

# TN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY HOUSE SCORECARD 2018

TN Chamber Position	2017								2018						
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Speaker Harwell (R)	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+
Akbari, R. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Alexander, D. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	pnv	+	nv	nv	+	+	nv	+
Beck, B. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	nv	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+
Boyd, C. (R)									+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Brooks, H. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	-	+
Brooks, K. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+
Butt, S. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	nv	+	+	+	nv	+	pnv	+	+
Byrd, D. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+
Calfee, K. (R)	+	+	pnv	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Camper, K. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	pnv	+	+	+	+	+
Carr, D. (R)	+	+	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+
Carter, M. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	nv	+	-	+	-	+	+
Casada, G. (R)	+	+	+	nv	nv	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Clemmons, J. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Coley, J. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Cooper, B. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	pnv	nv	+	+	+	+
Crawford, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Curcio, M. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Daniel, M. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Deberry Jr. J. (D)	pnv	+	+	+	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	pnv	+	+
Doss, B. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+
Dunn, B. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	pnv	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Eldridge, J. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Faison, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	nv	+
Farmer, A. (R)	nv	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv
Favors, J. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	nv	nv	nv	-	nv	nv	+	+	nv
Fitzhugh, C. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Forgety, J. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gant, R. (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gilmore, B. (D)	nv	+	+	+	-	+	nv	-	+	-	nv	+	nv	nv	+
Goins, T. (R)	nv	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+
Gravitt, M. (R)	nv	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	nv	nv	pnv	+	nv
Halford, C. (R)	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Hardaway, G. (D)	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Hawk, D. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Hazlewood, P. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+
Hicks, G. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hill, M. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Hill, T. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Holsclaw, J. (R)	+	nv	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	nv
Holt, A. (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	nv	-	+	+
Howell, D. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	nv
Hulsey, B. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Jernigan, D. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	nv	-	+	+	nv	+	+	+	nv
Johnson, C. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jones, S. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv
Kane, R. (R)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	nv	+	+	+	pnv	+	+
Keisling, K. (R)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Kumar, S. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lamberth, W. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

## VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

**1. Employee Scheduling HB0180/SB0262** - Prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances that dictate a private business's employee scheduling practices.

**2. Broadband HB0529/SB1215** - Creates a grant program for promoting the deployment and adoption of broadband internet access services.

**3. Tennessee Reconnect HB0531/SB1218** - Establishes the TN Reconnect education assistance grant allowing adults to return to community college or college of applied technology to complete their degree or certificate free of charge. *Supported by the Tennessee Chamber.*

**4. IMPROVE Act (Passage) HB0534/SB1221** - IMPROVE Act. Transportation funding and tax cut legislation supported by Gov. Haslam and a broad business coalition. Included the single sales factor tax option for TN based manufacturers. *Supported by the Tennessee Chamber.*

**4b House only IMPROVE Act - Hawk Alternative Transportation Plan.** Proposed to divert general fund sales tax revenue to pay for road improvements, assumed that economic growth and general tax collection would continue to exceed expectations. *Opposed by the TN Chamber.*

**4c House only - Kumar Amendment.** This amendment would have removed the single sales factor, placing TN based manufacturing at a competitive disadvantage in comparison our neighboring states. *Opposed by the TN Chamber.*

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Littleton, M. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lollar, R. (R)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Love Jr. H. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lynn, S. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Marsh, P. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Matheny, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+
Matlock, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv	+	-	+	+
McCormick, G. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	nv	+	-	+	+
McDaniel, S. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Miller, L. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+
Mitchell, B. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Moody, D. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Moon, J. (R)									+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Parkinson, A. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	nv	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Pitts, J. (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	nv	-	+	-	+	+
Pody, M. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+							
Powell, J. (D)	-	+	nv	+	-	nv	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Powers, D. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ragan, J. (R)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ramsey, B. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Reedy, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rogers, C. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rudd, T. (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Sanderson, B. (R)	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv
Sargent, C. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+
Sexton, C. (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sexton, J. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Shaw, J. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Sherrill, P. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, E. (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+
Sparks, M. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	+
Staples, R. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Stewart, M. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	nv	+
Swann, A. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+							
Terry, B. (R)	+	+	nv	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	nv
Thompson, D. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	nv	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Tillis, R. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Towns, J. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	nv	+	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Travis, R. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Turner, J. (D)	nv	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
VanHuss, M. (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Vaughan, K. (R)									+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Weaver, T. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+
White, D. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	nv
White, M. (R)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Whitson, S. (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Williams, R. (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+
Windle, J. (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	nv	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Wirgau, T. (R)	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zachary, J. (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Floor Vote</b>	<b>67-24</b>	<b>93-4</b>	<b>87-6</b>	<b>60-37</b>	<b>38-58</b>	<b>53-36</b>	<b>69-17</b>	<b>69-23</b>	<b>93-0</b>	<b>74-18</b>	<b>52-26</b>	<b>91-0</b>	<b>79-12</b>	<b>89-2</b>	<b>89-0</b>

Voting Key

+	Yea Vote
-	Nay Vote
pnv	Present Not Voting
nv	No Vote Recorded

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### VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

**Freedom to Prosper HB0979/SB0473** - Freedom to Prosper Act. Limits the ability of local governments to impose additional licensing requirements on a profession, trade or occupations that is subject to state licensing requirements.

**6. Air Permitting HB1405/SB1371** - Tennessee Chamber led effort. Establishes clear guidelines for air pollution control boards to consider for industrial projects. Prohibits municipalities and counties from including unscientific land use or zoning ordinances to deny air permits that would otherwise meet empirical standards.

**7. Water Permit Shield HB2313/SB2229** - Tennessee Chamber led effort. The water permit shield bill ensures that business that have water permits and are in compliance are provided with clear legal protections.

**8. Workers' Comp Cost Savings HB1714/SB1615** - Tennessee Chamber led effort. Deletes an outdated requirement in law that workers' compensation insurance carriers maintain a physical claims office within the borders of the state. In the internet age requiring duplicative physical locations only serves to add to the cost of insurance premiums paid by business.

**9. Local Economic Development HB1914/SB1894** - Permits certain municipalities to invest excess reserves from municipally-owned natural gas utilities to fund economic development activities. In many cases these activities are coordinated by a local chamber of commerce.

# TN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY SENATE SCORECARD 2018

## TN Chamber of Commerce & Industry Senate Scorecard

	2017						2018						
	1. Employee Scheduling	2. Broadband	3. Tennessee Reconnect	4. IMPROVE Act	5. Freedom to Prosper	6. Air Permitting	7. Water Permit Shield	8. Workers' Comp Cost Savings	9. Local Econ. Development	10. Work Based Learning	11. Ban the Barrel Tax	12. Master Development Plan	13. Preserve Tax Deduction on Interest Payments
<b>TN Chamber position</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lt. Gov. Randy McNally (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bailey, Paul (R)	+	+	+	+	+	nv	nv						
Beavers, Mae (R)	+	+	+	-	+	nv							
Bell, Mike (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+
Bowling, Janice (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Briggs, Richard (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Crowe, Rusty (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dickerson, Steve (R)	+	+	+	+	nv	-	+	+	-	nv	+	+	+
Gardenhire, Todd (R)	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Green, Mark (R)	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	+
Gresham, Dolores (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Haile, Ferrell (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harper, Thelma (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harris, Lee (D)	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	nv	nv	+
Hensley, Joey (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jackson, Ed (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Johnson, Jack (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kelsey, Brian (R)	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Ketron, Bill (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kyle, Sara (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	nv	+
Lundberg, Jon (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Massey, Becky (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Niceley, Frank (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Norris, Mark (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Overbey, Doug (R)	+	nv	+	+	nv	+							
Pody, Mark (R)							+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Reeves, Shane (R)							+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Roberts, Kerry (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	pnv	+	+	+	+
Southerland, Steve (R)	+	+	+	nv	nv	nv	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+
Stevens, John (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Swann, Art (R)							+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tate, Reginald (D)	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	+
Tracy, Jim (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+							
Watson, Bo (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yager, Ken (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yarbrow, Jeff. (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	nv	+	nv	+	+	+	+
<b>Floor Vote</b>	<b>29-3</b>	<b>31-0</b>	<b>33-0</b>	<b>25-6</b>	<b>26-2</b>	<b>23-6</b>	<b>31-0</b>	<b>32-0</b>	<b>20-9</b>	<b>31-0</b>	<b>30-0</b>	<b>29-0</b>	<b>33-0</b>

**VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

**10. Work Based Learning HB1599/SB1649** - Tennessee Chamber led bill. Clarifies liability for employers and educators participating in an accredited work based learning opportunity with students. Establishes a grant program that employers may apply for.


**11. Ban the Barrel Tax HB2038/SB2076** Clarifies that property assessors do not have the authority to create a new tax and charge distilleries for the number of whiskey barrels used in the aging process.


**12. Master Development Plan HB0132/SB0157** - Tennessee Chamber led bill. Change necessitated by federal tax reform. Created a Master Development Plan to hold harmless from federal taxes businesses that were awarded economic incentives prior to 12/22/2017.

**13. Preserve Tax Deduction on Interest Payments HB2310/SB2119** - Tennessee Chamber led bill. Change necessitated by federal tax reform. Modified state corporate tax law allowing businesses to maintain the interest payment deduction for F&E taxes.

Voting Key

+	Yea Vote
-	Nay Vote
pnv	Present Not Voting
nv	No Vote Recorded

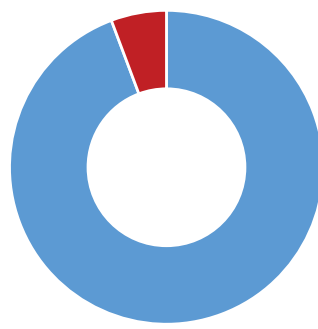
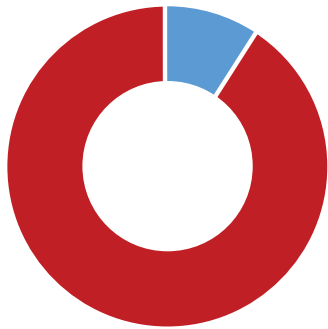
 Voted in support of Chamber position

 Voted in opposition to Chamber position

## 2017-2018 TENNESSEE CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME CHART

During the 110th General Assembly (2017-18), more than 2,750 bills and 1,300 resolutions were introduced. Out of this number 1,106 were passed and enacted into law. Each proposed bill is reviewed by the Tennessee Chamber for its impact on business & industry. The Chamber, based on feedback from member companies, develops policy positions for each bill and works to defeat, modify or support those bills identified as impacting business & industry. This chart is our way of being accountable to you and outlines the legislative work the Chamber engaged in for the 2017 and 2018 legislative session.

**Bills Tracked and Monitored: 533**



BILL	SPONSOR	SYNOPSIS	POSITION	STATUS	CHAMBER SUCCESS
<b>COMMERCIAL LAW</b>					
SB0547	Ketron	<b>Business Cyber Security:</b> Requires information holders, following discovery or notification of a breach of system security, to disclose the breach of certain system security to any resident of Tennessee whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.	SUPPORT with Chamber amendment	PASSED PC 0091	✓
HB0545	Rogers				
SB2536	Ketron	<b>Cyber Security:</b> For the third year in a row sponsors sought to make changes to this law. TN Chamber opposed making unjustified changes to the compliance laws that businesses currently comply with.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2508	Rogers				
SB0888	Haile	<b>Fair Repair:</b> This legislation mandates that manufacturers turn over proprietary digital electronic control and repair information to untrained, non-authorized repair providers.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1382	Jernigan				
SB1995	Johnson	<b>Price Gouging:</b> Clarified a state emergency in one area of the state does not automatically trigger the price gouging statute, state-wide. The Governor may issue a separate declaration specific to both commodity and location. New provisions provide guidelines designed to assist businesses determining pricing due to market conditions during times of shortage. Removed option of local price controls.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0624	✓
HB2037	McCormick				
SB2583	Hensley	<b>Stop Counterfeit Air Bags:</b> Creates an offense for selling or manufacturing counterfeit airbags and similar non-compliant restraint system components.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0748	✓
HB1597	Butt				
SB1662	Dickerson	<b>Software Technology:</b> Recognizes the legal authority to use blockchain technology and smart contracts in conducting electronic transactions. Protects rights of ownership of certain information secured by blockchain technology.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0591	✓
HB1507	Powell				
<b>CRIMINAL LAW / FIREARMS</b>					
SB0131	Roberts	<b>Firearms:</b> This proposal jeopardized the ability for private employers to prohibit working employees from carrying firearms. The bill established that a person may carry a firearms almost anywhere and in any situation. Business believes that government should not interfere with private property rights and employee and employer relationships jeopardizing safety.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0493	Holt				
SB1341	Bailey	<b>Firearms:</b> Limits current law allowing businesses and private entities to control firearms on their property. As filed the bill would allow a valid handgun carry permit holder to carry a firearm at any time and in all places in Tennessee unless the permit holder has been drinking alcohol, is in a judicial proceeding, or is on school grounds and does not tell the principal.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0884	Matheny				
SB2336	Green	<b>Firearms:</b> Eliminates the criminal liability for a permit holder who brings a firearm on posted property, if he immediately left the premises when asked to do so.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2484	Holt				
<b>DRUGS / CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / OPIOIDS</b>					
SB1710	Dickerson	<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Proposes the "Medical Cannabis Act," to establish a medical cannabis commission for regulation of cannabis-related health care. Numerous amendments were debated on addressing severe chronic pain and severe nausea with medical marijuana. Early versions limited usage to a specific list of chronic, debilitating diseases or medical conditions.	NEUTRAL as amended	FAILED	
HB1749	Faison				
SB2257	Norris	<b>Opioid Prescriptions:</b> The first of the Governor's opioid restriction bills. Sets a daily supply and dosage limit for prescribing. Only allows a partial Rx fill limiting most to a 5 day supply. Sets out exemptions for hospital care.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1039	✓
HN1831	Hawk				

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SB2258	Norris	<b>Opioid Prescriptions:</b> The second of the Governor's opioid restriction bills. Updates the law regarding controlled substances. Reclassifies fentanyl and other narcotic derivatives to more restrictive classifications, which creates greater criminal penalties for misuse. Authorizes sentence reductions for prisoners who complete a substance abuse program.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1040	✓
HB1832	Hawk				
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
SB1215	Norris	<b>Broadband:</b> Tennessee Chamber 2017 Agenda priority addressing the need for increased broadband across Tennessee. Establishes a \$45m 5-year grant program for the deployment and adoption of broadband access services. Authorizes electric cooperatives to provide cable or video service in addition to providing broadband. This legislation was compromised by all parties and will facilitate economic development in all areas of Tennessee.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0228	✓
HB0529	Hawk				
SB1701	Lundberg	<b>Border Retail:</b> Increases investment period from ten years to 15 years for a border region retail tourism development district.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0804	✓
HB1526	Hulsey				
SB2622	Norris	<b>Industrial Development Corporations:</b> Authorizes IDCs to negotiate payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreements for less than the ad valorem taxes due with retail businesses under certain circumstances.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 1064	✓
HB2664	Carter				
SB1894	Gresham	<b>Economic Development:</b> Permits certain municipalities to spend revenue from natural gas utilities on funding for chambers of commerce and other economic community organizations	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 1003	✓
HB1914	Gant				
SB2284	Pody	<b>Economic Development:</b> Prohibits industrial corporations in Loudon County from negotiating payment in lieu of tax agreement (PILOT) for less than the county ad valorem taxes otherwise due.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2478	Matlock				
<b>EDUCATION &amp; WORKFORCE</b>					
SB1313	Yarbro	<b>Apprenticeships:</b> Union supported legislation that, if enacted, would create an office within the department of economic development to promote union-certified apprenticeship and work study programs.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1391	Jernigan				
SB2458	Roberts	<b>Apprenticeships:</b> Encourages state licensing boards to adopt apprenticeship programs that facilitate hands on learning with the goal of assisting individuals in obtaining the licensing credentials for their profession.		PASSED PC 0848	
HB2537	Howell				
SB0771	Beavers	<b>Bathroom Bill:</b> The Chamber was concerned about the negative economic impact this bill would have on Tennessee. As written, the bill creates a new statewide mandate that students in public schools and colleges must use the restrooms and locker rooms that are assigned to the gender listed on their birth certificates. Similar bills in other states have led to economic boycotts. The state and federal departments of education have issued guidance allowing local education districts to make their own decisions on this complex issue.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0888	Pody				
SB1691	Lundberg	<b>Career and Technical Education:</b> Allows local school districts to apply for a waiver to expand class sizes and extend CTE education to more students.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0669	✓
HB1569	Brooks, H.				
SB1831	Southerland	<b>Career Readiness:</b> Allows students to choose to take the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) examination instead of retaking the grade 11 college readiness assessment.	SUPPORT	FAILED	✗
HB1906	Hawk				
SB1196	Norris	<b>Classroom Accountability, Evaluations:</b> Haslam administration proposal related to education accountability and student achievement; revises and preserves various accountability provisions related to student achievement and growth data generated from state assessments as components of teachers' evaluation criteria; requires a gradual phase-in of student scores on state assessments to also comprise a percentage of a student's final class grade.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0192	✓
HB0309	Hawk				
SB0248	Tracy	<b>Drive to 55, Expands Early Post-Secondary Opportunities:</b> Legislation aimed to enhance Tennessee's workforce requiring local education agencies to offer students in each high school at least four early post-secondary credit-bearing courses, such as Advanced Placement, dual credit, or International Baccalaureate courses.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0450	✓
HB0022	Brooks, H.				
SB1218	Norris	<b>Drive to 55, TN Reconnect:</b> Tennessee Chamber supported legislation enacting a major component of Governor Haslam's Drive to 55, Tennessee Reconnect establishes a last-dollar scholarship program to cover all tuition costs for any adult Tennessee resident without a postsecondary degree or credential to attend a community college or lottery-eligible postsecondary institution in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0448	✓
HB0531	Hawk				
SB0340	Niceley	<b>Elected School Superintendents:</b> This annual proposal opposed by the business community establishes a mechanism for electing local school superintendents which injects politics into our education system. The proposal would have required 2/3 vote of any local legislative body and a majority vote on a referendum to establish an elected superintendent in that locality.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0570	Powers				
SB1300	Yarbro	<b>Educational Assessment and Testing:</b> This bill would limit public schools from giving students standardized tests in certain grades, unless it's solely for diagnostic purposes or required by federal law. The bill also prohibits testing as a method of evaluating a school employee.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1312	Turner				
SB1649	Norris	<b>Work Based Learning:</b> Tennessee Chamber 2018 agenda priority, Clarifies liability for employers participating in an accredited work-based learning opportunity with students from high school or higher education. Establishes a grant that participating employers can apply for up to 10 students.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0991	✓
HB1599	Forgety				

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<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; ENERGY</b>					
SB1371	Johnson	<b>Protecting Industrial Development:</b> Tennessee Chamber 2017 agenda priority, this bill established clear guidelines for air pollution control boards to consider for industrial projects. The bill prohibits municipalities and counties from including land use or zoning requirements in air pollution control regulations, certificates of exemption, or state implementation plans.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0284	✓
HB1405	Keisling				
SB1242	Norris	<b>Modifies Solid Waste Board:</b> Proposed bill would alter the membership of the UST and SWD control board from 14 to 16 members. The Chamber and other business groups believe board composition should be comprised of experts instead of activists who seek to stop projects and influence decisions.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0486	Lollar				
SB0776/ SB0886	Kelsey/ Harris	<b>Industrial Use of Underground Water:</b> Two proposals were filed concerning the Memphis Sands Aquifer. Already there are a number of permitting and regulatory requirements that business and industry must follow, both bills would have grown government permit requirements establishing a regional management board, and required a duplicate permit process for additional agencies to approve well drilling.	OPPOSE both	FAILED	✓
HB0816/ HB1393	Lollar/ Hardaway				
SB2656	Watson	<b>Air, Automobile Inspection:</b> Requires the state to submit a revised state implementation plan to the EPA for approval. This plan would remove the automobile inspection and maintenance program requirements for counties in attainment for air quality.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0953	
HB1782	Carter				
SB1793	Bailey	<b>Energy, Wind:</b> Establishes a regulatory framework for the construction and operation of wind energy facilities in this state.	NEUTRAL	PASSED PC 0825	
HB1731	Sexton				
SB1711	Niceley	<b>Pesticides:</b> Proposes requirement that Railroad Companies notify people living within 100 feet the right of way where a herbicide was applied about the type of herbicide used 30 days prior to the application.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2242	Faison				
SB2217	Bell	<b>Agriculture, Water:</b> Defines "animal feeding operation" to clarify which types of agricultural operations are subject to state operating permits. Requires large CAFOs to obtain a permit, while allowing small and medium operators to opt in to the permit process if they wish to obtain the benefits of the permit.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0523	✓
HB2317	Hawk				
SB2229	Southerland	<b>Water:</b> Establishes a "permit shield" for holder of a national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit. The clarification provides liability protections for operators who are in compliance with the requirements of their permit.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0845	✓
HB2313	Lollar				
<b>GOVERNMENT FUNDS / REGULATION</b>					
SB1049	Bowling	<b>Chemicals:</b> This bill, opposed by the Tennessee Chamber and the American Chemistry Council, prohibits the use of certain flame retardants in residential upholstered furniture and children's products.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1029	Lynn				
SB1217	Norris	<b>Protects Citizen Service on Regulatory and Licensing Boards:</b> Creates a review process in Board actions to prevent an unreasonable "restraint of trade". Clarifies that rules and actions of the Board must be consistent with a clearly articulated state policy or law established by the general assembly with respect to the regulatory board.	SUPPORT with Chamberled amendment	PASSED PC 0230	✓
HB0326	Hawk				
SB0473	Roberts	<b>Limits Regulation of Licenses:</b> Enacts the "Freedom to Prosper" Act, limit the circumstances under which local government entities may regulate certain occupations.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0332	✓
HB0979	Calfee				
SB1728	Bell	<b>Government Programs:</b> Requires TennCare to establish reasonable work and community engagement requirements for enrollees who are able-bodied working age adults without dependent children under the age of six.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0869	
HB1551	Harwell / Howell				
<b>HEALTHCARE / INSURANCE MANDATES</b>					
SB0210/ SB0367	Green/ Overbey	<b>Health Coverage Mandate:</b> Two insurance mandates that would have required insurance plans in Tennessee to offer an additional and specific type of cancer treatment and mandated that insurance companies will be reimbursed for the additional treatment.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0883/ HB0523	Holsclaw/ Ramsey				
SB0922	Ketron	<b>Health Coverage Mandate:</b> Business insurance mandate that would have required insurance companies to offer all anti cancer medications at the same price, regardless of the actual cost.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1059	Lamberth				
SB1468	Bowling	<b>Healthcare Mandates:</b> Requires health plans to pay for all investigational or experimental medical services, devices, or products, regardless of the terms of insurance coverage.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1455	Matheny				
SB1609	Kelsey	<b>Healthcare Mandates:</b> Redefines "durable medical equipment", in order to supersede negotiated contract prices designed to help insurance companies and patients control costs for these devices.		FAILED	
HB2045	Ragan				
<b>JUDICIARY</b>					
SJR 0611	Yager	<b>Constitutional Amendment:</b> Proposes an amendment to provide for the appointment of the attorney general and reporter for a regular term of four years by a vote of the General Assembly. TN Chamber supports the current framework of our state constitution that directs the attorney general be appointed by the state supreme court.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓

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<b>LABOR LAW / REGULATORY</b>					
SB1967	Watson	<b>Contracting, Online Marketplace Platforms:</b> Clarifies labor law, establishes that an online marketplace contractor offering services as an independent contractor, and not an employee of the marketplace platform.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0648	✓
HB1978	Marsh				
SB1904	Yager	<b>Employee Accommodation Mandate:</b> Proposed bill would have mandated new "reasonable" work accommodation standards enforced by the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. The TN Chamber opposed additional and duplicative employer requirements in this area that expanded the authority for the THRC.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1899	Brooks, K.				
SB1029	Yarbro	<b>Employee Benefits:</b> In addition to existing employee accommodations and remedies, this legislation would have created an additional layer of requirements on private employers and added unnecessary legal remedies against employers.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0834	Jones				
SB0332	Johnson	<b>Employee Pay:</b> Authorizes a private employer to pay their employees monthly. Tennessee Chamber worked on this legislation to ensure that private employers may still pay more frequently.	NEUTRAL	PASSED PC 0362	
HB0419	Wirgau				
SB1105/ SB1141	Kyle	<b>Employee Pay &amp; Leave Mandates:</b> As proposed, legislation creates a new legal cause of action for employers to defend against regarding employee pay equity and mandates new leave policies that all businesses must provide to all employees. The bills propose new legal penalties and fines against business for failure to comply.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0477/ HB1184	Clemmons / Powell				
SB0262	Johnson	<b>Employee Scheduling:</b> Supported by the Tennessee Chamber, this legislation prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that regulates or imposes a requirement upon an employer pertaining to employee scheduling.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0107	✓
HB0180	Lynn				
SB2088	Kyle	<b>Labor Law, Bullying:</b> Proposes new legal protections from harassment, intimidation, or bullying for constitutionally protected classes. Creates a civil cause of action within one year of the last violation. Requires employers to adopt a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, and bullying by December 2019.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2392	Miller				
SB2310	Yarbro	<b>Labor Law:</b> Allows contract employees to bring an additional action against the entity for which the person is under contract.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1984	Jernigan				
SB0124	Crowe	<b>New Worker Protections:</b> This legislation was amended to prohibit arbitration agreements by private employers for certain employees.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0038	Reedy				
SB1769	Yarbro	<b>Right to Work:</b> Limits Tennessee's right to work law in certain circumstances.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1861	Akbari				
SB0209	Green	<b>Veterans Hiring Preferences:</b> Aligns the state with federal law authorizing private employers to give a hiring preference to honorably discharged veterans, spouses of a veteran with a service-connected disability, and unremarried widows or widowers of a member of the military who died in the line of duty or as the result of a service-connected disability.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0009	✓
HB0165	Pitts				
SB1317	Crowe	<b>Volunteer Firefighter Protections:</b> In addition to existing state law this bill would have established another prohibition against terminating employment of a volunteer firefighter, who is absent or late, due to responding to an emergency without notifying their employer.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0866	Holsclaw				
SB1411/ SB1122	Kyle	<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Two versions were introduced for the "Tennessee Minimum Wage Act". One establishes a state minimum wage of \$15/hr. on July 1, 2017. The other establishes a minimum wage that increases annually on July 1, until it reaches \$10.10 in 2019 or at least 0.5% higher than the federal minimum wage.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0080/ HB1060	Hardaway / DeBerry				
multiple	Yarbro / Harris	<b>Wage Theft / (Tip Theft):</b> Authorizes an employee to take private action against an employer to recover payment of the wages, plus interest. Requires the court to award attorneys fees and court costs, if the employer is found at fault. (Allows similar actions for employees who share tips and gratuities.)	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
multiple	Cooper/ Stewart				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
SB1087	Stephens	<b>Energy Authorities:</b> Based on feedback from Chamber members, the Tennessee Chamber worked to amend this legislation to exclude natural gas utilities. Revises the Municipal Energy Authority Act, allowing municipal utilities to convert to energy authorities for electric, telecommunications, water and wastewater services.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0446	✓
HB1290	Sanderson				
SB0453	Bell	<b>Notice to property owner:</b> As amended, requires zoning officials to send a certified letter to property owners, when a third party seeks to rezone another's property.	SUPPORT	FAILED	✗
HB0557	Carter				
<b>TAX</b>					
SB1207	Norris	<b>Business Flexibility for Franchise &amp; Excise Taxes:</b> Chamber priority legislation authorizing annualization payment method for franchise & excise tax quarterly tax payments. The legislation saves Tennessee business \$13 million annually.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0192	✓
HB0320	Hawk				

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SB1221	Norris	<b>Transportation Funding: 2017 Priority for the Tennessee Chamber.</b> The IMPROVE ACT, makes a number of important investments both in our transportation and infrastructure programs and provides important tax changes for manufacturers known as the single sales factor. Overall the bill was a major tax decrease to facilitate and enhance Tennessee's economic development. In addition the bill reduces taxes on food, dividend income, property taxes on disabled veterans and elderly in poverty.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC0181	✓
HB0534	Doss				
SB0963	Roberts	<b>Sales Tax Transportation Funding Plan:</b> Opposed by the Tennessee Chamber and other business groups. The "Hawk Plan", was an alternative proposal from the IMPROVE act that would have diverted sales tax from the general fund to pay for road improvements. The legislation also eliminated the much needed single sales factor for manufacturers needed for our economic growth and development.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB1012	Hawk				
SB0157	Watson	<b>Taxes, Economic Development:</b> Responding to federal tax reform that changed the federal tax status of economic incentives, the TN Chamber worked with legislators to redefine ECD grants awarded before December of 2017 as part of a state Master Development Plan and exempt from federal income taxes.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0852	✓
HB0132	Johnson, C.				
SB2119	Stevens	<b>Taxes, Franchise &amp; Excise:</b> The TN Chamber tirelessly advocated to "decouple" from a provision in federal tax reform that removed the interest payment deduction for business. Passage of this legislation will allow businesses in TN to deduct from their state taxes the interest payments they make on loans used to invest in their business. Savings to Business: \$1.2 billion over 10 years.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 1011	✓
HB2310	McCormick / Vaughan				
SB1672	Green	<b>Taxes, Franchise &amp; Excise:</b> Proposes the State re-couple to federal bonus depreciation rules, which allow higher first-year depreciation for qualified assets. Currently, taxpayers in TN claiming bonus depreciation deductions on federal taxes must add it back to net earnings for Tennessee excise tax purposes. Estimated cost to state revenues exceeded \$165 million for FY2019.	NEUTRAL	FAILED	
HB1689	Gant				
SB2220	Tate	<b>Taxes, Franchise &amp; Excise:</b> Requires the commissioner of revenue to report in writing to the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house the total, annual amount of industrial machinery franchise and excise tax credits	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2653	Camper				
SB2613	Yarbro	<b>Taxes, Franchise &amp; Excise:</b> Prohibits the industrial machinery franchise and excise tax credit, if a taxpayer's investment in industrial machinery will result in a net loss of full-time employees.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB2407	Thompson				
SB2460	Roberts	<b>Taxes, Privilege:</b> Proposes to reduce the privilege tax from \$400 to \$200 for persons whose license is on active status. Reduces the privilege tax from \$400 to \$100 for persons whose licenses are on inactive status. Requires that persons licensed for two or more professions to only pay one privilege tax. Estimated cost to state revenues exceeded \$455 million for FY2019.	NEUTRAL	FAILED	
HB2421	Vaughan				
SB2076	Yager	<b>Taxes, Property-Barrels:</b> Legislation in response to recent efforts by local property assessors to charge property taxes for the number of barrels a distillery is using in the whiskey aging process. Clarifies that Whiskey Barrels are not subject to property tax. Maintains the same tax status that has been in place for the last 150 years.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0971	✓
HB2038	Alexander				
SB2668	Bailey	<b>Tax, Single Article Sales:</b> Deletes an additional tax at the rate of 2.75 percent on the amount more than \$1,600 but less than or equal to \$3,200 on the sale or use of any single article of personal property. Decreases State Revenue over \$59 million.	MONITOR	FAILED	
HB1672	Keisling				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
SB0151	Lundberg	<b>Autonomous Vehicles:</b> Automated driving systems (ADS) in Tennessee. Establishes registration, restraint, operational, and accident requirements for autonomous vehicles to operate on public roads and highways in Tennessee.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0474	✓
HB0381	Lamberth				
SB0272	Beavers/ Pody	<b>Driver's Licenses:</b> Required illegal alien marking on drivers license. The Chamber worked to ensure the bill did not send a negative message to foreign owned companies with high level employees here to amend the bill, requiring the department of safety to print "VISA" on driver licenses issued for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the U.S.	NEUTRAL with amendment	PASSED PC 0665	
HB0222	Ragan				
SB0299	Bowling	<b>Toll Roads:</b> Tennessee Chamber members have noted concerns with toll-roads preferring increases in fuel taxes to fund transportation improvements. This legislation would have authorized the Transportation Commissioner to establish toll ways that include existing HOV lanes.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0187	Rogers				
SB0676	Green	<b>Trucking:</b> Authorizes the utilization of trucking platoons requiring advance notice given to transportation and safety departments. Truck platooning has the potential to save business transportation costs.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0171	✓
HB0751	Marsh				
<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</b>					
SB0261	Johnson	<b>Workers' Compensation Judicial Appeal:</b> Initiated by the Tennessee Supreme Court, this legislation would have removed a long-standing provision in TN workers' comp law authorizing a direct appeal to the supreme court. The Tennessee Chamber was concerned there would be no backup to appeal cases, forcing business to resort solely to the legislature to resolve interpretations. Last year there were only 8 cases that were appealed to the TN Supreme Court.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0939	Carter				
SB0297	Briggs	<b>Workers' Compensation Utilization review:</b> As introduced, this legislation was opposed by the Chamber and later amended by the sponsors to limit the provisions of the bill. As amended this legislation maintains utilization review (authorization) for invasive procedures but allows the treating physician to order diagnostic procedures within medical guidelines within 30 days of the accident. It also increases the death benefit for funeral expenses to \$10,000.	SUPPORT with amendment	PASSED PC 0380	✓
HB0666	Hill, M.				
SB1214	Norris	<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> This is a technical corrections bill from the Workers' Compensation Bureau that was reviewed and approved by the Tennessee Chamber's HR committee. It allows certain injured workers to access additional vocational services for returning to the workforce. It also allows certain employers to elect work comp coverage by written notification of a partnership or proprietorship.	NEUTRAL	PASSED PC 0334	✓
HB0325	Hawk				



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SB1237	Norris	<b>Workers' Compensation, Rights of Recovery:</b> A number of Chamber members noted concern with this legislation that modified the assignment of fault in workers' compensation cases impacting subrogation. This legislation proposed to allow a court to assign a percentage of fault to an employer in the circumstance that an injured employee also caused harm to a third party.	OPPOSE	FAILED	✓
HB0451	Eldridge				
SB1189	Norris	<b>Retaliatory Taxes:</b> The original bill would have increased the cost of Workers' Compensation Insurance by automatically adding taxes or fees on insurance companies incorporated outside of Tennessee. The Chamber worked for an amendment to keep claims of unequal taxation on insurance to be heard in Davidson County Chancery Court, instead of adopting an automatic increase.	SUPPORT with amendment	PASSED PC 0423	✓
HB0301	Hawk				
SB1615	Johnson, J.	<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> Eliminates the outdated requirement that every WC insurer providing insurance for Tennessee WC claims be required to maintain a claims office or to contract with a claims adjuster located within this state.	SUPPORT Chamber led effort	PASSED PC 0709	✓
HB1714	Lynn				
SB2141	Gresham	<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> Authorizes employers of farm and agricultural laborers to offer workers' compensation to employees through the purchase of workers' compensation insurance policies.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0629	✓
HB2105	Halford				
SB2475	Roberts	<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> Legislation in response to recent efforts by local property assessors to charge property taxes for the number of barrels a distillery is using in the whiskey aging process. Clarifies that Whiskey Barrels are not subject to property tax. Maintains the same tax status that has been in place for the last 150 years.	Neutral with Amendment	PASSED PC 0757	✓
HB2304	Beck				
SB2543/ SB2544	Tate	<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> Already prohibited in Tennessee, the proposed legislation would have authorized employees to seek additional remedies to allege retaliatory discharge for workers' compensation claims.	OPPOSE	FAILED	
HB2411/ HB2333	Thompson/ Cooper				
<b>Utility / Telecommunications</b>					
SB2504	Ketron	<b>Wireless Broadband:</b> "Small Cell; 5G". Establishes requirements and procedures for the local governments to approve small wireless facilities, known as 5G wireless broadband.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0819	✓
HB2279	Lamberth				
SB2183	Harris	<b>Broadband:</b> This legislation sought to impose "net neutrality" on internet service providers offering services in the state.	OPPOSE	FAILED	
HB2253	Clemmons				
SB1646	Yager	<b>Broadband:</b> Clarifies that easements used by telephone cooperatives for the purpose of supplying telecommunications, can be used to deliver broadband internet access and related services.	SUPPORT	PASSED PC 0570	✓
HB1591	McCormick				



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