



# Weekly Legislative Update

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Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

The 113th General Assembly adjourned sine die on Thursday, April 25 upon [finishing their legislative business for 2024](#). During their last week on the Hill, Tennessee’s lawmakers considered several pieces of controversial legislation including [HB1202](#), a bill that would allow certain school staff to carry concealed guns on school campuses. [Tensions ran high](#) in the House chamber as vocal advocates packed the House galleries and legislators expressed fierce opposition while uplifting concerns about the efficacy of this proposal, students’ safety, insurance liability, where guns will be permissible in a school building, and Tennessee’s larger gun violence epidemic. [HB1202](#) passed the House in a near party line vote (68-28) with four Republican legislators voting against the proposal. The Senate companion to [HB1202](#), [SB1325](#), passed the Senate on April 9. The bill heads to Governor Lee’s desk for signature. To continue to engage on this issue, share your opposition with Governor Lee [here](#), post these [social media tiles](#), and read The Education Trust – Tennessee’s [statement of opposition](#) signed by more than 500 Tennesseans.

As we wrap up our legislative engagement and reflect back on wins and lessons learned, The Education Trust – Tennessee invites you to join the [ACLU Tennessee](#) and other members of the [Tennessee Coalition for Truth in Our Classrooms](#) for a Know Your Rights Webinar to understand how recently passed [censorship legislation](#) will impact our students, our teachers, and our classrooms. More information is coming soon!

It has been an honor and a joy to serve as a trusted resource and advocacy partner and support you in tracking legislative activity during the second year of the 113th General Assembly. Please continue to reach out over the summer as you have questions or insights to share.

In partnership,  
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## On Our Radar

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## What’s Happening

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[House Committee Calendars](#)

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## Noteworthy

**Event: Training: Helping Students from Mixed-Status Families Complete the FAFSA**

On **Monday April 29th, at 7p.m. ET/6p.m. CT**, EdTrust will host a training for students, parents, educators, and advocates who work directly with youth. During this training, EdTrust staff will provide guidance on how students from mixed-status families can complete the FAFSA with the help of EdTrust’s [tool](#). EdTrust staff will also be on hand to answer any questions individuals may have about the process of completing the FAFSA as a student from a mixed-status family and provide insight into any state-specific information students should consider when completing the application.

[Register here](#)

**Blog: Why Education Equity Should Include Climate Justice**

Ask a young person about the top issues they care about – climate change is one of them. Everything that students should reap from education is compromised by the consequences of climate change, which is why Education Equity must include Climate Justice.

[Read more](#)

**Article: Bill to let some teachers and school employees carry guns heads to Tennessee governor’s desk, despite protests**

A year after the deadly Covenant shooting, the Tennessee House passed a bill on Tuesday that would allow some public school teachers to carry concealed guns on campus. Protesters screamed “blood on your hands,” after the legislation was passed. Check out [this article](#) in Chalkbeat to learn more.

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**Article: TN school voucher bill dead for the year: 'I am extremely disappointed,' governor says**

The statewide school voucher program has been a hot topic in this year's legislative session, and it has met its end. Gov. Bill Lee’s signature proposal is dead for the year, with Lee acknowledging there is no way forward for the legislation. Check out [this article](#) in The Tennessean to learn more.

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