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The CATALYST Program is a program designed to help students like you make an impact in the Great State of Tennessee!

Students can participate directly with their State legislature and the CATALYST program can help!

Students who have a passion for making necessary changes to improve the lives of Tennesseans everywhere now have the opportunity through this program. Students can form teams, develop solutions to problems they've identified, and submit their proposed legislation to the TBA YLD for consideration. The organizing committee of the CATALYST program will select the top bills submitted to the program for consideration. The best bills will be vetted for sponsorship at the next session of the Tennessee General Assembly and could potentially become law! So, do you have a great idea? Let us know about it and let us help you make an impact on Tennessee!

How can you join the movement and make a difference?

Brainstorm issues you see in your community you'd like to see addressed. These can range from the mundane to the extraordinary! Be mindful of the following when discussing topics you may want to have considered by the legislature:

- Is the issue I want to address already addressed by law?
- Will my proposed solution to the issue I want to address violate any current laws on the books?
- Will my proposed solution to the issue I want to address violate the Tennessee Constitution or the United State Constitution?
- What would be the likely expense to tax payers?
- Who would my proposed solution help?
- Who, if anyone, would it hurt? How would it hurt them?
- Is the cost or the harm done to others outweighed by the benefit of the proposed solution? How?
- Talk about your proposal with a friend or classmate. Ask them to be critical of the proposal. What concerns did they raise?
- How would you address those concerns in a debate with someone who opposed your proposal?

Now that you've identified your issue and brainstormed and developed a solution, get to work! Develop a proposed legislative bill to be submitted to the Tennessee Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division for consideration. The bill filing deadline for the Tennessee General Assembly is in February. The TBA YLD requires all submissions to be in no later than **November 15th, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**

For more information on deadlines and how to draft a bill, head over to the Catalyst Program Page on the Catalyst Website and click the link to watch videos on topics that will help you succeed! We look forward to seeing your wonderful ideas come to life!