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SB 0421 Bunch/HB 0874 Bell—Allows the sale of 12 ounce products in middle schools.

SENATE: Approved by Senate (30-1)—3/19/09

HOUSE: Taken Off Notice in K-12 Subcommittee—3/31

NOTE: This bill is dead for the year.

SB 0508 Burchett/HB 0396 Fincher—Requires the department of health to develop and implement a program to provide colorectal cancer screenings for uninsured individuals between ages 50 and 64 and for any other uninsured individuals determined to be at high risk for developing colon cancer; requires health insurance companies to cover colorectal cancer screenings.

SENATE: Approved by the Commerce Committee—3/30; referred to the Calendar Committee—3/30

HOUSE: Postponed in Industrial Impact Subcommittee until 2012—4/28

NOTE: This bill is dead for the year.

SB 1774 Herron/HB 0836 Moore—Rewrites requirement that LEAs must integrate minimum of 90 minutes physical activity per week to require LEAs to integrate 30 minutes of physical activity per school day for elementary and secondary school students.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Education Committee—4/28/09

HOUSE: Failed in K-12 Subcommittee of Education Committee (5-5) (3/3)

NOTE: This bill may be revived later to be assigned to the Joint Education Committee for further study.

SB 1788 Herron/HB 0219 Fincher—Requires the department of health to notify each member of the general assembly of any proposed TennCare

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program changes that will affect services currently provided to TennCare enrollees.

SENATE: Senate Approved Conference Committee report (31-0)—6/3
HOUSE: House Approved Conference Committee report (87-0)—5/20

NOTE: This bill has been amended to expand the reporting any changes of the TennCare program affecting 2,500 recipients or \$10,000,000 of funding by notifying the General Assembly by electronic means at least 30 days before the changes take effect.

SB 2523 Johnson/HB 2544 Brooks K—Creates offense of super speeding when driver speeds at 75 mph or more on any two-lane highway or 85 punishable by a \$200 fine only. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 8.

SENATE: Approved as amended by the Senate (19-6)—6/3
HOUSE: Placed behind the budget in Budget Subcommittee of Finance Committee—6/3

NOTE: This bill was amended in the House to split the \$200 fine between the TITAN highway notification system and the state's Trauma Fund. The Senate passed a different version of the bill. The bill is dead for the year.

SB 2562 Southerland/HB 2648 Tidwell —Exempts from requirement to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle for non-residents from states that do not require motorcycle helmets.

SENATE: Deferred in Transportation Committee—3/30
HOUSE: Taken Off Notice in Public Safety Subcommittee—3/23

NOTE: This bill was Taken Off Notice in the House. It is probably dead for this year.

SB 2732 Berke/HB 3311 Camper—Directs the commissioner of health to develop a plan for ensuring that 90 percent of pregnant women in this state have access to prenatal care and to report concerning such plan to the house

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health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee by February 1, 2011.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—3/18
HOUSE:

NOTE: This bill is dead for this year.

SB 2759 Kelsey/HB 2873 Maggart—Subject to necessary federal approvals, provides for an optional prenatal care benefit in TennCare including \$50.00 payments to pregnant enrollee, free transportation, and a visit schedule.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—3/24
HOUSE: Taken Off Notice in Health & Human Services Committee—4/20

NOTE: Fiscal Note is \$15 million in state expenditures. With this high cost, it is probably dead for this year.

SB 2897 McNally/HB 2917 Fincher—Requires certain DUI offenders to operate only a motor vehicle that is equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee—3/23
HOUSE: Placed Behind the Budget in Budget Subcommittee—4/28

NOTE: This bill does not provide any funding for critical access hospitals under the Medicare Rural Flexibility Program as does SB2965. With the assignment to General Subcommittee, it is probably dead this year.

SB 2965 Beavers/HB 2768 Shipley—Requires certain DUI offenders to operate only a motor vehicle that is equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device.

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SENATE: Approved by the Senate (31-0)—4/19
HOUSE: Approved by the House (95-0)—5/10

NOTE: Public Chapter 921. Tennessee Hospital Association will be allocated \$55,200 per year for the sole purpose of making grants to hospitals designated as critical access hospitals under the Medicare Rural Flexibility Program.

SB 2976 Berke/HB 3094 Fitzhugh—Enacts the "Tennessee Food Desert Relief Act". This bill authorizes the Tennessee local development authority to issue revenue bonds and to make the proceeds available for loans to develop property food desert relief enterprises that private industry alone would be otherwise unable to serve, at interest rates lower than would otherwise be obtainable. "Food desert relief enterprise" means a supermarket or grocery retailer that operates on a self-service basis, having at least 50 percent of revenue derived from the sale of groceries, produce, meat, baked goods or dairy products, or a farmers market, in an underserved area.

SENATE: Taken Off Notice
HOUSE: Placed Behind the budget in Budget Subcommittee of Finance Committee—4/28

NOTE: This is a bill being advocated by the Tennessee Obesity Task Force. Senator Berke does not plan to pass the bill this year. Both sponsors wish to use the bill this year to promote the concept of food deserts and the need for this type of public policy.

SB 2997 Gresham/HB 2707 Rich—Requires Bureau of TennCare to establish a co-pay plan based upon a sliding scale for TennCare standard enrollees.

SENATE:
HOUSE: Taken Off Notice in Government Operations Committee (2/24)

NOTE: The bill as written cannot be implemented. The current TennCare waiver prohibits co-pays. This bill is dead for the year.

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SB 3063 Woodson/HB 2419 Turner M—Requires one hour of physical activity per instructional school day for elementary and secondary school students beginning no later than the 2011-2012 school year.

SENATE:

HOUSE: Taken Off Notice in K-12 Subcommittee (3/3)

NOTE: This bill is dead for the year.

SB 3133 McNally/HB 3656 Stewart—Creates equity assessment of 2.25 cents per cigarette on all cigarettes sold by a nonparticipating tobacco manufacturer in this state.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Tax Subcommittee—
3/15

HOUSE:

NOTE: This bill is dead for this year.

SB 3141 McNally/HB 3323 Shepard—Requires the TennCare bureau to provide the prescription drug utilization review committee with information concerning enrollees who suffer from prevalent disease states.

SENATE: Off Notice

HOUSE: Off Notice

NOTE:

SB 3147 Black/HB 3205 Lollar—Requires the commissioner of education to consider the costs to and the benefits for certain local school health collaborations in developing a coordinated school health program.

SENATE: Off Notice

HOUSE: Off Notice

NOTE: Caption Bill

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SB 3245 Tate/HB 3459 Armstrong--Adds the governor and the general assembly to the commissioner of finance and administration as recipients of the health equity commission's advice on the state health plan.

SENATE: Approved by the Senate (31-0)—4/29

HOUSE: Approved the House (97-0)—3/25

NOTE: Public Chapter 905. The amended bill authorizes the Commission to elect officers and report to the General Assembly during each legislative session. The amended bill deletes the requirement to study TennCare policies.

SB 3372 Marrero B/HB 3657 Stewart—Extends temporary tax on bottles of soft drinks and barrels of beer until June 30, 2015, or sooner upon state or federal law enacted imposing mandatory deposits on beverage containers. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 5, Part 2; Title 67 and Chapter 86 of the Public Acts of 2005.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of the Tax Subcommittee—4/20

HOUSE: Placed behind the budget in Budget Subcommittee—4/7

NOTE: This bill extends the tax on soft drinks and barrels of beer. The tax (\$5.4 million) is currently used for litter control programs. There is some discussion to allow half of these funds to be used by local governments to purchase land for greenways, trailways and parks for exercise. The Soft Drink Association opposes this use of the funds. This bill appears to be dead for the year.

SB 3397 Burks/HB 3494 Brooks K—Honors the memory of the late Connie Hall Givens by renaming, in her honor, the Coordinated School Health Improvement Act.

SENATE: Approved by the Senate (32-0)—3/24

HOUSE: Approved by the House (98-0)—4/1

NOTE: Public Chapter 764.

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SB 3477 Jackson/HB 3769 Shepard—Requires the commissioner of finance and administration to report to the select oversight committee on TennCare by January 31, 2011, concerning certain options for health care coverage for certain recent TennCare disenrollees.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Commerce Committee
(3/3)

HOUSE:

NOTE: Caption Bill. This bill is probably dead this year.

SB 3502 Burks/HB 3473 Bone—Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement - Allocates increased funds resulting from modifications made in arbitration to the tobacco master settlement agreement in equal amounts to the agricultural reserve account to fund the agricultural enhancement grant program and to the health reserve account to fund wellness and prevention programs.

SENATE: Approved by the Senate (27-0)—6/4

HOUSE: Placed behind the budget in House Budget Subcommittee of Finance Ways & Means Committee—6/3

NOTE: Caption Bill

SB 3719 Haynes/HB 3748 Turner--Prohibits smoking within 50 feet of any entrance to any building that provides library services to children.

SENATE: Approved as amended by the Senate (26-1)—4/29

HOUSE: Failed for lack of a motion in the General Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee—4/28

NOTE: Although this bill appears to be dead for the year, the sponsor plans to revive the bill in the House with the new amended version. The amended version is permissive in nature and requires the local legislative body to enact legislation establishing such a prohibition.

SB 3828 Black/HB 3814 McDonald--Reduces the time within which an enrollee or applicant for TennCare uninsured or uninsurable coverage must

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mail documentation of any change of information given to the bureau of TennCare from "30 days" to "10 days" after such change; and requires the commissioner of health to consult the bureau of TennCare, in addition to the Tennessee Hospital Association, before requesting early completion of the report of hospital statistics.

SENATE: Approved by the Senate (33-0)—4/15

HOUSE: Approved by the House (92-0)—4/15

NOTE: Public Chapter 828. This bill has been amended to become the Kristen K. Hunter Infection Control Act. This bill as amended provides education to K-12 students on the dangers of MRSA infections and how to prevent them.

SB 3829 Kyle/HB 3840 Turner M.--Revises various provisions relating to health care including provisions governing tobacco surcharges in state employee and retiree group insurance plans.

SENATE: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Commerce Committee—
3/8

HOUSE:

NOTE: Caption Bill. This bill is probably dead this year.