

ACLU-TN Legislative Highlights: Reproductive Freedom

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Bill	Bill Description	Bill Status	Position
SB 0244 (Beavers) HB 0108 (VanHuss)	As introduced, requires fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion and prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected. Exceptions to criminal abortion include medical emergencies that complicate the condition of the pregnant woman as to necessitate an immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or save the impairment of major bodily function.	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0403 (Gresham) HB 0609 (Gant)	As introduced, exempts churches and other religious organizations from campaign finance disclosures when expending funds in favor of or in opposition to single or multiple issue measures related to public or private morality, including, but not limited to, alcohol, drugs, abortion, marriage, or gambling.	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0754 (Beavers) HB 0895 (Pody)	As introduced, declares human life begins with fertilization or cloning. Requires every human being at that time to have all the legal and constitutional rights and privileges of personhood.	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0766 (Beavers) HB 0101 (Weaver)	As introduced, rewrites language to prohibit abortions after three months, but before twenty weeks of pregnancy or viability of the fetus. An abortion performed after twenty weeks of pregnancy or during viability of the fetus, will not be grounds for criminal abortion if the life and health of the mother is at risk.	Current Status	Oppose
SB 1029 (Yarbro) HB 0834 (Jones)	As introduced, requires certain employers to make a reasonable accommodation for any pregnant employee upon request; authorizes the employer to require medical documentation concerning the reasonable accommodation; requires the employer to provide notice of a pregnant employee's right to a reasonable accommodation.	Current Status	Support
SB 1153 (Hensley) HB 1406 (Weaver)	As introduced, repeals statute that deems a child born to a married woman as a result of artificial insemination, with consent of the married woman's husband, to be the legitimate child of the husband and wife.	Current Status	Oppose

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SB 1180 (Hensley) HB 1189 (Hill M)	As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Infants Protection Act," which prohibits abortion of a viable fetus except in a medical emergency and requires testing to determine viability if a woman is at least 20 weeks pregnant.	Current Status Oppose
SB 1381 (Tate)	As introduced, allows a woman to be prosecuted for assault for the illegal use of a narcotic drug while pregnant, if her child is born addicted to or harmed by the narcotic drug and the addiction or harm is a result of her illegal use of a narcotic drug taken while pregnant. Permits a woman to defend herself against prosecution if the woman actively enrolled in an addiction recovery program before the child was born, remained in the program after delivery, and successfully completed the program, regardless of whether the child was born addicted to or harmed by the narcotic drug.	Current Status Oppose