



April 6, 2009

Dear ACLU-TN Legislative Alert Network:

This will be a busy week at the Tennessee General Assembly. Several bills will be heard in committees that require ACLU-TN voices to be heard. Please contact your legislators about the bills described below and let them know how you think they should vote. The easiest way to identify your legislators is to visit <http://www.capitol.tn.gov>, go to "Find My Legislator," put in your address and click "search." Once you identify your legislators, please check to see if they serve on any of the committees that are scheduled to hear these bills this week. If they do, please contact them immediately to let them know how you would like them to vote in the committee. If your legislators do not serve on the committees hearing the bills this week, you should contact them and explain how you want them to vote when the bills come to the Floor.

Many thanks for using your voice to protect our constitutional freedoms.

Warm regards,  
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### Women's Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Pay Equity in the Workplace</b>  <a href="#">HB0776</a> (Turner)	Prohibits sex discrimination in pay. Authorizes commissioner of labor and workforce development to try to eliminate such practices, to supervise payment of wages to an employee who was discriminated against, and to develop guidelines for employers to evaluate job categories. Companion bill is SB1664 (Harper).	<a href="#">House Employee Affairs Subcommittee</a>  Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 1:30 pm – LP 29	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Emergency Care for Rape Victims</b>  <a href="#">HB1532</a> (Favors)	Requires hospitals treating rape victims to provide them with written and oral information on emergency contraception and to inform them of their option to be provided with emergency contraception. Hospitals with religious affiliations choosing not to comply are excluded from this requirement. Companion bill is SB0640 (Marrero).  Talking points – click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Health Care Facilities Subcommittee</a>  Wednesday, 04/08/09 at 12:30 pm – LP 30	<b>SUPPORT</b>

## Voting Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Prove Citizenship Status to Vote</b>  <a href="#">SB1999</a> (Norris)	Requires applicants to vote to submit evidence of U.S. citizenship with the registration application. Voters must also present photo ID including name and address upon registration. Companion bill is HB1838 (Todd).  Talking points – click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">Senate State &amp; Local Government Committee</a>  Tuesday, 04/7/09 at 8:00 – LP 12	<b>OPPOSE</b>

## Reproductive Freedom

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Removing Right to Abortion</b>  <a href="#">SJR0127</a> (Black)	Opens door to amending the State Constitution to take away the privacy protection as it pertains to women seeking abortions. Were <u>Roe v. Wade</u> to be overturned, and our State Constitution to be amended, women in Tennessee would not be protected under the current state constitutional right to privacy that ensures a woman can obtain an abortion.  Talking points-click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Health &amp; Human Resources Committee</a>  Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 10:30 am – LP 16	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Mandated Waiting Period</b>  <a href="#">HB 0445</a> (Maddox)	Requires informed consent and a subsequent 24-hour waiting period for “reflection” after a woman receives information about the abortion procedure. Companion bill is SB1800 (Herron).  Talking points-click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Public Health &amp; Family Assistance Subcommittee</a>  Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 4:00 pm – LP 30	<b>OPPOSE</b>

## Students' Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Random Drug Testing of Students</b>  <a href="#">SB0074</a> (Tracy)	Allows school systems to randomly drug test students participating in voluntary extracurricular activities, even if there is no individual reasonable suspicion that the student has used drugs. Companion bills are HB1508 (Winningham), SB1792	<a href="#">Senate Education Committee</a>  Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 3:30 pm – LP 12	<b>OPPOSE</b>

<a href="#">HB 2026</a> (Maddox)  <a href="#">HB 1508</a> (Winningham)	(Herron) and SB0074 (Tracy) respectively.  Talking points – click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Education K-12 Subcommittee</a> Wednesday, 04/08/09 at 10:00 am – LP 16	
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## Access to Justice

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Exclusionary Rule Reform Act</b>  <a href="#">HB1700</a> (Watson)	States that any evidence that is obtained as a result of a search or seizure will not be excluded in a proceeding in a state court on the ground the search or seizure was in violation of the 4th amendment to the Constitution of the United States when the search or seizure was carried out in circumstances justifying an objectively reasonable belief that it was in conformity with the 4th Amendment. Companion bill is SB0518 (McNally).	<a href="#">House Criminal Practice &amp; Procedure Subcommittee</a>  Wednesday, 04/08/09 at 12:00 pm – LP 31	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Recording of Murder Interrogations</b>  <a href="#">SB 0261</a> (Jackson)	Requires all statements made by a person during a custodial interrogation relating to a homicide to be electronically recorded and preserved. Companion bill is HB0596 (Coleman).	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary Committee</a>  Wednesday, 04/08/09 at 3:00 pm – LP 12	<b>SUPPORT</b>

## Immigrants' Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Prohibition of Undocumented Students from State Universities</b>  <a href="#">HB0808</a> (Campfield)	Prohibits a student from being admitted to and enrolled in a public university in Tennessee unless the student establishes proof of U.S. citizenship or can prove s/he is lawfully in the U.S. Companion bill is SB1237 (Bunch).  Talking points – click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Higher Education Subcommittee</a>  Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 8:30 am -- LP 29	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>No birth certificates for children of undocumented mothers</b>	Prohibits registration of a birth certificate for a child of an illegal immigrant mother unless the father is a U.S. citizen and he provides a written agreement for financial support of the child until age 18.	<a href="#">House Health Care Facilities Subcommittee</a>  Wednesday,	<b>OPPOSE</b>

<a href="#">HB0817</a> (Campfield)	Companion bill is SB1241 (Bunch).	04/08/09 at 12:30 pm – LP 30	
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## Religious Freedom

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Religious Freedom Restoration Act</b>  <a href="#">HB1598</a> (Lynn)  <a href="#">SB1283</a> (Bunch)	Prohibits the state from “substantially burdening” a person’s free exercise of religion without a compelling governmental interest. ACLU-TN believes SB1283/HB 1598 is seriously flawed because it does not include language to prevent the law from being used to justify violations of civil rights.	<a href="#">House Civil Practice &amp; Procedure Subcommittee</a> Tuesday, 04/07/09 at 12:00 pm – LP 31  <a href="#">Senate Judiciary Committee</a> Wednesday, 04/08/09 at 3:00 pm – LP 12	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ONLY SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT</b></p>