



2017 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 innovative means to expand broadband capabilities to rural communities.
- Support the Tennessee Department of Revenue's efforts to level the playing field of competition by requiring out-of-state businesses to collect and remit sales taxes upon reaching \$500,000 in sales in Tennessee.

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 an accountability model for Tennessee school districts and high schools that includes a measure of quality career and technical education, such as industry certifications and post-secondary credit.
- Support assessments aligned to rigorous K-12 standards focusing on college and career readiness, in order to accurately measure student achievement.

Regional efforts to ensure economic prosperity

- **Priority Issue: Support for comprehensive solutions around investing in the region's transportation and transit infrastructure, including legislation that enables local governments to implement dedicated funding sources for transportation.**
- Oppose efforts to restrict the use of gas tax revenues by cities and counties, preventing creative, multi-modal solutions to transportation issues.