

**TSITE Winter Meeting - Knoxville, TN - February 20, 2025**  
**Legislative Committee Update**

House Bill Number	Senate Bill Number	Subject	Composite Abstract
HB0084	SB1042	Driver Licenses	As introduced, lowers the minimum age, from 25 to 21, that is necessary to receive an initial school bus endorsement.
HB1378	SB1420	Driver Licenses	As introduced, requires written examinations administered to applicants for a driver license or intermediate driver license to include questions concerning hand signals used by operators of bicycles to communicate turning, slowing, and stopping.
HB0127	SB1307	Highways, Roads and Bridges	As introduced, extends the authority for local governments to levy a surcharge on local privilege taxes to fund a transportation improvement program to all cities instead of only Chattanooga, Clarksville, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, and to all counties instead of only Wilson, Washington, Blount, Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties; expands the use of such local surcharge revenue for highway and bridge projects, in addition to mass transit projects.
HB0924	SB1192	Highways, Roads and Bridges	As introduced, requires the department of transportation to study the development of a new bridge crossing the Mississippi River and connecting to Arkansas.
** Withdrawn **		Highways, Roads and Bridges	As introduced, authorizes surveillance cameras to be installed on federal interstate highways and operated by a state entity to aid in the investigation and prevention of terrorism and state criminal offenses other than traffic violations; authorizes surveillance cameras to be installed on public roads and highways other than federal interstate highways and operated by local law enforcement agencies to aid in the investigation and prevention of terrorism and state criminal offenses other than traffic violations.
HB0810	SB0728	Motor Vehicles	As introduced, authorizes utility terrain vehicles to operate on county roads and state highways throughout the state, subject to certain restrictions.
HB1168	SB0310	Motor Vehicles	As introduced, excludes automated driving system (ADS)-operated vehicles used to transport property for hire in interstate commerce or to transport passengers for hire from the exemption allowing ADS-operated vehicles to be operated without a human driver physically present.
HB0608	SB1045	Real Property	As introduced, prohibits the state or a local or municipal government from requiring a builder or developer of real property to pay for the building or development of infrastructure that is nonessential to the development, maintenance, or growth of the builder's development property.
HB0795	SB0731	Real Property	As introduced, requires a local government to send back any requested changes on a contractor or developer's application for development site plans or inspections in a single deliverable document or set of documents, or to remit related fees back to the developer for subsequent change requests; prohibits a local government from requiring a developer or contractor to fund, develop, or contribute to the development of nonessential infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.
** Withdrawn **		Traffic Safety	As introduced, raises, from 70 mph to 75 mph, the maximum statutory speed limit on a highway of the interstate and defense highway system or a four-lane controlled-access highway which are federal or state highways; raises, from 55 mph to 60 mph, the minimum statutory speed limit in the left lane of such highways; makes other related revisions.
HB0016	SB0141	Traffic Safety	As introduced, requires the department of transportation to establish and administer a student pedestrian protection grant program; under certain conditions, authorizes grants to be awarded to local governments for designing, constructing, and repairing sidewalk infrastructure around public schools.
HB0559	n/a	Traffic Safety	As introduced, removes the prohibition on a person physically holding or supporting, with any part of the person's body, a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle on a road or highway other than in a marked school zone or work zone; retains restrictions on activities such as texting on, reaching for, or watching or recording a video on such device while operating a motor vehicle on a road or highway.
HB0975	SB0954	Traffic Safety	As introduced, authorizes counties to delegate authority to the chief administrative officer of the county highway department to set lower speed limits on county roads if the department employs an engineer who is capable of completing required engineering and traffic investigations.
HB1320	SB1308	Transportation, Dept. of	As introduced, in the event of a transportation system failure or other emergency, grants the commissioner emergency contracting authority to enter into contracts for design-build, construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC), and progressive design-build (PDB) services for the delivery of transportation projects; exempts the department from having to identify such contracts exceeding \$100 million in its transportation improvement program submitted annually to the general assembly in support of its annual funding recommendations, if they are issued under such emergency contracting authority; makes other revisions to the CM/GC and PDB process.