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## Incarceration or Rehabilitation?



**Rehabilitation:** TNCPPC is working with other groups to stop this bill and address the problem by establishing more treatment centers and drug courts.

### Busted when taking narcotics while pregnant.

[SB0659 / HB1168](#) | Sponsors: Senator Bowling and Representative Weaver

This **Caption bill** authorizes prosecution for assault if a woman uses narcotics while pregnant and the child is born addicted to or harmed by the narcotic drugs. The bill also provides enrollment in an addiction recovery program while pregnant. The successful completion of the program is an affirmative defense.

We will keep you posted when it is up for a vote.

## Other Bills we are watching.

### Authorizing Governor to Expand Medicaid

[SB0983 / HB1092](#) | Sponsors: Senator Gilmore and Representative Hodges

This **caption bill** authorizes the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act; authorizes the governor to negotiate with the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to determine the terms of the expansion.

House status: This bill is in the TennCare sub-committee. Slim chance it will pass. The gov. isn't in a supporter of the bill.

Senate status:

TNCPPC is Watching

## [ Wait. Wait. Wait. What's with the green and WHAT is a Caption bill??? ]

It is a brief, often one-line caption that gives an outline of what the bill proposes; commonly used as a place holder by legislators until all the provisions are worked out and the laws it will amend, change, or repeal are identified.

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### Prescription Drug Fair Pricing Act

[SB0963 / HB0887](#) | Sponsors: Senator Brenda Gilmore and Representative Vincent Dixie

This **caption bill** requires the commissioner of health to examine changes in prices for essential generic drugs in prescription drug programs operated by the state government for the period of the last five fiscal years. Requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to examine issues relating to requiring price transparency in prescription drug pricing. Both reports must be presented on or before January 15, 2020, with recommendations to legislation.

This is a good bill but not getting any attention/traction.

**Senate status:** passed on 2nd reading, headed to Commerce and Labor Committee

**House status:** in Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

TNCPPC Supports

### Preventing TN Government from Financing/Supporting Abortions

[SB1418 / HB1490](#) | Sponsors: Senator Jackson and Representative Ragan

This **caption bill** enacts the "Life Appropriation Act," which prohibits an agency or instrumentality of the state from awarding a grant to pay the direct or indirect costs of performing, inducing, referring, or counseling in favor of abortions. Click [SB1418 / HB1490](#) to learn more.

**House status:** In the Public Health Sub Committee

**Senate status:** Passed on 2nd reading, refer to Senate Judiciary Committee

TNCPPC ???

### Excludes illegal immigrant from prenatal care and food

[SB1279 / HB1238](#) | Sponsors: Senator Pody and Representative Griffey

This **caption bill** requires verification of United States citizenship or lawful presence for each applicant 18 years of age or older, who applies for prenatal, and the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children administered by the department of health.

**House status:** failed in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Senate status:** passed on 2nd reading, refer to Senate Health and Welfare Committee

TNCPPC Does Not Support

### KILLED: a bill to stop laundering money out of TN

[HB0562 / SB1504](#) | Sponsors: Representative Griffey and Senator Hensley

The Bill's Intention: Stop laundering money out of TN to foreign countries or just outside of TN.

The Bill's Problem: TBI said: "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT." They were already on it. PLUS, the bill would have gummed-up legal transactions for TN businesses.

TNCPPC did not support it

### Increases employment and self-sufficiency

[SB550 / HB110](#) | Sponsors: Senator Kerry Roberts and Representative Scott Cepick

This **caption bill** increases employment and self-sufficiency among families by assigning able-bodied parents who have school-aged children and receive food stamps to workforce programs, as authorized by federal law.

This bill was put in a Senate general subcommittee; this means it is buried unless it is brought again in the next session.

**House status:** Assigned to Public Health Subcommittee

**Senate status:** Passed on 2nd reading. Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Health & Welfare Committee

TNCPPC ???

## [ Didja know? Our legislature can override our Governors Veto? ]

It's TRUE. Click and See,