

SENATE BILL 725

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 9, Chapter 4; Section 36-5-112; Title 37; Section 39-13-530; Section 40-34-107; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to legislative committees.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 12 of the Tennessee Constitution authorizes the Senate and the House of Representatives to determine the rules of their own proceedings and establishes the judicially recognized principle that one general assembly cannot bind a subsequent general assembly regarding a rule of proceeding; and

WHEREAS, Rule No. 77 of the Senate Rules of Order for the 107th General Assembly prohibits the appointment of any special committee for any purpose if there is a standing committee of the Senate on the same subject; and

WHEREAS, Rule No. 66 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives for the 107th General Assembly likewise prohibits the appointment of any special committee for any purpose if there is a standing committee of the House of Representatives on the same subject; and

WHEREAS, Rule No. 78 of the Senate Rules of Order for the 107th General Assembly prohibits the enactment of any legislation to create a special committee to study any topic, matter, duty or area of responsibility assigned to a standing committee of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, by rule and practice, specific standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives have long exercised subject area jurisdiction (including oversight responsibilities) regarding state prisons, children, education, health care, taxation, charitable gaming, the education lottery, workers' compensation and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, such jurisdiction has been diminished by the statutory creation of various special legislative committees that are also assigned oversight responsibilities pertaining to state prisons, children, education, health care, taxation, charitable gaming, the education lottery, workers' compensation and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, such duplication and fragmentation of committee responsibilities and staff resources promote legislative inefficiencies and wasteful practices; and

WHEREAS, especially in these times of economic hardship and austerity, Tennessee taxpayers demand and deserve their departments of state government to be streamlined, efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, oversight is a critically important function of the legislative department that is best performed by the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, is amended by deleting the chapter in its entirety.

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-133, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-130, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, is amended by deleting Part 16 in its entirety.

SECTION 2.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-34-107(a), is amended by deleting the language "transmit monthly a report to the select oversight committee on corrections created by title 3, chapter 15." and by substituting instead the following:

transmit monthly a report to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives.

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-503(b), is amended by deleting the language "the governor shall immediately notify each member of the select oversight committee on corrections, created by title 3, chapter 15," and by substituting instead the following:

the governor shall immediately notify the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-507(a), is amended by deleting the language "the governor shall transmit to each member of the select oversight committee on corrections, created by title 3, chapter 15," and by substituting instead the following:

the governor shall transmit to the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-238(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

(e) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-238(d), is amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on corrections and the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives, the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(f) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-243(g), is amended by deleting the language "shall report at least annually to the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

shall report at least annually to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(g) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-244, is amended by deleting the language "report to the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

report to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(h) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-116(f), is amended by deleting the language "shall be reviewed by the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

shall be reviewed by the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(i) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-405(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "shall be accountable to the governor and the general assembly through the select oversight committee on corrections." and by substituting instead the following:

shall be accountable to the governor and shall be accountable to the general assembly through the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives.

(j) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-406(a)(1)(E), is amended by deleting the language "The select oversight committee on corrections shall review any proposed supplemental pay plan and shall make its comments" and by substituting instead the following:

The state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives shall review any proposed supplemental pay plan and shall make comments

(k) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-408(e), is amended by deleting the language "as are approved by the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

as are reviewed by the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(l) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-411, is amended by deleting the language "an annual report by TRICOR through the board to the governor and to the general assembly through the select oversight committee on corrections." and by substituting instead the following:

an annual report by TRICOR through the board to the governor and to the general assembly through the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives.

(m) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-104(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "select oversight committee on corrections and the".

(n) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-105(d), is amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on corrections, or, in the absence of that committee,".

(o) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-106(1), is amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on corrections and the oversight committee shall solicit" and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives and the committees shall solicit

(p) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-106(2), is amended by deleting the language "shall certify to the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

shall certify to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(q) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-109, is amended by deleting in the first sentence the language "to the select oversight committee on corrections" and by substituting instead the following:

to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives

(r) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-24-109, is further amended by deleting the language "The comptroller shall report annually or as requested to the select oversight committee on corrections." and by substituting instead the following:

The comptroller shall report annually, or as otherwise requested, to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives.

(s) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-52-102(a), is amended by deleting the language "and the executive director of the select oversight committee on corrections".

SECTION 3.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-213(a)(8), is amended by deleting the language "and the select committee on children and youth".

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-5404, is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth;".

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-112(d), is amended by deleting the language "shall report to the select joint committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

shall report to the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-182(a)(2)(G), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

(e) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406(m)(2), is amended by deleting the language "The department shall compile such reports and present them to the select committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

The department shall compile such reports and present them to the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives

(f) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "and the select committee on children and youth", wherever it appears in the subdivision, and by substituting instead the following:

and the judiciary committee of the senate

(g) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-205(f)(3), is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs
committee of the house of representatives

(h) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-414(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language ", except that the commissioner shall not commence the process under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act until the proposed rules and regulations have been reviewed by the select joint committee on children and youth".

(i) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-415(e), is amended by deleting the language "A plan for such training shall be submitted to the select committee on children and youth no later than October 1, 2009."

(j) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-601(a)(1) and (2), are amended by deleting the language "select committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

Tennessee commission on children and youth

(k) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-115(c), is amended by deleting the language ", the select committee on children and youth, and the select oversight committee on TennCare".

(l) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-116(d), is amended by deleting the language "and the select committee on children and youth".

(m) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-501(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The department of health and each department of state government that administers services to children and families shall jointly report at least once annually, on or before December 31, to the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives

concerning administration of the Tennessee informational clearinghouse on teenage pregnancy.

(n) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-604, is amended by deleting the language ", and the chair of the select committee on children and youth." and by substituting instead the following:

, and the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate.

(o) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-703(d), is amended by deleting the language ", and the chair of the select committee on children and youth".

(p) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-803(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language, "and the select committee on children and youth".

(q) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-804(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

(r) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-105(15), is amended by deleting the language, "and the select committee on children and youth".

(s) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-121(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

(t) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-124(a), is amended by deleting the language, "and the select committee on children and youth".

(u) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-125(c), is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth." and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives.

(v) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-128, is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth and the children and family committee of the house of representatives" and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives

(w) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-129, is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth and the children and family committee of the house of representatives" and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate and the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives

(x) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-131(c), is amended by deleting the language "the chair of the select committee on children and youth," and by substituting instead the following:

the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate, the chair of the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives,

(y) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-603(b), is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth," and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate, the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives,

(z) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-604(a), is amended by deleting the language "and submitted to the select committee on children and youth for comment before being used in the demonstration project".

(aa) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-605(a), is amended by deleting the language ", and the select committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

, and the judiciary committee of the senate

(bb) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-401(d), is amended by deleting the language "the select joint committee on children and youth, and the TennCare oversight committee".

(cc) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-530(j), is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on children and youth," and by substituting instead the following:

the judiciary committee of the senate,

(dd) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-206(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

(ee) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-125(d), is amended by deleting the language "and the select committee on children and youth of the general assembly" and by substituting instead the following:

and the judiciary committee of the senate

(ff) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-251(f), is amended by deleting the language ", and to the select committee on children and youth" and by substituting instead the following:

, and the judiciary committee of the senate

(gg) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-521(e), is amended by deleting the language ", and to the select committee on children and youth".

(hh) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-142-103(12), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

(ii) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(j)(4), is amended by deleting the language "and the select committee on children and youth." and by substituting instead the following:

and the judiciary committee of the senate.

SECTION 4.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-220(d), is amended by deleting from the second sentence the language "the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(a)(4)(B), is amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on education." and by substituting instead the following:

, the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-306, is amended by deleting the language "to the special joint committee of the general assembly created by § 3-15-301." and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-307, is amended by deleting the language "shall report to the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

shall report to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(e) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-608, is amended by deleting the language "and approved by the education oversight committee" and by substituting instead the following:

and reviewed by the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(f) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-611, is amended by deleting the language "and to the education oversight committee of the general assembly" and by substituting instead the following:

, the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(g) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-611, is further amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

the education committee of the senate and the education of the house of representatives

(h) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-907(a), is amended by deleting the language "to the joint oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(i) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-907(a)(9), is amended by deleting the language "the joint oversight committee,".

(j) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-1003(b), is amended by deleting the language "shall be offered to the joint oversight committee on education for review and comment." and by substituting instead the following:

shall be offered to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives for review and comment.

(k) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-368(c), is amended by deleting the language "make recommendations to the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

make recommendations to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(l) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-404(d) and (e), are amended by deleting the language "the joint legislative oversight committee" and by substituting instead the following:

the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(m) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-403(d), is amended by deleting the language "shall be submitted to the joint oversight committee on education for review" and by substituting instead the following:

shall be submitted to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives for review

(n) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5002(d), is amended by deleting the language "shall report to the committee created in § 3-15-301" and by substituting instead the following:

shall report to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(o) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "shall present such goals to the select joint committee created

pursuant to § 3-15-301, for such committee's review." and by substituting instead the following:

shall present such goals to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives, for such committees' review.

(p) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "to the select joint committee for such committee's review and approval." and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives for such committees' review.

(q) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024(c)(1) and (2), are amended by deleting the language "to the select joint committee." and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(r) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024(e), is amended by deleting the language "and the select joint committee" and by substituting instead the following:

, the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(s) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

(t) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5605, is amended by deleting the language "shall submit the tests to the joint oversight committee on education for review and comment." and by substituting instead the following:

shall submit the tests to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives for review and comment.

(u) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1007(d)(1), is amended by deleting the language "shall annually appear before the joint education oversight committee to report" and by substituting instead the following:

shall annually appear before the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives to report

(v) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401(h), is amended by deleting the language "select oversight committee on education and the".

(w) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4216(d)(4), is amended by deleting the language "to the education oversight committee, the general assembly," and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate, the education committee of the house of representatives,

(x) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4302(b), is amended by deleting the language "shall make periodic reports to the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

shall make periodic reports to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(y) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by deleting the language "shall be analyzed and reported by the commissioner of education to the select oversight committee on education." and by substituting instead the following:

shall be analyzed and reported by the commissioner of education to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(z) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-143(d), is amended by deleting the language "to the select oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(aa) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(i), is amended by deleting the language ", the select oversight committee on education".

(bb) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-502(f) and (h), are amended by deleting the language "joint legislative oversight committee on education" and by substituting instead the following:

education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(cc) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-502(f), is further amended by deleting the language "joint legislative oversight committee" and by substituting instead the following:

education committees

(dd) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2702(b), is amended by deleting the language "the education oversight committee", wherever such language appears, and by substituting instead the following:

the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(ee) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-111(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "approved by the select oversight committee on education." and by substituting instead the following:

approved by the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(ff) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-117(c), is amended by deleting the language "shall provide an annual report to the education oversight committee" and by substituting instead the following:

shall provide an annual report to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives

(gg) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-120(b), is amended by deleting the language "submit an annual report on charter schools to the joint oversight committee on education." and by substituting instead the following:

submit an annual report on charter schools to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives.

(hh) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-126, is amended by deleting the language "the joint oversight committee on education for review and comment." and by substituting instead the following:

the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives for review and comment.

(ii) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-127(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "the special joint oversight committee on education,".

SECTION 5.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-233(a)(12), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1202(11)(B)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "the health equity commission,".

SECTION 6.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1013(f), is amended by deleting the language "the TennCare oversight committee of the general assembly," and by substituting instead the following:

the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate, the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives,

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(f)(2)(H), is amended by deleting the language "the TennCare oversight committee,".

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-188(a), is amended by deleting the language "the TennCare oversight committee,".

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-190(a), is amended by deleting the language "the select oversight committee on TennCare" and by substituting instead the following:

the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate, the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives

(e) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1005(f), is amended by deleting the language "without first submitting the proposed modifications to the select oversight committee on TennCare as required by § 3-15-508." and by substituting instead the following:

without first submitting the proposed modifications to the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate and the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives.

(f) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1005(g), is amended by deleting the language "to the select oversight committee on TennCare,".

(g) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2505(8), is amended by deleting the language "the TennCare oversight committee of the general assembly,"

SECTION 7.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-451(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "In addition to filing an annual report with the joint select committee on business taxes in accordance with subsection (g), the commissioner" and by substituting instead the following:

The commissioner

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-451(f), is amended by deleting the language "shall submit draft rules and regulations to the joint select committee on business taxes for review and comment. The committee shall comment" and by substituting instead the following:

shall submit draft rules and regulations to the finance, ways and means committee of the senate and the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives. The committees shall comment

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-451(g), is amended by deleting the language "the joint select committee on business taxes", wherever such language appears, and by substituting instead the following:

the finance, ways and means committee of the senate and the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-17-108(b), is amended by deleting the language "the charitable gaming oversight committee on the Tennessee education lottery corporation," and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

SECTION 9.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-109(a)(7), is amended by deleting the language "the legislative select committee created pursuant to § 4-51-133," and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-111(c)(2)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "the members of the select committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation" and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-129(1), is amended by deleting the language "the select committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation created pursuant to § 4-51-133," and by substituting instead the following:

the state and local government committee of the senate, the state and local government committee of the house of representatives,

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-703, is amended by deleting the language "and the co-chairs of the select committee on the Tennessee education lottery corporation" and by substituting instead the following:

the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate and the chair of the state and local government committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 10.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(a)(1)(F), is amended by deleting the language "The chair and vice-chair of the special joint committee on workers' compensation," and by substituting instead the following:

The chair of the commerce, labor and agriculture committee of the senate, the chair of the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives,

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-132, is amended by deleting the language ", the oversight committee on workers' compensation,".

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-244(a), is amended by deleting the language "to the special joint committee on workers' compensation," and by substituting instead the following:

to the commerce, labor and agriculture committee of the senate and the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives,

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-402(b), is amended by deleting the language "to the special joint committee on workers' compensation" and by substituting instead the following:

to the commerce, labor and agriculture committee of the senate and the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives

(e) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-415(a)(2), is amended by deleting the final sentence and by substituting instead the following:

The commissioner shall also report to the commerce, labor and agriculture committee of the senate and the consumer and employee affairs committee of the house of representatives at the request of the chairs of the committees.

(f) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-9-111(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.