

2026 End of Legislative Session Report: TLPCA

The 114th General Assembly declared Sine Die on April 23rd, 2026 officially closing the the second year of session. Including resolutions, the Tennessee General Assembly introduced approximately 1,742 bills to be considered in 2026.

A comprehensive breakdown of all of your bills, and their final status, can be found in your final bill track report. Below is a breakdown of your organization's priority bills for this session.

Top Priority Bills

SB2399 / HB1917 by Sen. Yarbro and Rep. Freeman

This bill clarifies roles of Limited Practice Professional Counselors (LPPCs) and Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs). They are now aligned with the LPC title used nationally and recognized by the Counseling Compact. It also created a clear pathway to clinical licensure. This bill was not funded, therefore it failed for the year.

SB2227 / HB2539 by Sen. Johnson and Rep. Lamberth

This bill is an administrative bill coming from the Governor's office. As originally written, it would have dissolved the TN Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapy and Clinical Pastoral Therapists Regulatory Board and converted it to a commissioner-run agency. After much action from both TNAMFT and TLPCA, we were successfully amended out of the bill. This bill will become law once it is signed by the Governor.

SB2585/ HB1909 by Sen. Jackson and Rep. G.Hicks

This bill addresses portability challenges, modernized terms, added clarification to the definitions, and revised the supervisor requirements for Marriage and Family Therapists. This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.



Changes to industry

SB259/ HB853 Mature Minor

This bill states that an unemancipated minor receives medical treatment, then the minor's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, or other person with medical decision-making authority for such minor may access, and a healthcare provider or healthcare facility must provide, any prescription records resulting from medical treatment of the minor, even if the treatment was provided to the unemancipated minor without parental consent, including treatment provided for a sexually transmitted disease, contraceptives, drug abuse treatment, emergency medical or surgical treatment, prenatal and peripartum care for minors. This bill will take effect once it is signed by the Governor.

The H.O.P.E. Treatment Act

This bill enacts the "HOPE Treatment Act" to authorize a research institution to participate in one or more clinical trials involving ibogaine, so long as the trial complies with a valid United States FDA investigational new drug (IND) authorization, when such authorization is required by federal law. This bill take effect on July 1, 2026.

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SB2108/ HB1711 by Sen. White and Rep. Davis

This bill requires law enforcement agencies to communicate with local governmental entities and officials to submit quarterly reports to the department of safety, and the appropriate federal official regarding illegal activities of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States. This bill was killed in the Senate State & Local committee.

SB474/ HB387 by Sen. Bowling and Rep. Butler

This bill prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership, possession of, or access to firearm ammunition or firearm accessories. This bill failed in the Senate Health Committee.

SB995/ HB1034 by Sen. Bailey & Rep. Alexander

This was the noncompete bill that prohibits the enforcement of any restriction on the right of an employee or contractor to practice the employee's or contractor's profession upon termination or conclusion of the employment or contractual relationship. This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.

SB1807/ HB1468 by Sen. Bailey and Rep. Clemmons

This bill prohibits an entity from setting the price of a specific good or service using personalized algorithmic pricing; designates a violation as an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting trade or commerce in violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977. We worked to get an amendment added to remove MFT/ LPC, before it was general subbed in the Senate Commerce committee, effectively killing it.



Changes to industry

SB1664/ HB1665 Prohibition on gender related questions

This bill prohibits a health insurance issuer, managed care organization, or any entity providing reimbursement for healthcare services from requiring a healthcare provider or facility to ask certain prohibited questions related to gender and sexuality. Mental Health professionals with the ability to diagnose were amended out. This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.

SB2088/ HB2013 Testing for psychotropic drugs for person that is believed to have committed a mass shooting

Present law requires a county medical examiner or regional forensic center to test a decedent for the presence of any drugs, including therapeutic levels of psychotropic drugs, when the decedent is suspected to have committed a mass shooting that resulted in the deaths of four or more individuals. This bill removes that the mass shooting must have resulted in four or more deaths before testing is required and requires, instead, that such testing be done if a decedent is suspected to have committed a mass shooting in which four or more individuals sustained an injury or a reasonable person would conclude that person attempted to kill four or more individuals. This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.