Tennessee Bill Tracking
Legislative Advocacy from a Citizen’s Perspective
Your presenters

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Share your story.
Your experience is the best expertise.
Tell your story to your legislators.
Tell your story to everyone.

SB602/HB905: Universal Changing Tables

SB602/HB905 promotes community inclusion by offering a safe, private, and hygienic toileting option to all Tennesseans.

Sponsors: Sen. Watson (R-Hixson) and Rep. Doggett (R-Pulaski).

**The Problem**  
Everyone deserves a safe, dignified, and hygienic toileting experience.

- Currently, Tennesseans who need access to adult-sized changing tables have to choose between changing in an unhygienic setting (like on a restroom floor) or staying home, isolated from our communities.
- Approximately 200,000 Tennesseans, 4% of the population, need assistance with one or more activities of daily living such as toileting.
- This issue crosses every demographic in Tennessee, including our veterans.
- It also affects their family members, friends, and caregivers who want to spend time together in community.

**The Solution**  
Universal changing tables help everyone.

SB602/HB905 will ensure new or renovated public buildings have a height-adjustable, adult-sized changing table.

Public buildings are:
- Buildings owned or leased by the state of Tennessee and
- Buildings used primarily by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement: theaters, restaurants, hotels, factories, office buildings, stadiums, hospitals, voting areas, shopping areas, convention centers and all other public accommodations.

The disability community is the one minority group that any of us could join at any time. Many of us will age into this group.

Universal design benefits all Tennesseans.

Tennessean.
True accessibility means dignity, adult changing tables in public restrooms| Opinion

I will be asking lawmakers to pass legislation to increase universal changing spaces, which have height-adjustable, adult-sized changing tables.

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No matter what happens, the process will raise awareness about an issue and make an impact.
Bill Tracking (Highlights)
Bills that may become law this year

• Universal changing tables (SB602/HB905)
  – Download one page overview
  – Read media coverage

• Texting 911 (SB182/HB173)
  – Download one page overview
  – Watch video overview
  – Read media coverage
Bills that may become law this year

• Raise DSP wages (HB130/SB114)
  – Related media: Pay bump bill would get 'direct support providers' for disabled to $15/hour by 2024

• Teacher Discipline Act (SB230/HB16)
  – Related media: Tennessee discipline bill raises concerns about potential bias against Black or disabled students
Bills that may become law this year

• End subminimum wage for people with disabilities (SB1292/HB1454)

• State as a model employer (SB100/HB112)

• Precious Cargo Act (SB110/HB40)
Stay Up to Date
Weekly Updates

- **Policy Watch**, Disability Rights TN
- **Weekly Awareness**, The Arc TN
- **Weekly Policy News**, TN Disability Coalition
- **Weekly Policy News**, TN Council on DD
Thank you!

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