

**SENATE**  
**EDUCATION**  
**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016**  
**2:00 PM - LEGISLATIVE PLAZA ROOM 12 LP**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

<b>GRESHAM (R) CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>CROWE (R)</b>	<b>HENSLEY (R)</b>
<b>TATE (D) 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>DICKERSON (R)</b>	<b>KELSEY (R)</b>
<b>GARDENHIRE (R) 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>HAILE (R)</b>	<b>TRACY (R)</b>

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**AGENDA**

- 1. [SB 1578](#) \*Briggs** (HB 1482 by \*Smith)  
Veterans - As introduced, extends from three years to 10 years the time in which a veteran must enroll in a public institution of higher education after discharge to be exempt from paying out-of-state tuition or fees. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 13.
- 2. [SB 1762](#) \*Briggs** (HB 1696 by \*Brooks H)  
University of Tennessee - As introduced, requires the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee system to appoint the chief executive officers of the institutions upon the recommendation of the president of the system; delineates further the powers of the board of trustees. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 9.
- 3. [SB 2181](#) \*Green** (HB 2380 by \*Holt)  
Education, Higher - As introduced, permits veterans to qualify for in-state tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education subject to proof of release or discharge from active duty and that the discharge was honorable. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

4. [SB 0884](#) \*Yarbro (HB 0824 by \*Powell)

Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, sets the BEP instructional salary unit cost for the 2015–2016 fiscal year at the statewide average licensed teacher salary. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5.

5. [SB 1431](#) \*Gardenhire (HB 1407 by \*McCormick)

Education, Higher - As introduced, grants in-state tuition and fees at public higher education institutions to certain dependent children of military parents regardless of place of residency if the military parent perished as the result of a targeted attack that occurred in Tennessee. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9.

6. [SB 1719](#) \*Gardenhire (HB 2137 by \*Brooks K)

Education, Higher - As introduced, allows full-time law enforcement officers and firefighters to enroll in one course tuition-free at any state-supported college or university. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7.

7. [SB 1720](#) \*Gardenhire (HB 1676 by \*Gravitt, Moody, Hazlewood, Byrd, Swann, Halford, Carr , Kane, Sparks, Forgety, Smith, White M, Hulsey, Calfee, Howell, Reedy, Doss, Lamberth, Pitts)

Education, Higher - As introduced, allows dependent children of full-time law enforcement officers and firefighters, who are under 24 years of age, to receive a 25 percent discount on tuition to attend any state-operated institution of higher learning. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7.

8. [SB 1721](#) \*Gardenhire (HB 1675 by \*Gravitt)

State Employees - As introduced, requires a state employee to repay the cost of a tuition and fee waiver at a public institution of higher education if the student withdraws or fails the course in which the state employee enrolled with the waiver; requires the amount of the waiver be paid before enrolling in another course at a public institution of higher education, unless the state employee shows that the withdrawal or failure was the result of a documented medical or personal reason. - Amends TCA Section 8-50-114; Title 49, Chapter 8; Title 49, Chapter 9 and Title 49, Chapter 7.

9. [SB 1656](#) \*Tracy (HB 1494 by \*Lamberth, Littleton)

Pensions and Retirement Benefits - As introduced, requires forfeiture of retirement benefits of teachers who become members of TCRS or other public pension systems on or after July 1, 2016, if convicted of any misdemeanor sexual offense arising out of the teacher's employment or official capacity. - Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 49.

**10. [SB 1792](#) \*Kelsey (HB 1825 by \*White M)**

Schools, Private - As introduced, adds the association of classical and Christian schools to the list of accrediting organizations for church-related schools. - Amends TCA Section 49-50-801.

**11. [SB 1638](#) \*Gresham (HB 1681 by \*Moody)**

Education - As introduced, revises the investigative and reporting responsibilities of the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller and makes other changes concerning the collection and reporting of data related to education. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 10, Chapter 7; Section 49-1-106; Section 49-1-107; Section 49-1-302; Section 49-1-613; Section 49-1-908; Section 49-4-903; Section 49-6-109 and Section 49-6-4216.