

ACLU-TN Legislative Highlights: Access to Information / Free Speech

106th Tennessee General Assembly, 2009 – 2010



Bill (Sponsor)	Bill Description	Bill Status	Position
SB 3114 (Marrero, B.) HB 3882 (Kernell)	Prohibits governmental entities from denying access to books, records, and other materials available for public inspection because a governmental entity is involved in litigation or contemplating involvement in litigation	Current Status	Support
SB 2748 (Kelsey) HB 3083 (Coley)	Provides that the publication requirement mandated by Article XI, Section 3, is satisfied if the proposed constitutional amendment is timely posted on the official web site of the secretary of state or on the official web site of the general assembly	Current Status	Oppose
SB 2738 (Faulk) HB 2974 (Shaw)	Authorizes Internet posting on municipal web sites to be adequate public notice if the municipality has an Internet notice posting policy that contains provisions designed to educate residents on the availability of Internet notices and instructions on how to access Internet notices	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1757 (Ford) HB 2099 (Towns)	Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly wear pants below waistline to show underwear or bare buttocks. Specifies that violation is punishable by a fine and community service	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1516 (Burchett) HB 1677 (Tindell)	Includes developments within the group of owners and occupiers of land who have a legal right to properly display political campaign yard signs on the owners' separately owned property or exclusive common area	Current Status	Support

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SB 1295 (Crowe) HB 0927 (Hawk)	Creates a new Class A Misdemeanor for a person knowingly to use the name, portrait, or picture of any soldier killed while on active duty or active military service for any commercial purpose without permission	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0746 (Jackson) HB 0760 (Turner)	Prohibits television station or cable television company from advertising or promoting material that it knows or should know to be obscene or harmful to minors	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0713 (Tate) HB 0405 (Fincher)	Exempts electronic mail messages sent, received, or stored on an electronic mail communications system operated or maintained by the general assembly from the Open Records Act	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0133 (Ketron) HB 0190 (Casada)	Requires the Chief Administrative Officer of each entity subject to public records to inform employees and appointees about the requirements of state law concerning public records and the entities' policies for administering public records statutes	Current Status	Support
SB 0111 (Black) HB 0012 (Kelsey)	Provides that the publication requirement mandated by Article XI, Section 3, is satisfied if the proposed constitutional amendment is timely posted on the official Web site of the secretary of state or on the official Web site of the general assembly	Current Status	Oppose