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Too ill to Execute.



The Tennessee Alliance for the Severe Mental Illness Exclusion (TASMIE) produced this in-depth film detailing the urgency of a movement to exclude those with severe mental illness from the death penalty. The film features the stories of persons directly affected by mental illness and the death penalty, medical and legal experts, as well as Tennessee State Senator Richard Briggs.

This YouTube video leads us smack into our Legislation [Watchlist](#), starting off with...

Executing the severely mentally ill

This Bill Repeals the Death Penalty Appeal! | [Bill HB0258 / SB0400](#) | Representative Mary Littleton and Senator John Stevens

Death Row inmates with severe mental illness would no longer be able to challenge their sentences in the court of criminal appeals if Bill HB0258 / SB0400 is passed. Senator Stevens and Representative Littleton want to expedite the appeals process. This will reduce the time for defense and increase the chance for execution—especially for those with severe mental illness.

TNCPPC doesn't support.

Human Life Protection Act | [Bill HB1029 / SB1257](#) | Representative Susan Lynn and Senator Dolores Gresham

This legislation bans abortion in TN effective upon the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade and restores the right of states to prohibit abortion.

TNCPPC Supports.

Abortion Prohibited if Heartbeat Detected | [Bill HB0077 / SB1236](#) | Representative James VanHuss and Senator Mark Pody

This legislation prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected except in certain medical emergencies.

TNCPPC Supports.

Prosecution of sex crimes against children | [Bill SB0368 / HB0286](#) | Representative Jim Coley and Senator Becky Massey

This legislation removes the statute of limitations for prosecution of certain Class A or Class B felony sex offenses committed against a child on or after July 1, 2019. Passed in the Senate with no significant fiscal note it will have a good chance to pass all the way.

TNCPPC Supports.

Prosecution of Child Abuse | [HB0565 / SB1252](#) | Representative Bill Dunn and Senator Dolores Grisham

Extends civil and criminal statute of limitations for certain acts of abuse against minors. Increases the penalty for intentional reporting failures regarding child abuse or child sexual abuse.

TNCPPC Supports.

We have new Legislators in place. NOW would be a great time to reach out to your Representatives and find out where they stand — AND vice versa.

[Go ahead, PUSH their Button!](#)



And while you are pushing buttons, go ahead and push this one. Download a printable letter size pdf document of the bills mentioned above. Click on any of the bill numbers for more info. Help us keep an eye on legislation.



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