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# Current Bills

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## *HB 0059*

Health insurance coverage for K-12 students. Requires the department of education, in consultation with the department of health, to establish minimum guidelines for health insurance coverage required for attendance in K-12 schools. Beginning in academic year 2010-2011, requires student or student's parent or guardian to submit proof of health insurance prior to the start of classroom instruction for the academic year. Broadly captioned. (H: Hardaway)

## *HB 0060*

Requires parent to notify LEA of student health insurance. Requires student's parent or guardian to notify LEA about student's health insurance coverage or lack of health insurance coverage at time of student's admission into LEA. (H: Hardaway)

## *HB 0065*

Coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Clarifies the definition of "autism spectrum disorders" to mean an autistic disorder, Asperger's syndrome, or a pervasive developmental disorder. Defines behavioral therapy and specifies health insurance must cover treatment for any afflicted individuals under 16 years of age rather than 12. Details coverage and treatment plan requirements and specifies individual must be diagnosed with these disorders before age eight to be eligible. Limits annual coverage for behavioral therapy to \$50,000 to be adjusted annually relative to the Consumer Price Index. (H: Fincher)

## *SB 0014*

Community action agencies - governmental tort liability. Adds community action agencies to definition of governmental entity for purposes of Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act. (S: Yager)

## *HB 0074*

Revisions to qualifications of surety bonds issuer. Lowers the required financial strength rating, or claims-paying ability, from the highest category to one of the two highest categories. Changes the required number of rating agencies necessary to verify the issuer's financial strength rating from two to one. Instructs the treasurer to continually monitor the financial strength of a qualified insurance company and at least annually file a report with the funding board and the collateral pool board, on the condition of the bond issuer. Specifies that in the event an insurer becomes disqualified, the financial institution using such insurer's surety bond shall be required with 30 days notice from the treasurer to substitute other eligible collateral or to otherwise meet the bank's required collateral level. (H: Matlock) House Co-Sponsors: Sargent; Harwell; Armstrong; Fitzhugh

## *HB 0105*

Campaign contributions by corporations. Allows representatives of any corporation doing business with the state to make campaign contributions up to the same contribution limits as individuals, LLCs, or partnerships on behalf of the corporation. (H: McCormick)

## *HB 0110*

Requirements for notaries. Requires new notaries and renewing notaries to complete five hours of continuing education at each renewal period by an approved notary public vendor or an approved notary instructor. Also requires notaries to pass a written exam. Requires notaries to maintain journal entries. Allows notaries to perform electronic notarizations. (H: Casada)

## *HB 0107*

Prohibits texting while driving. Prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle. Specifies that a violation is a Class C misdemeanor subject to a fine that is not to exceed \$50.00. (H: Lundberg)

## *HB 0019*

Privilege tax on professional athletes and entertainers. Imposes an occupational privilege tax on professional athletes and professional entertainers. Specifies that privilege tax will be \$400 annually per athlete or entertainer. Broadly captioned. (H: Hardaway)