



March 8, 2010

Dear ACLU-TN Legislative Alert Network:

This week bills eroding reproductive freedom, voting rights and students' and immigrants' rights will be discussed in legislative committees at the Tennessee legislature.

Please contact your legislators about the bills described below and let them know you think they should oppose these bills.

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 if the bills come to the Floor.

Thank you for standing for freedom.

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### Immigrants' Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>English-Only Drivers' Exams</b>  <a href="#">HB 262</a> (Watson, E.)	Requires that all written examinations for driver licenses or intermediate driver licenses be in English. Companion bill is SB 0063 (Bunch).  Talking points - click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Public Safety Subcommittee</a>  Tuesday, 03/09/10 at 4:00 p.m. – LP 16	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>English-Only Workplaces</b>  <a href="#">HB 2685</a> (Hill)	Authorizes employers to require English be spoken in the workplace if necessary to conduct the employer's business. Companion bill is SB 2753 (Johnson).  ACLU-TN opposes these bills because federal civil rights law (Title VII) already sets out the controlling restrictions on English-only policies in the workplace, and the state legislature has no power to overturn or contradict federal worker protections. HB 2685 can't change pre-existing federal protections and would only	<a href="#">House Consumer &amp; Employee Affairs Committee</a>  Wednesday, 03/10/10 at 8:30 a.m. –	<b>OPPOSE</b>

	create confusion amongst employers and workers without accomplishing anything.	LP 29	
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## Reproductive Freedom

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Fetuses as Victims of Assault</b>  <a href="#">HB 3495</a> (Evans)	<p>Removes the requirement that a fetus must be viable in order for it to be considered a victim during an assault or homicide of a pregnant woman. Companion bill is SB 3699 (Black).</p> <p>Talking points-click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">House Health &amp; Human Resources Committee</a></p> <p>Tuesday, 03/09/10 at 10:30 a.m.— LP 16</p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>Freedom from Coercion Act</b>  <a href="#">HB 3301</a> (Lynn)	<p>Requires facilities where abortions are performed to post a notice stating that no one can coerce another to have an abortion and informing patients that law enforcement can be contacted. Requires pregnant minors to receive and sign certain notice documents. Companion Bill is SB 3812 (Johnson, J.).</p> <p>ACLU-TN opposes this bill because it stigmatizes abortion by applying a different set of standards to it from other medical procedures; it demonizes certain health care providers; and it patronizes women by implying that they are incapable of making their own medical decisions regarding what is best for themselves and their families.</p>	<p><a href="#">House Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee</a></p> <p>Tuesday, 03/09/10 at 11:00 a.m.— LP 16</p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>

## Students' Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Random Drug Testing of Students</b>  <a href="#">HB 3200</a> (Winningham)	<p>Establishes that students participating in extracurricular activities may randomly be tested for illegal drugs without individualized reasonable suspicion as long as previous legal requirements are followed. Companion bill is SB 2621 (Tracy).</p>	<p><a href="#">House Education K-12 Subcommittee</a></p> <p>Wednesday,</p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>

	Talking points-click <a href="#">here</a> .	03/10/10 at 10:00 a.m. – LP 16	
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## Voting Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<b>Financial Burden to Restore Voting Rights</b>  <a href="#">HB0969</a> (McCord)	After completion of sentence, requires a person to have paid all restitution, fines and court costs before having the right to vote restored. Companion bill is SB0440 (Overbey).  Talking points-click <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">House Finance, Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>  Tuesday, 03/09/10 at 2:00 p.m. – LP 16	<b>OPPOSE</b>