS OFFERED |                      |                       |                  |                       |                     | Totals    |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                  | Children<br>Ages 0-5 | Children<br>Ages 6-11 | YA<br>Ages 12-18 | Adults<br>19 or Older | General<br>Interest |           |
| On-site          | 8                    | 1                     | 4                | 9                     | 8                   | 30        |
| Off-site         | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 1                     | 0                   | 1         |
| Live Virtual     | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 0                     | 0                   | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b>             | <b>1</b>              | <b>4</b>         | <b>10</b>             | <b>8</b>            | <b>31</b> |

| PROGRAM ATTENDANCE |                      |                       |                  |                       |                     | Totals       |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                    | Children<br>Ages 0-5 | Children<br>Ages 6-11 | YA<br>Ages 12-18 | Adults<br>19 or Older | General<br>Interest |              |
| On-site            | 191                  | 8                     | 22               | 127                   | 652                 | 1,000        |
| Off-site           | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 56                    | 0                   | 56           |
| Live Virtual       | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 0                     | 0                   | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>191</b>           | <b>8</b>              | <b>22</b>        | <b>183</b>            | <b>652</b>          | <b>1,056</b> |

| LIBRARY SERVICES & ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY |       | MEETING ROOM USE                              |     |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Library Visits                           | 4,068 | Number of Events Not Sponsored by the Library | 53  |
| Reference Transactions                   | 1,017 | Attendance at these Events                    | 643 |
| Computer Uses                            | 1,357 |                                               |     |
| Wireless Sessions                        | 768   |                                               |     |
| Website Visits                           | 2,091 |                                               |     |
| 1-on-1 tech sessions                     | 55    |                                               |     |
| ILL -Borrowed                            | 50    |                                               |     |
| ILL - Loaned                             | 27    |                                               |     |
| Volunteer Hours                          | 124   |                                               |     |

| BORROWERS                      |  | Current Balance |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Adult Borrowers >14 yrs old    |  | 8,705           |
| Children Borrowers <14 yrs old |  | 2,352           |
| <b>TOTAL BORROWERS</b>         |  | <b>11,057</b>   |

| PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>Book & Non-Book (Audio, Video, Serials) |              | OTHER PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATION<br>Hotspots, sewing machines, tools, cake pans, telescopes, board games, video games, etc. |           | TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>(No Electronic Content) |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Adult                                                           | 2,119        | Adult                                                                                                                       | 34        | Adult & Children                                      | 4,925        |
| Children                                                        | 2,806        | Children                                                                                                                    | 0         | Other Physical Items                                  | 34           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>4,925</b> | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                | <b>34</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION</b>                     | <b>4,959</b> |

| E-MATERIALS CIRCULATION**<br>(Includes READS Advantage & other local e-collections. Include all checkouts, including renewals.) |       |                     |       | TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION<br>(No Physical Content) |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| E-Book Circulation                                                                                                              | 1,510 | E-Audio Circulation | 1,889 |                                                       |              |
| E-Serial Circulation                                                                                                            | 542   | E-Video Circulation | 0     |                                                       |              |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                    |       | <b>3,941</b>        |       | <b>TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION</b>                   | <b>3,941</b> |

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| New Patron Cards Issued     | 74    | 3                         | 2                             | 0                                 | 4     | 1     | 2                 | 86    |

| TOTAL CIRCULATION<br>(Electronic, Physical & Other Physical) |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Physical Circulation                                         | 4,959        |
| Electronic Circulation                                       | 3,941        |
| <b>Total for All Circulation</b>                             | <b>8,900</b> |

## JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

4TH QUARTER (April, May, June 2026)

## CLINCH RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

| PHYSICAL COLLECTION |               |               |              |            |               |                  |               |           |              |              | ELECTRONIC COLLECTION<br>(Advantage, etc.) |                    | Current Balance |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Material Type       |               | Beginning     | Added        | Deleted    | Balance       |                  | Beginning     | Added     | Deleted      | Balance      | Locally Owned                              |                    |                 |
| Print Materials     | Locally Owned | 14,133        | 4,111        | 139        | 18,105        | Regionally Owned | 11,097        | 0         | 5,882        | 5,215        |                                            | E-books            | 71              |
| Audio Materials     |               | 714           | 0            | 106        | 608           |                  | 140           | 0         | 10           | 130          |                                            | Audio Downloadable | 99              |
| Video Materials     |               | 3,080         | 930          | 1          | 4,009         |                  | 507           | 0         | 501          | 6            |                                            | Video Downloadable | 0               |
| Other Materials*    |               | 222           | 175          | 102        | 295           |                  | 0             | 12        | 0            | 12           |                                            | Total              | 170             |
| <b>Total</b>        |               | <b>18,149</b> | <b>5,216</b> | <b>348</b> | <b>23,017</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>11,744</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>6,393</b> | <b>5,363</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL COLLECTION</b>           |                    | <b>28,380</b>   |

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| PROGRAMS OFFERED |                      |                       |                  |                       |                     | Totals    |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                  | Children<br>Ages 0-5 | Children<br>Ages 6-11 | YA<br>Ages 12-18 | Adults<br>19 or Older | General<br>Interest |           |
| On-site          | 26                   | 9                     | 12               | 24                    | 21                  | 92        |
| Off-site         | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 2                     | 0                   | 2         |
| Live Virtual     | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 0                     | 0                   | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>26</b>            | <b>9</b>              | <b>12</b>        | <b>26</b>             | <b>21</b>           | <b>94</b> |

| PROGRAM ATTENDANCE |                      |                       |                  |                       |                     | Totals       |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                    | Children<br>Ages 0-5 | Children<br>Ages 6-11 | YA<br>Ages 12-18 | Adults<br>19 or Older | General<br>Interest |              |
| On-site            | 635                  | 315                   | 66               | 272                   | 1,411               | 2,699        |
| Off-site           | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 61                    | 0                   | 61           |
| Live Virtual       | 0                    | 0                     | 0                | 0                     | 0                   | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>635</b>           | <b>315</b>            | <b>66</b>        | <b>333</b>            | <b>1,411</b>        | <b>2,760</b> |

| LIBRARY SERVICES & ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY |        | MEETING ROOM USE                              |                 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Library Visits                           | 12,263 | Number of Events Not Sponsored by the Library | 182             |
| Reference Transactions                   | 3,066  | Attendance at these Events                    | 2,397           |
| Computer Uses                            | 3,686  |                                               |                 |
| Wireless Sessions                        | 2,043  |                                               |                 |
| Website Visits                           | 5,892  |                                               |                 |
| 1-on-1 tech sessions                     | 150    |                                               |                 |
| ILL -Borrowed                            | 132    |                                               |                 |
| ILL - Loaned                             | 99     |                                               |                 |
| Volunteer Hours                          | 295    |                                               |                 |
|                                          |        | BORROWERS                                     | Current Balance |
|                                          |        | Adult Borrowers >14 yrs old                   | 8,705           |
|                                          |        | Children Borrowers <14 yrs old                | 2,352           |
|                                          |        | <b>TOTAL BORROWERS</b>                        | <b>11,057</b>   |

| RECORDED PROGRAMMING    |   | SELF-DIRECTED PROGRAMMING (activity doesn't meet program definition) |     |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total Recorded Programs | 0 | Total Passive Programs / Activities                                  | 8   |
| Total Views             | 0 | Total Attendance                                                     | 980 |

| PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>Book & Non-Book (Audio, Video, Serials) |               | OTHER PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATION<br>Hotspots, sewing machines, tools, cake pans, telescopes, board games, video games, etc. |           | TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>(No Electronic Content) |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adult                                                           | 5,696         | Adult                                                                                                                       | 90        | Adult & Children                                      | 13,253        |
| Children                                                        | 7,557         | Children                                                                                                                    | 0         | Other Physical Items                                  | 90            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>13,253</b> | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                | <b>90</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION</b>                     | <b>13,343</b> |

| E-MATERIALS CIRCULATION**<br>(Includes READS Advantage & other local e-collections. Include all checkouts, including renewals.) |       |                     |               | TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION<br>(No Physical Content) |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| E-Book Circulation                                                                                                              | 4,041 | E-Audio Circulation | 5,727         |                                                       |               |
| E-Serial Circulation                                                                                                            | 1,684 | E-Video Circulation | 0             |                                                       |               |
|                                                                                                                                 |       | <b>Total</b>        | <b>11,452</b> | <b>TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION</b>                   | <b>11,452</b> |

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| New Patron Cards Issued     | 221   | 10                        | 9                             | 0                                 | 5     | 1     | 4                 | 250   |

| TOTAL CIRCULATION<br>(Electronic, Physical & Other Physical) |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Physical Circulation                                         | 13,343        |
| Electronic Circulation                                       | 11,452        |
| <b>Total for All Circulation</b>                             | <b>24,795</b> |

## JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CLINCH RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

## END OF YEAR REPORT (FY 2025-2026)

| PHYSICAL COLLECTION |               |               |              |            |               |                  |               |           |              |              | ELECTRONIC COLLECTION<br>(Advantage, etc.) |                    | Current Balance |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Material Type       |               | Beginning     | Added        | Deleted    | Balance       |                  | Beginning     | Added     | Deleted      | Balance      | Locally Owned                              |                    |                 |
| Print Materials     | Locally Owned | 13,276        | 5,101        | 272        | 18,105        | Regionally Owned | 11,153        | 80        | 6,018        | 5,215        |                                            | E-books            | 71              |
| Audio Materials     |               | 711           | 3            | 106        | 608           |                  | 138           | 6         | 14           | 130          |                                            | Audio Downloadable | 99              |
| Video Materials     |               | 2,923         | 1,102        | 16         | 4,009         |                  | 507           | 0         | 501          | 6            |                                            | Video Downloadable | 0               |
| Other Materials*    |               | 222           | 178          | 105        | 295           |                  | 0             | 12        | 0            | 12           |                                            | Total              | 170             |
| <b>Total</b>        |               | <b>17,132</b> | <b>6,384</b> | <b>499</b> | <b>23,017</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>11,798</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>6,533</b> | <b>5,363</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL COLLECTION</b>           |                    | <b>28,380</b>   |

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| PROGRAMS OFFERED |                   |                    |               |                    |                  | Totals     |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|
|                  | Children Ages 0-5 | Children Ages 6-11 | YA Ages 12-18 | Adults 19 or Older | General Interest |            |
| On-site          | 91                | 53                 | 44            | 81                 | 97               | 366        |
| Off-site         | 5                 | 0                  | 1             | 10                 | 1                | 17         |
| Live Virtual     | 0                 | 0                  | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>96</b>         | <b>53</b>          | <b>45</b>     | <b>91</b>          | <b>98</b>        | <b>383</b> |

| PROGRAM ATTENDANCE |                   |                    |               |                    |                  | Totals       |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                    | Children Ages 0-5 | Children Ages 6-11 | YA Ages 12-18 | Adults 19 or Older | General Interest |              |
| On-site            | 2,309             | 2,053              | 297           | 836                | 2,788            | 8,283        |
| Off-site           | 227               | 0                  | 52            | 349                | 6                | 634          |
| Live Virtual       | 0                 | 0                  | 0             | 0                  | 0                | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>2,536</b>      | <b>2,053</b>       | <b>349</b>    | <b>1,185</b>       | <b>2,794</b>     | <b>8,917</b> |

| LIBRARY SERVICES & ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY |        | MEETING ROOM USE                              |               |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Library Visits                           | 47,594 | Number of Events Not Sponsored by the Library | 698           |
| Reference Transactions                   | 11,901 | Attendance at these Events                    | 9,405         |
| Computer Uses                            | 16,837 |                                               |               |
| Wireless Sessions                        | 7,512  |                                               |               |
| Website Visits                           | 22,451 | <b>BORROWERS</b>                              |               |
| 1-on-1 tech sessions                     | 557    | Adult Borrowers >14 yrs old                   | 8,705         |
| ILL - Borrowed                           | 530    | Children Borrowers <14 yrs old                | 2,352         |
| ILL - Loaned                             | 397    | <b>TOTAL BORROWERS</b>                        | <b>11,057</b> |
| Volunteer Hours                          | 1,030  |                                               |               |

| RECORDED PROGRAMMING    |   | SELF-DIRECTED PROGRAMMING (activity doesn't meet program definition) |       |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total Recorded Programs | 0 | Total Passive Programs / Activities                                  | 30    |
| Total Views             | 0 | Total Attendance                                                     | 3,055 |

| PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>Book & Non-Book (Audio, Video, Serials) |               | OTHER PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATION<br>Hotspots, sewing machines, tools, cake pans, telescopes, board games, video games, etc. |            | TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION<br>(No Electronic Content) |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adult                                                           | 24,797        | Adult                                                                                                                       | 335        | Adult & Children                                      | 51,045        |
| Children                                                        | 26,248        | Children                                                                                                                    | 0          | Other Physical Items                                  | 335           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>51,045</b> | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                | <b>335</b> | <b>TOTAL PHYSICAL CIRCULATION</b>                     | <b>51,380</b> |

| E-MATERIALS CIRCULATION**<br>(Includes READS Advantage & other local e-collections. Include all checkouts, including renewals.) |        |                     |                                     | TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION<br>(No Physical Content) |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--|
| E-Book Circulation                                                                                                              | 15,939 | E-Audio Circulation | 23,712                              |                                                       |  |
| E-Serial Circulation                                                                                                            | 6,951  | E-Video Circulation | 0                                   |                                                       |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                    |        | <b>46,602</b>       | <b>TOTAL ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION</b> | <b>46,602</b>                                         |  |

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| TITLE VI SURVEY INFORMATION | White | Black or African American | Hispanic Origin (of any race) | American Indian or Alaskan Native | Asian | Other | Two or more races | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| New Patron Cards Issued     | 800   | 35                        | 39                            | 0                                 | 11    | 5     | 24                | 914   |

| TOTAL CIRCULATION<br>(Electronic, Physical & Other Physical) |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Physical Circulation                                         | 51,380        |
| Electronic Circulation                                       | 46,602        |
| <b>Total for All Circulation</b>                             | <b>97,982</b> |

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 807 W. Jefferson Street  
 Jefferson City, TN 37871  
 Monday-Friday 9 am- 3pm

# July 2026

Director-Christina Smith  
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| Monday                                                                       | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                             | Friday                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                                              |                                                      | 1<br>Line dancing 10-12<br>Bag lunch & craft 12-3  | 2<br>Cards 9-12<br>Lunch at 12<br>Sloppy Joes        | 3<br>Closed for<br>Independence Day |
| 6<br>Bingo 10<br>Corn hole 12                                                | 7<br>Cards 9-12<br>July Birthday Party 12            | 8<br>Line Dancing 10-12<br>Bag lunch & craft 12-3  | 9<br>Cards 9-12<br>Lunch & Business<br>meeting 12    | 10<br>Pinochle 9<br>Open games 9-2  |
| 13<br>Cards 9-12<br>Corn hole 12                                             | 14<br>Bingo 10<br>Cards 11-3<br>Directors food boxes | 15<br>Line Dancing 10-12<br>Bag lunch & craft 12-3 | 16<br>Cards 9-12<br>Lunch & Medicare info<br>w/ Mike | 17<br>Pinochle 9<br>Open games 9-2  |
| 20<br>Van trip to Hammrick's<br>Lunch at Cracker Barrel<br>Leave center 9:30 | 21<br>Cards 9-12<br>Bingo 12                         | 22<br>Line Dancing 10-12<br>Bag lunch & craft 12-3 | 23<br>Cards 9-12<br>Lunch at 12                      | 24<br>Pinochle 9<br>Open games 9-2  |
| 27<br>Bingo 10-11<br>Corn hole 12                                            | 28<br>Cards 9-12                                     | 29<br>Line Dancing 10-12<br>Bag lunch & craft 12-3 | 30<br>Cards 9-12<br>Lunch 12                         | 31<br>Pinochle 9<br>Open games 9-2  |



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# Summary of Public Acts 2026

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## **SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ACTS 2026**

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### **Alcohol:**

**P.C. 833 (SB1816/HB1803)** adds the bottling of distilled spirits to the definition of "manufacture" for purposes of licensing and regulation of the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 917 (SB2163/HB2272)** makes changes to the laws concerning the common ownership of entities involved in the alcoholic beverage industry.

Effective May 1, 2026.

**P.C. 999 (SB2019/HB1987)** makes multiple changes to the laws governing alcohol sales. These changes include extending the list of entertainment activities where those with a restaurant license, limited service restaurant license or hotel license may sell to include a golf course. It also allows those with a restricted retail business license to provide alcohol to any lawful patron regardless of whether the patron is receiving barbering or cosmetology services.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1074 (SB1620/HB1652)** establishes new premier type tourist resorts, restaurants, community theaters, clubs, retirement centers, premises, and commercial passenger boat companies that can offer liquor by the drink; makes related changes.

Effective May 22, 2026.

### **Courts:**

**P.C. 743 (SB1099/HB878)** adds the following reporting requirements to present law concerning the litigation and criminal conviction privilege taxes: (1) On a quarterly basis, at the request of the state treasurer, court clerks must report information concerning amount of such taxes collected, remitted, suspended, released, waived, or failed to collect; and (2) At the request of the state treasurer, court clerks must submit to the state

treasurer information concerning the court's privilege tax waiver policy or procedure, efforts to notify defendants of the tax, and a description of collection efforts used by the clerk or court.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 821 (SB1473/HB2034)** states that when a municipal court who has found someone to be in violation of a municipal ordinance related to the maintenance of property, and that violation has not been remedied within 30 days of the court's finding that the ordinance has been violated, then the municipality may remedy the violation at a cost in conformity with reasonable standards. The municipality shall not remediate such violations if the cost may negatively impact the municipality's financial position or if the cost is budgetarily prohibitive. The cost of remediation may be assessed against the owner of the property in the form of a lien on the property, but the municipality is not prohibited from seeking the cost through other legal means.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 953 (SB1952/HB1707)** requires each court to cooperate with the United States Department of Homeland Security and federal immigrations authorities who are enforcing federal immigration laws. A judge found to be obstructing lawful operations of the previously stated agencies may be referred to the board of judicial conduct, and findings of misconduct may be cause for removal. This section sunsets on February 1, 2029.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 993 (SB2114/HB1891)** allows a person who submits the fine and costs for a speeding ticket in lieu of appearing in court to also register for an approved driver education course online, of which successful completion can cause points for the speeding conviction to be removed from the person's record in accordance with current law.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1017 (SB2025/HB2251)** creates a pilot project to provide for criminal magistrates in the 10 counties in which the criminal courts experience the

highest judicial caseload, if authorized by the legislative body of an eligible county for the judges of the county with criminal jurisdiction to appoint the criminal magistrate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the majority of the judges of the county with criminal jurisdiction. The act lists the duties and the term of the magistrate.

Effective May 26, 2026.

**P.C. 1078 (SB1668/HB1667)** authorizes a municipality or metropolitan government to, by ordinance, adopt a tiered system of monetary penalties for repeated violations of the same municipal ordinance by the same person or entity within a twelve month period.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1141 (SB2469/HB2174)** makes changes to which judges may carry weapons in the court house and how they may be carried.

Effective July 1, 2026.

### **Education:**

**P.C. 533 (SB16/HB25)** makes changes to school memberships in athletic associations and play eligibility.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 598 (SB1979/HB1466)** requires each LEA and public charter school to administer the Presidential Fitness Test to students to assess their strength, endurance, and flexibility.

Effective March 18, 2026.

**P.C. 619 (SB2423/HB1853)** expands the list of food dyes that are prohibited from being sold or provided to students in public or charter schools.

Effective March 25, 2026.

**P.C. 629 (SB1953/HB2395)** requires LEAs and public charter schools to include with their social studies curriculum the presentation of a civics instructional video approved by the state board of education at least once to students in grades six through eight and at least once to students in grades nine through 12. The video is required to be historically accurate, devoid of political advocacy, and addresses certain topics required by the chapter.

Effective March 26, 2026.

**P.C. 630 (SB2369/HB2588)** authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to offer students in any of the grades five through 12 a hunter education course that is approved by the wildlife resources agency as part of physical education, health, or safety instruction.

Effective March 26, 2026.

**P.C. 655 (SB1891/HB1927)** allows a local board of education or public charter school governing body that has not received funding from the department for purposes of awarding its teachers the bonus authorized in the Education Freedom Act of 2025 to pass the required resolution and notify the department of same by June 1, 2026, to receive funding from the department to award bonuses to teachers employed in the 2024-2025 school year.

Effective April 1, 2026.

**P.C. 700 (SB1819/HB1747)** requires public high schools to provide students who are enrolled in a United States government and civics course the opportunity to participate in three civic engagement field days and similar opportunities, one for each branch of government, to observe each branch of government.

Effective April 14, 2026.

**P.C. 708 (SB1890/HB1805)** requires, beginning with the next adoption of academic standards in the subject of social studies, the standards recommendation committee to include in their final recommendations of academic standards in the subject of social studies to the state board of

education, and the state board, to adopt, grade-appropriate academic standards on the history of communism. The act specifies certain parts of the history of communism that must be covered.

Effective April 14, 2026.

**P.C. 710 (SB1957/HB1834)** enacts the "Tennessee Religious Freedom Act," which authorizes a local board of education to open a meeting of the board with a prayer led by a member of the board as long as the prayer does not require participation of any person in attendance at the meeting and no person is harassed or coerced to participate in the prayer.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 764 (SB2258/HB2356)** requires a local education agency that installs cameras on the exterior of school buses for the purpose of recording images of motor vehicles that fail to stop upon approaching a school bus to either enter into a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement that includes the review of evidence from a camera and overall enforcement, or authorize school safety personnel to review evidence from a camera to determine whether a violation has occurred.

Effective April 13, 2026.

**P.C. 808 (SB2310/HB2393)** requires each LEA and public charter school serving students in any of the grades K–5 to adopt a policy governing the age-appropriate and instructional use of digital devices by students to minimize unnecessary screen time while preserving instructional effectiveness.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 818 (SB0712/HB0664)** prohibits a LEA or public charter school from using public funds to initiate or maintain any civil action or proceeding against this state or an agency or officer of this state to challenge a school or district accountability measure established under state law.

Effective April 21, 2026.

**P.C. 834 (SB1817/HB1725)** changes the requirement for LEAs to enroll dependent children of military service members.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 850 (SB2087/HB1859)** requires that the principal or the principal's designee provide notification to the parent or legal guardian of each student who was in the classroom or instructional area at the time that a classroom evacuation occurred by the end of the day in which the classroom evacuation occurred unless the event that prompted the classroom evacuation is an ongoing emergency or is otherwise under investigation by a state or local law enforcement agency, in which case the notification must not be provided to parents and legal guardians until the emergency event is resolved or the principal or the principal's designee determines that providing the notification does not impede an ongoing investigation, as applicable.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 864 (SB2348/HB2423)** sets out requirements for LEAs to employ library information specialists with a library specialist endorsement based on enrollment.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 893 (SB1822/HB1785)** authorizes students attending private school with an enrollment smaller than 200 students to participate in sports at the public school the student is zoned to attend.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 924 (SB303/HB47)** authorizes local LEAs and charter schools to allow schools to display the ten commandments, the first sentence of the second paragraph of the preamble to the declaration of independence, and the preamble to the constitution in a prominent location of the school. The text of the displayed ten commandments must follow the language of the statute.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 947 (SB1716/HB1550)** states any school is authorized to maintain epinephrine at the school, and that medication may be administered to a student believed to be experiencing a life-threatening allergic or anaphylactic reaction. A school nurse or trained employee will not be held responsible for any injuries to a student unless the administration was with intentional disregard for safety.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 963 (SB2247/HB2532)** expands the current education freedom scholarship program. The act also makes changes to the hold harmless provisions in the current program and the priority of who receives the scholarships. The department is also required to issue a report regarding the types of students applying for the scholarships.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 1007 (SB2072/HB2121)** requires each LEA and public charter school to submit a report to the Comptroller and the department of education by August of each year regarding budgetary planning for the upcoming school year and an expenditure report for the proceeding school year. The department will produce standardized forms to be used in this report.

Effective October 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1112 (SB2055/HB2327)** requires local education agencies and public charter schools to allow a private pay provider who is under contract with a parent or legal guardian of a student with autism spectrum disorder or developmental delays who is enrolled in the LEA or public charter school access to the student during the school day to provide the student with applied behavior analysis provided by a private pay provider on the grounds of the school in which the student is enrolled, including, but not limited to, classroom settings, as determined by the student's IEP or service agreement. This act requires a private pay provider to coordinate with the school's staff to ensure that private pay services only include the services specifically required under the student's IEP and that private pay services are

integrated effectively into the student's school day without disrupting the overall classroom environment.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1132 (SB2403/HB2277)** states each public school shall annually submit to the department of education a list of all local assessments administered to the students enrolled in the public school each school year, and the schedule for when each such local assessment is administered. The act also established the assessment review board for the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program, to annually review, under the direction of the department of education, the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests administered to students in the most recent school year.

Parts of the act are effective May 22, 2026.

Others are effective July 1, 2026.

#### **Finance:**

**P.C. 694 (SB1679/HB1972)** makes changes to the process by which local governments may issue and sell grant anticipation notes and authorizes the comptroller to approve certain notes issued by a local government if the local government demonstrates that a natural disaster has caused economic distress.

Effective April 13, 2026.

**P.C. 820 (SB1398/HB0890)** requires that if a proposed PILOT agreement would result in payments being made that are less than would otherwise be made to a jurisdiction, then the corporation shall not enter into any such agreements until after written notice of the agreement has been given to the chief executive officer of such taxing jurisdictions. The officer may then either notify that the agreement has been submitted to the legislative body for approval or approve the agreement. If neither action is taken within 10 days, then the agreement is deemed to be approved. Any agreement entered into after July 1, 2026, that does not meet these requirements is considered void.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 915 (SB1760/HB1892)** authorizes a tax increment agency to enter into a taxpayer agreement relative to a plan area, and the obligation to make payments under a taxpayer agreement that guarantee, enhance, or otherwise further secure bonds or lease obligations of the tax increment agency, including taxpayer direct payments, must be treated in the same manner as property taxes for purposes of § 67-5-2101. Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, a tax increment agency shall not condition approval of a plan on the execution of a taxpayer agreement.

Effective May 1, 2026.

**P.C. 926 (SB145/HB388)** extends the termination date so that a municipality continues to receive an allocation of state sales tax to revenue pursuant to the courthouse square revitalization act of 2005 to June 30, 2038.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 927 (SB211/HB397)** provides for funding for a stadium in Hamilton County. It specifically authorizes the stadium to receive a share of the sales and use taxes generated at the stadium.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 1071 (SB1592/HB1516)** states that if a municipality has not passed a budget by the first day of any fiscal year, the previous operating budget continues in effect. The continuing operating budget can only continue for the first two months of a fiscal year. The comptroller may approve an additional month in cases of extraordinary circumstances. The act also describes the process for continuing funding for a municipal LEA when the LEA and the municipal governing body cannot agree on a budget.

Effective May 22, 2026.

### **General Government:**

**P.C. 581 (SB1625/HB1684)** expands the ability of personal delivery devices to be operated on bicycle paths, shoulders, parking lots, and the area adjacent to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway. Local governments are still able to limit or prohibit these devices based on safety concerns.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 583 (SB1680/HB1674)** expands the duties of the division of property assessments to supervise and direct all reappraisals and revaluation programs beyond the cost of which the state contributes.

Effective March 12, 2026.

**P.C. 596 (SB624/HB596)** prevents an individual holding an elected office of a local government from holding another elected office in the state. Individuals holding more than one elected office as of January 1, 2027, may continue to serve in both roles as long as there is no break in service of either role. This prohibition does not apply to the state parties' executive committees.

Effective January 1, 2027.

**P.C. 651 (SB1782/HB1712)** permits a local government to adopt a prohibition of class 1 or class 2 electric bicycles on a bicycle path or trail in a public park or greenway to submit a copy of the resolution or ordinance to the department of safety; authorizes the department to compile and publish to its website a list of public parks and greenways where such operation is prohibited. The legislation also clarifies that a class 3 electric bicycle is prohibited from operating on any part of a path or trail where bicycles are authorized to travel unless (i) the bicycle lane, shoulder or berm, or path or trail is within or adjacent to the street, highway, or state highway; or (ii) the governing body of the local government in which that bicycle lane, shoulder or berm, or path or trail is located or a state agency with jurisdiction permits its operation.

Effective April 1, 2026.

**P.C. 652 (SB1865/HB2531)** creates the rescue squad grant program to provide annual grants to rescue squads for the purchase of firefighting equipment and

training and directs the commissioner of commerce and insurance to evaluate grant requests and select grant award recipients each year. Rescue squads include both paid and volunteer groups.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 663 (SB2596/HB2267)** states that the prohibition of driving UTVs on state highways or county roads with speed limits of 45 MPH or higher does not apply to UTVs being used for agricultural purposes.

Effective April 1, 2026.

**P.C. 664 (SB1958/HB1972)** removes the right of a cause of action for any affected person who seeks declaratory and injunctive relief in any action brought regarding the legality or constitutionality of a state governmental action.

Effective April 7, 2026.

**P.C. 673 (SB2028/HB2017)** clarifies that local governmental entities shall not regulate the manner and means of taking wildlife, including the discharge of a firearm while lawfully hunting, and that such taking is regulated pursuant to rules promulgated and proclamations issued by the fish and wildlife commission. This does not prohibit a county or municipality from regulating the discharge of a firearm by a person lawfully hunting within five hundred feet (500') of school property.

Effective April 7, 2026.

**P.C. 726 (SB2253/HB2302)** establishes a process for issuing traffic violations to vehicles operated by automated driving systems. Each law enforcement agency may establish a policy to establish the issuance of such violations. The policy must include that the offense is determined by a POST-certified officer and that the notice of violation is sent within 20 days to the registered owner via first class mail.

Effective April 13, 2026.

**P.C. 781 (SB0837/HB0849)** clarifies that a "person," as used in Tennessee Code Annotated, does not include artificial intelligence, a computer algorithm, a software program, computer hardware, or any type of machine.

Effective April 21, 2026.

**P.C. 782 (SB1110/HB357)** establishes the process for the state fire marshal to certify locally run rescue squads. The act clarifies that the state fire marshal shall not oversee or have control over funding for the rescue squad. No local government may operate a rescue squad unless the squad has been recognized and certified by the state fire marshal's office. Currently operating squads who are certified by the secretary of state may apply to the state fire marshal's office without meeting any new training requirements imposed by the state fire marshal's office.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 814 (SB2547/HB2516)** requires each solid waste region to develop a plan that includes a narrative identifying where waste will be disposed and managed for the next 10 years, and for achieving compliance with the waste reduction and recycling goal. Such a plan must be updated and resubmitted to the department at least every 10 years. This chapter requires each solid waste region to submit a new or revised plan by July 1, 2028. TDEC must notify the region within 30 days whether the plan includes all necessary information or identify what additional information is required. The department must approve or disapprove the plan within 120 days. If a plan is disapproved, then the region must resubmit a plan that corrects all deficiencies within 60 days, or the region may file an appeal within 30 days of receiving the letter of disapproval.

Effective April 21, 2026.

**P.C. 828 (SB1712/HB1697)** authorizes a county mayor and the chief executive officer of a municipality to order the flags flown on county or municipal property to be lowered to half-staff to honor the death of a prominent citizen of that county or municipality.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 832 (SB1788/HB1671)** prohibits a local government from relocating a homeless individual to another jurisdiction without written consent of the receiving jurisdiction or a relocation made through a program established by the local government to reunite homeless individuals with their place of origin. A local government may also not use public funds to relocate a homeless individual to another jurisdiction unless housing and necessary resources are verified in the accepting jurisdiction or is done through a reuniting program. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement agencies.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 863 (SB2334/HB2407)** authorizes a local government to use any project delivery method the local government determines that most effectively meets the needs of the project. The local government must meet certain requirements, such as having a purchasing employee that is satisfactory to the comptroller, having general revenues of at least 125 million dollars or is approved by the comptroller, selects the party by means of competitive proposal process, and has ordinances and regulations to authorize such a competitive proposal process.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 906 (SB2454/HB2511)** authorizes direct and continuing appropriations by regional and metropolitan airport authorities for the issuance of debt that is not a liability of the state and the payment of debt service thereon.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 911 (SB1611/HB1691)** specifies that a joint board established by two municipalities and two counties pursuant to an interlocal agreement for the purpose of operating an airport is vested with all the powers, rights, duties, and privileges of a regional airport authority.

Effective May 1, 2026.

**P.C. 919 (SB2376/HB2376)** authorizes a county sheriff to provide secure storage lockers for individuals lawfully carrying a firearm near the public entrance to the building at no cost at county court houses where possession of firearms is restricted.

Effective May 1, 2026.

**P.C. 932 (SB676/HB754)** prohibits a municipality or county from prohibiting the provision of mental health therapy to help a minor address an inconsistency between the minor's sex and the minor's perceived gender or sex. The act also prohibits a local government from preventing a parent or guardian from consenting to or withholding consent for such mental health services. The act also makes changes to the laws governing gender clinics and insurance policies that cover gender transition procedures.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 938 (SB0936/HB1271)** requires a local government to revise any existing ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure that includes a reference to a natural person's sex or gender to state that those terms are defined as the immutable characteristics of a person's reproductive system that identify the person as male or female, as determined at the time of birth by January 1, 2027. A local government is also prohibited from adopting or enacting any ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure that reflects a sex or gender

that is not based or defined as the immutable characteristics of a person's reproductive system that identify a person as male or female at the time of birth after July 1, 2026. The act also creates a cause of action for any resident of the jurisdiction who believes a local government is in violation of the above requirements to file a claim in chancery court. The filer will have the burden of proving the violation. Any local government who has not complied with a court order regarding this issue within 90 days will not be eligible to enter into any grant contracts with the department of economic and community development.

Effective May 15, 2026.

**P.C. 957 (SB2004/HB1753)** requires local emergency management agency employees to receive training provided by TEMA on the Mutual Aid and Emergency and Disaster Assistance Agreement Act of 2004 and the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The chief executive of each police department, sheriff's office, fire department, public works department, highway department, municipal utility, or county/municipal finance department that is a participating governmental entity is encouraged to designate which employees are to receive this training.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 958 (SB1784/HB1760)** changes the times a third party inspector must be used. Under present law, once a developer decides to use a third party inspector, then third parties must be used for all subsequent inspections. Under this act, a third party inspector must only be used for any subsequent inspection in the same category for which a third party inspector was initially used.

Effective July 1, 2026 and applies  
to action taken on or after that date.

**P.C. 960 (SB2533/HB1816)** directs the opioid abatement council to distribute funds from the abatement fund for particular purposes. The act specifies that

these allocations must not reduce, offset, or otherwise affect the distribution of proceeds to counties and municipalities from opioid settlements.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 961 (SB2128/HB1847)** generally prohibits an electric utility from paying for or otherwise absorbing the cost of electrical infrastructure incurred to serve a data center. The act lists when the utility may assign a portion of those costs to the general utility system improvements or when the data center may be reimbursed for costs. The act also authorizes data center's to purchase energy from an independent producer located in the state, and that those purchases are subject to federal law. A utility is not required to comply with these requirements if they are in conflict with a term, condition, rate schedule, or requirement of the TVA. This applies to any contract or agreement entered into or amended after the effective date.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 972 (SB2030/HB1922)** requires sexual offenders and violent sexual offenders to notify the owner or operator of any campground on which the offender intends to stay overnight of the offender's status as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender prior to beginning the stay, and creates the offense of knowingly staying overnight at a campground without providing the required notice, which is punished as a Class E felony.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 978 (SB2473/HB2507)** vacates and reconstitutes all metropolitan and regional airport authorities. The act lists who has the authority to appoint new members to the board. The individuals who will have the authority to appoint members to a metropolitan authority board are the speaker of the house, speaker of the senate, governor, and the chief executive of the creating municipality with confirmation by the governing body. The individuals with the authority to appoint board members to a regional authority are the speaker of the house, speaker of the senate, governor, and multiple executive officers of

the counties and municipalities served by the airport. The act also lists the qualifications and terms of the board members.

For the purpose of making appointments  
the effective date is May 19, 2026.

For all other purposes, effective on  
July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 980 (SB2509/HB2413)** requires local governments to establish and maintain an expedited review process for all child care agency permit applications that prioritizes the applications above other non-emergency permitting activities. Child care agency permit applications must be processed with the same priority level as affordable housing development applications and must be assigned for review within five business days of receipt of a complete application. A local government must issue a final decision within 90 days or the application is deemed approved, subject to a final fire inspection. Fire safety inspections for a child care agency seeking an initial license or license renewal must be conducted exclusively by the state fire marshal or its designated agents. A local fire marshal, fire department, or municipal code enforcement office shall not conduct separate or additional fire safety inspections for purposes of child care agency licensure. The state fire marshal may delegate the inspection to local agencies. Child care agencies are permitted in any zoning category that allows offices, commercial uses, industrial or institutional uses. They are also permitted in residential zones for home-based child care. A local government shall also not impose conditions on a child care agency that are more restrictive than those imposed on other similar commercial or office uses in the same zone.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 984 (SB2613/HB2320)** authorizes the establishment of an agriculture exposition authority in the same manner and with the same powers as a convention center authority. The act also authorizes an agriculture exposition authority to use its bond revenue for costs associated with agricultural

exposition facilities, including exhibition buildings and facilities, together with all associated facilities and supporting systems; provided, that any such supporting system or facility is dedicated for public use.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 987 (SB2646/HB1878)** requires that an IDB that has an agreement with a lessee for a tax-credit housing project with payments that are less than the taxes that would have been paid to each such taxing jurisdiction for the tax year prior to the year the project became a tax-credit housing project for the chief executive officer of each affected taxing jurisdiction to execute a letter supporting the project that is filed with the corporation. The act makes various other changes to these types of agreements.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 988 (SB2658/HB2402)** authorizes an emergency utility worker to travel on public roads and enter areas subject to curfew or restricted access orders when such access is necessary to perform emergency utilities restoration activities during declared states of emergency. The act also creates an immunity from civil liability for emergency utility workers and their employers for injury, death, or property damage resulting from an act or omission of the emergency utility worker committed in good faith while engaged in emergency utilities restoration activities during a state of emergency. This immunity does not cover willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1000 (SB2027/HB2009)** authorizes a county or municipality to request the department of transportation to conduct a highway traffic noise study for residential properties located along the sound propagation path of a state or interstate highway if a tree zone has been cleared and there is no existing noise barrier. Any such study must be paid for by the requesting local government.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1024 (SB2157/HB2366)** prohibits a local government from blocking streets or other rights-of-way within a tourism development zone in a manner that 1. disrupts the operation of businesses within the tourism development zone, 2. prohibits the delivery of goods, services, merchandise, food, and beverages to businesses and patrons within the tourism development zone, or 3. prohibits taxis, public transportation vehicles, or ride sharing companies from picking up or dropping off persons within the tourism development zone. There are exemptions to this prohibition that include: 1. providing exclusive access for first responders during an emergency, 2. for an event permitted by the local government, 3. for construction or maintenance, or 4. under the rules of an economic protection zone. The act also gives the Highway Patrol concurrent jurisdiction in tourist development zones.

Effective August 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1037 (SB2410/HB2509)** creates a new pilot program for community workforce housing to provide affordable rental and home ownership community workforce housing for essential services personnel, using regulatory incentives and state and local funds to promote local public-private partnerships and leverage government and private resources. Under this program, the Tennessee Housing Development agency shall accept applications for loans before March 31, 2027. Loans must be provided to at least one project in each grand division of the state. The act details the criteria for eligibility for the program, including that it is a public-private partnership. The act also includes law enforcement, public safety workers, grocery store and restaurant employees, and healthcare workers in the definition of “essential services personnel.”

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1044 (SB2237/HB2552)** details the process for a local government to process a development plan, application, or site inspection. The local government must approve the request or add the submission to the next available agenda, provide a list of written deficiencies, or request additional information. All of these must be done within certain time frames. If those

time frames are not met, the submission is deemed to be approved. A local government is prohibited from issuing more than 2 written reports of deficiencies. The act also states that a local government must place the release of a contractor's bond on the next available agenda within 120 days of receiving notice from a professional engineer that all required work has been completed under the contract. The local government may also respond within 20 days with reasons for not releasing the bond.

Effective January 1, 2027.

**P.C. 1045 (SB2248/HB2560)** creates the department of Tennessee emergency management assistance ("TEMA") to authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency management in the political subdivisions of the state, and to authorize cooperation with the federal government and the governments of other states.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1052 (SB469/HB571)** states a governmental agency, excluding state residential training facilities, shall not prohibit distinctions between the sexes with respect to athletics, correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, public institutions of higher education, or other accommodations where biology, safety, or privacy is implied and that result in separate accommodations that are substantially related to the important government interest of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of individuals in such circumstances. The act also sets out requirements for these types of entities. The act also creates a cause of action for violations of this act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1065 (SB1490/HB1493)** authorizes local historical boards to lease land owned or managed by such boards for agricultural purposes, with all proceeds received by the boards to be used for the preservation of historic sites and structures.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1085 (SB1728/HB1514)** states that the general assembly occupies the entire field of the regulation of shopping carts, including, but not limited to, their purchase, use, taxation, manufacture, ownership, sale, storage, and transportation, to the exclusion of all county or metropolitan government laws, ordinances, resolutions, enactments, or regulations. A county or metropolitan government, municipality or any agency, department, or official, shall not adopt an ordinance, resolution, or other regulation requiring a business to adopt a shopping cart policy of any nature or imposing a fee or fine on a business related to shopping carts.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1089 (SB1766/HB1681)** revises various provisions of the Real Estate Infrastructure Development Act of 2025.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1090 (SB1771/HB1720)** authorizes a county, by resolution, to prohibit a municipality or regional planning commission from adopting a zoning plan, ordinance, rule, or regional zoning ordinance, as applicable, exercising jurisdiction over zoning, including development, infrastructure, or land use, outside of the boundaries of a municipality. This provision only applies to counties with less than 341,500 according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census and does not apply to counties with a metropolitan form of government. If a county chooses to pass such a resolution, then a developer or owner in the municipal urban growth boundary must decide if they wish to waive the ability to be annexed in the future. If they choose to waive such ability then the county building regulations would apply, if not, then the municipal regulations would apply. Such a decision must be recorded on the deed. If a property had previously waived annexation wishes to be annexed, then the property owner must enter into an agreement with the municipality binding the property owner to pay a special assessment to bring the property to municipal standards for infrastructure.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1101 (SB1849/HB1796)** authorizes a local government to acquire, own, develop, lease, operate, and maintain one or more essential housing developments primarily within the jurisdiction of the local government. An essential housing development is defined as any development consisting of not less than one hundred single- or multi-family dwelling units, located on one or more contiguous parcels of property, identified by the governing body as being suitable for the provision of housing to essential employees. An essential employee means an employee of a local government or public school system whose duties and responsibilities to the local government or public school system are determined by the governing body to be critical to the effective delivery of services by the local government or public school system. Eminent domain cannot be used for the creation of an essential housing development. A local government, whether acting directly or through its housing authority, shall not acquire, lease, or develop an essential housing development unless the local government first submits to the comptroller of the treasury a plan for the funding, financing, and operation of the essential housing development, and receives from the comptroller a written determination that such plan is in the best interest of the state.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1106 (SB1915/HB1710)** requires each state governmental entity, local governmental entity, and local health department to report individuals who are not United States citizens or are not lawfully present in the United States who receive federal, state, or local public benefits to the centralized immigration enforcement division within the department of safety or, if required by federal law, to the local United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Reports must not be made when prohibited by federal law. The definition of a local benefit is found in federal law. There are also document storage requirements that must be met under this act. It is an offense for an

employee or official to intentionally fail to report an individual that the employee or official knows is not lawfully present, and is punishable by a class A misdemeanor.

Effective May 22, 2026, for administrative purposes.

Effective July 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

**P.C. 1108 (SB1964/HB1926)** expands the length of the existing Independence Day and New Year sales periods and adds new Memorial Day and Labor Day sales periods for seasonal retailers of fireworks for the 2026 retail period, and increases the seasonal retailer permit fee from \$100 to \$150 for calendar year 2026.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1135 (SB2419/HB2223)** requires a person who offers sparkling devices for sale and who does not hold a fireworks permit to register each location at which the person offers such devices for sale with the state fire marshal. A sparkling device is defined by the chapter. A private act, county ordinance, or city ordinance that is in effect before or on June 30, 2026, and that prohibits or restricts the sale or use of fireworks also prohibits or restricts the sale or use of sparkling devices, unless the private act, county ordinance, or city ordinance is amended to allow for the sale or use of sparkling devices.

Effective July 1, 2026.

### **Human Resources:**

**P.C. 552 (SB674/HB900)** clarifies that the general assembly preempts and occupies the entire field of regulating the terms and conditions of employment; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any law, rule, or policy that requires a term or condition of employment that exceeds or conflicts with state or federal law.

Effective March 6, 2026.

**P.C. 600 (SB1616/HB1489)** expands the applicability of the presumption that a firefighter's cancer was caused by the firefighter's employment to include arson investigators.

Effective March 18, 2026.

**P.C. 617 (SB2024/HB1958)** requires that any employee who leaves or is discharged from employment must be paid in full all wages or salary earned by the employee no later than the next regular pay day following the date of dismissal or voluntary leaving, or twenty-one (21) days following the date of discharge or voluntary leaving, whichever occurs last.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 658 (SB2018/HB1907)** revises provisions relating to the production of documents in certain proceedings relating to the retirement of a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS). The legislation also revises provisions relating to the temporary reemployment of such a member upon retirement. Present law allows a retired member or prior class member of TCRS, and a retiree of a local retirement fund receiving benefits to return to service temporarily in a position covered by TCRS and continue to draw the person's retirement allowance if certain conditions are met. However, for a member returning to temporary reemployment with an effective date of retirement between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2027, this legislation requires the member be treated as receiving an in-service distribution if TCRS discovers that the member did not have a bona fide separation of service. The member must not continue to receive an in-service distribution and must have a bona fide separation of service before starting another temporary reemployment period.

Effective April 1, 2026.

**P.C. 721 (SB2212/HB2477)** extends the period for the estate of an emergency responder killed in the line of duty from three years from the date of death to the later of such date or the date of a final order of a court, administrative law judge, or authorized state or local official designating the death as being in the

line of duty. The act also extends the period for an estate to file an appeal of a denial from 90 days to one year and adds a mechanism of appeal of a denial of a claim for the estates of firefighters, volunteer rescue squad workers, and emergency medical technicians.

Effective April 13, 2026.

**P.C. 772 (SB1922/HB1705)** generally requires, beginning July 1, 2026, all state and local governmental employers to verify the work authorization status of each prospective employee through the federal E-Verify program prior to employment; authorizes the attorney general to enforce compliance with the requirement against local governments and subjects a noncompliant local government to the withholding of all funds of this state allocated to the local government via grant, contract, or statute, including, but not limited to, state-shared taxes.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 845 (SB1981/HB2179)** adds a requirement that an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred when an employer unreasonably denies a workers' compensation claim or unreasonably fails to timely initiate any of the benefits associated with the claim must be based on a finding by the workers' compensation judge that the employer's conduct was unreasonable. When, at an expedited hearing, the workers' compensation judge concludes that the employer unreasonably denied the claim or unreasonably failed to timely initiate benefits, the court is authorized to award attorneys' fees and costs at that time. If, in addition, the workers' compensation judge finds that the evidence of such unreasonableness is clear and convincing, then any award of attorneys' fees and costs must not be deferred to a compensation hearing.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 847 (SB2005/HB1870)** requires certification from the peace officer standards and training commission for the commissioner of commerce and insurance, the commissioner's deputies, a municipal fire investigator, or a

salaried county fire investigator to exercise police powers, including the power to arrest, relative to cases of arson or suspected arson. Certain fire investigators are grandfathered in from needing this certification.

Effective January 1, 2028.

**P.C. 849 (SB2032/HB2074)** states that a public safety employer shall grant the employee or prospective employee reasonable access to the employee or prospective employee's full employment record, including the results of a mental health evaluation or screening and any report from a qualified mental health professional or other evaluator. If a prospective employee is denied because of a mental health screening or evaluation, then the employer must allow the potential employee access to the results of the evaluation or screening, for the employee to submit an alternative evaluation or screening conducted by a qualified mental health professional, and the employer may reevaluate the employee based on the new evaluation or screening. An employee or prospective employee may bring a private right of action for being denied access to their full employment record.

Effective April 27, 2026.

**P.C. 929 (SB435/HB484)** requires health insurance plans that are issued, renewed or amended after January 1, 2027, to include coverage for biomarker testing. The testing must be ordered by a healthcare provider for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, management of an enrollee's disease or conditions when supported by scientific evidence. Coverage is not required for asymptomatic individuals.

Effective May 7, 2026.

**P.C. 931 (SB865/HB705)** requires a group policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides hospital, surgical, or major medical expense insurance, to provide that an employee or member whose insurance under the group policy has been terminated for any reason, and who has been continuously insured under the group policy, for at least three months immediately prior to termination, is entitled to have the coverage continued

under the group policy for the remainder of the month in which the policy is terminated, plus the next three subsequent months upon payment in advance to the employer of the full group policy premium for this continuation of coverage, including any portion of the premium customarily paid by the employer on or before the beginning of each month's coverage. This requirement applies to policies issued, renewed or amended after the effective date of the act. The act also makes changes to optical products insurance.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 942 (SB1907/HB1464)** requires that a denial of a claim for an annuity made by the estate of an electrical lineman employed by a local government or utility district is subject to review by the department of finance and administration within 90 days of the denial. The department has the authority to review the claim and issue a final order, which is binding on this state. Copies of the final order must be delivered to the claim's estate.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 986 (SB2641/HB2476)** requires political subdivisions overseeing pension plans to manage and invest plan assets solely for the financial benefit of beneficiaries and to maximize long-term shareholder value. The amendment also mandates that all voting rights related to direct security holdings be exercised either in person or by proxy, and that annual reports detailing specified information be submitted by September 1 to the appropriate legislative finance committees. In addition, pension plans may only contract with proxy advisory firms that formally agree in writing to comply with these obligations. The act further restricts proxy advisory firms from providing voting advice when conflicts of interest could compromise objectivity, or when negative recommendations are based on prior shareholder support for proposals already approved under applicable corporate law. Finally, proxy advisory firms must provide financial analyses to support recommendations that differ from company management's position on shareholder proposals. These requirements do not apply to other service providers such as

fiduciaries, asset managers, custodians, consultants, or similar entities that are not proxy advisory firms.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1048 (SB2162/HB2616)** authorizes a governing body to conduct an executive session for the purpose of interviewing applicants for employment as director-level staff of the body without providing public notice of such session. However, the governing body is prohibited from making hiring decisions or deliberating in such session. All deliberation and voting must be done in an open, publicly notice meeting. Attendance at any executive session for the purpose of interviewing applicants must be limited to members of the governing body, relevant staff, and the applicants. The minutes of the session must be disclosed to all persons who were in attendance, except for applicants. If requested by the applicant, application materials must be kept confidential and are not open to public inspection. However, interviews and application materials must be kept as public records if the applicant is selected for employment or appointment. As used in this amendment, "director-level" means a position that is filled by the mayor or a vote of the governing body or by the mayor with confirmation by the governing body, excluding the chief of police, and has authority over the operation and employees of a department, agency, or division of the governmental entity.

Effective May 21, 2026.

**P.C. 1110 (SB2017/HB1906)** requires retirement credit established for a period of disability for a commissioned member of the department of safety or agent of the Tennessee bureau of investigation to be at no cost to that member. The act also authorizes political subdivisions that pass a resolution to establish retirement credit for its employees to allow the credit for a period of disability for any member who is subject to mandatory retirement to be at no cost to such person.

Effective July 1, 2026.

### **Law Enforcement/Fire Protection:**

**P.C. 770 (SB1210/HB1254)** requires a prosecuting agency that maintains a Brady list to adopt a policy that meets certain requirements. Such a policy must include things like the criteria used by the prosecuting agency to place an officer's name on a Brady list, the officer's right to receive written notice and a summary of the reasoning of the prosecuting agency before the prosecuting agency places the officer's name on a Brady list, the officer's right to make a request for reconsideration of the prosecuting agency's determination, and the applicable time frame and procedures for notifying the officer of the prosecuting agency's final decision on an officer's request for reconsideration. The district attorney's office must also send the proposed policy to all law enforcement agencies in the district before it is enacted.

Effective April 21, 2026.

**P.C. 918 (SB2543/HB2368)** creates a new class A misdemeanor for operating an unmanned aircraft within 400 feet of or above a ticketed event. The chapter lists exemptions to the offense including but not limited to law enforcement, emergency services, utility employees in the scope of their business and those who have obtained consent from the owner.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 921 (SB1726/HB2567)** makes multiple changes to the persistent domestic violence offender registry.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 950 (SB1656/HB1649)** makes it a criminal offense to knowingly possess, manufacture, sell, or deliver Kratom. Possession is punishable with a class A misdemeanor; other acts are punishable with felonies depending on the circumstances. Kratom is defined to include both natural and synthetic versions of the drug.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1010 (SB2405/HB2157)** creates the Tennessee Safe Initiative Task Force. This task force will determine when criminal activity in a particular jurisdiction is so prevalent as to endanger public safety and require additional law enforcement operations. The task force is made up of both state and local law enforcement professionals. Members of the task force or local law enforcement may make requests for additional law enforcement operations from the task force. The act also details what the task force investigators are allowed to investigate. The task force terminates on July 1, 2029.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1015 (SB2223/HB2219)** requires the sheriff of each county to enter into an agreement under an available federal 287(g) program and expands the powers of the board of control of the Tennessee corrections institute.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1031 (SB2338/HB2446)** establishes the firefighter vehicle grant program. This program is intended to provide grants to select departments to assist with local match requirements for federal grants to purchase vehicles. This grant will not fund the total match in any year. This program will be administered by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance.

Effective at 12:01 AM July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1091 (SB1772/HB1793)** authorizes the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee and certain law enforcement agencies to enter into a written agreement authorizing sworn peace officers of the law enforcement agency to enforce certain traffic laws on one or more designated private megasite roadways identified in the agreement.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1104 (SB1900/HB2428)** increases the penalty for assaulting a first responder from a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory fine of \$5,000 and a mandatory minimum of 30 days incarceration to a Class E felony with a

mandatory fine of \$10,000 and a mandatory minimum of 60 days incarceration.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1121 (SB2177/HB2204)** requires the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) to conduct a study of the salaries and other benefits paid to state and local law enforcement officers in this state. The study must include: (1) Analysis of how current salaries and benefits paid to state and local law enforcement officers affect recruitment, staffing, and retention, particularly in smaller city and county departments, and evaluate potential alternatives for improvement; and (2) Analysis of how state salary increases and adjustments for state law enforcement officers affect recruitment, staffing, and retention of local law enforcement officers.

Effective May 22, 2026.

### **Open Meetings/Open Records:**

**P.C. 620 (SB178/HB22)** requires a governing body subject to the open meetings laws to reserve a period of public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on any matter germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body, regardless of whether the matter is listed on the agenda for the meeting. A governing body is defined as governing body of an incorporated city or town, county, metropolitan government, school district, regional authority, or other political subdivision of this state other than a state governmental agency or entity.

Effective March 26, 2026.

**P.C. 672 (SB1879/HB1642)** prevents open records exemptions for minor student records, federal law enforcement officer information, captured plate data, information from motor vehicle accident reports, and body cameras from sunseting.

Effective April 7, 2026.

**P.C. 686 (SB1464/HB2506)** requires each state and local governmental entity and official to maintain certain information relative to the operational enforcement of federal and state immigration laws as confidential and provides that such information is not subject to public inspection.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 699 (SB1775/HB1797)** adds the governing body of local education agencies and any other local body that has the ability to make binding decisions or appropriate funds, excluding a private nonprofit community organization, to the current list of bodies required to publish their agenda forty-eight hours in advance.

Effective April 14, 2026.

**P.C. 711 (SB1970/HB1911)** entitles an individual who is not a citizen of this state to inspect or receive a copy of any law enforcement record or report pertaining solely to that individual. The requesting individual must present a government issued ID, a written request for the record, and a signed affidavit that the document applies solely to the individual.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 895 (SB1944/HB1858)** allows participation in community meetings by electronic means of communication. These meetings must allow the public to view the meeting by electronic means in real time and participate electronically if participation would be allowed in person. There are also notice and publication requirements that must be met. A community meeting means the convening of the members of a community to discuss and receive information about public business. No votes can be taken in one of these meetings where members are participating by electronic means.

Effective May 5, 2026.

**P.C. 1137 (SB2450/HB2114)** requires the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) to conduct a study to determine if newspapers of general circulation remain the most efficient and effective

manner for governments to provide the public with transparent and accessible information.

Effective May 22, 2026.

### **Taxes:**

**P.C. 709 (SB1935/HB1903)** adds a child who is 18 or older and has a developmental or intellectual disability to whom the homestead exemption extends upon the death of the head of the household.

Effective April 14, 2026.

**P.C. 971 (SB1983/HB1932)** revises standards for the length of the redemption period for a property subject to a tax sale based on whether the period of delinquency is three years or less or is more than three years. If the delinquency is three years or less the redemption period is one year from the entry of the order confirming the sale. If the delinquency is longer than three years, the period is 90 days from the entry of the order confirming the sale. This applies to orders occurring on or after July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 979 (SB2504/HB2210)** gives counties who have declared a state of local emergency or subject to a state of emergency or disaster declaration are authorized to provide tax relief from hotel occupancy and additional privilege taxes for citizens of the county who are displaced from their homes. The county must pass a resolution or issue an executive order establishing the duration of the tax relief, if the relief will be given at the time of sale or if it will be a reimbursement, and a way for residents to verify they reside in the county and are displaced.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 982 (SB2537/HB2207)** provides that an application for an exemption from property taxation for property owned by a religious, charitable, scientific, or nonprofit educational organization that is filed within 180 days after the exempt use of the property began will be effective as of the date the exempt use began, if the application is made after May 20th of the year for which the exemption is sought, but prior to the end of the year. The act also makes changes to the possible sizes of boards of equalization.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1034 (SB2633/HB2496)** adds to the definition of a "qualified public use facility" as used in the Local Tourism Development Zone Business Tax Act a mixed-use development containing a performance venue with a seating capacity of at least 2,500. The act also authorizes a municipality or public authority that has financed a qualified public use facility within a tourism development zone and that qualifies for an allocation of sales tax revenue from within that zone under the Convention Center and Tourism Development Financing Act of 1998 and under other provisions of sales tax law to use the revenue for purposes authorized in the act or other law.

Effective May 21, 2026.

**P.C. 1049 (SB0198/HB0162)** authorizes, until June 30, 2041, a county or municipality that levies a property tax to pay a property tax refund owed to a taxpayer through annual installments applied as credits against the taxpayer's future property taxes if certain criteria is met.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1053 (SB539/HB753)** establishes the process for property tax assessment and valuation of multi-unit rental housing that receives a federal, state, or local incentive based on low-income renter restrictions.

Effective July 1, 2026, applies to residential property developed on or after such date.

**P.C. 1125 (SB2283/HB2119)** requires revenue that is received by a municipality and that is used to fund a destination marketing entity engaged in tourism promotion on behalf of the municipality be released to the destination marketing entity no later than 120 days after the municipality approves its final budget.

Effective May 22, 2026.

### **Utilities:**

**P.C. 532 (SB717/HB796)** clarifies that the utility commission has the sole authority to approve the sale of a natural gas utility that is regulated by the commission. This would supersede any local charter or agreement.

Effective February 17, 2026.

**P.C. 876 (SB564/HB803)** makes changes to the laws concerning sewage systems using land application. These changes include establishing requirements for developers who plan to construct a treatment works for a subdivision. When the design and construction of the treatment works has been approved by the department of environment, then the developer must apply to the utility system serving the area to request the utility to assume or refuse operational responsibility and ownership of the treatment works. The statute lets out the process for the denials or the transfer of ownership. Hamilton County is exempt from these requirements.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 952 (SB1595/HB1673)** details the process for consolidation of utility districts or utility authorities. Consolidation means 1. the merger of a utility district to another district, 2. the merger of two or more districts into a new district utility district, or 3. the merger of a utility district into a municipality, county or utility authority resulting in the dissolution of the utility district. The process includes how the governing bodies request the merger, public notice,

order of approvals, and board size of the new entity. The chapter also addresses the continuing education requirements for the new board members.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1028 (SB2191/HB2386)** authorizes a political subdivision to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with a developer for the development of certain offsite public infrastructure. Such cost-sharing arrangement must be based upon the proportionate utilization or impact the development for which approval is sought from the political subdivision has on public infrastructure. The political subdivision's share of the offsite public infrastructure improvement costs may be provided through impact fees collected from other developments, bond proceeds, or unencumbered tax revenues.

Effective May 19, 2026.

**P.C. 1055 (SB639/HB1259)** authorizes a local government or a water utility to maintain or construct individual lines for certain purposes if the property owner consents and agrees to hold the municipality or utility district harmless for the work. The conditions include private water lines behind a utility-owned meter when such rehabilitative maintenance or construction is deemed necessary to address lead service lines or galvanized requiring replacement lines located on private property, but only for the portion of the service line extending from the utility-owned meter to the exterior building envelope of the structure served for the purpose of addressing serious health issues, or sewage lines on private property when such rehabilitative maintenance or construction is deemed necessary because excessive infiltration and inflow from groundwater or rainwater is resulting in sanitary sewer overflows or other serious health or system capacity issues.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**P.C. 1113 (SB2057/HB2385)** requires a utility system providing waste water services to allow a connection to a property owner who has an existing gravity sewer line located on or adjacent to the owners property or has an existing

sewer force main located on or adjacent to the owner's property that can be accessed using technology designed for the application.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1116 (SB2102/HB2592)** changes the board requirement for municipally owned electric utility services that meet certain conditions (currently NES and MLGW). The act adds board seats for new members residing outside of the home municipality. Those new seats depend on the number of customers in the areas outside the home municipality. Those new board seats will either be appointed by the county or municipal executive of the area outside the home municipality depending on the circumstances. The act also states that beginning September 1, 2026, until September 2, 2027, the purchase or transfer of cooperative electric distribution properties and service rights must be completed by mutual agreement between the municipality and the cooperative. This new subsection restriction does not apply to such transfers or purchases as the result of a completed annexation of territory in accordance with this part prior to September 1, 2026.

Effective May 22, 2026.

**P.C. 1122 (SB2213/HB2381)** requires that if a material that is required for the construction of the utility infrastructure is available only from the utility, then the utility must provide that material for the customer's or approved contractor's use at the same price as the utility paid for the material. The utility shall not require the customer or approved contractor to pay taxes on the materials above the amount of taxes that the utility paid when acquiring the materials. The utility must provide an itemized statement of the cost of materials sold to a customer or approved contractor. The act also makes caps on the amount of fees a utility may charge for the inspection of work done by a third party contract to not exceed a combined total of 10% of the proposed cost of the project for which the plans and designs were submitted for which the inspection and testing were conducted.

Effective July 1, 2026.

