



2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

An environment where business can prosper

- Oppose the implementation of a state minimum wage for private businesses, leaving the federal government to set the minimum wage level.
- Oppose efforts to enable citizens to de-annex from a municipality following the municipality's providing infrastructure services to an area.
- Support a conservative, common sense approach to expanding healthcare to more citizens to ensure a healthier workforce.
- Support business incentives and tools that make Tennessee competitive with other states while emphasizing transparency, accountability, and a return on investment.

Talent development of the region's workforce

- Support strategies to reach the state's college completion goal of 55 percent of Tennesseans with postsecondary credentials that meet the region's workforce needs.
- Support assessments aligned to rigorous K-12 standards focusing on college and career readiness to accurately measure student achievement.
- Support state and local efforts to expand opportunities for apprenticeships and career preparation for high school students.
- Support justice reform measures aimed at increasing the employability of non-violent offenders following their release from incarceration.

Regional efforts to ensure economic prosperity

- Support the collaboration of local governments within Rutherford County to develop transit options for citizens to commute throughout the county as well as across county lines.

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