

THE TENNESSEE CONSERVATIVE'S  
2022 RINO Report & Freedom Caucus Awards



**THE**  
**RINO**  
**REPORT**

A Conservative's Best Guide for **Finding Political Truth in Tennessee**



## A CONSERVATIVE'S DEFINITIVE GUIDE

In the following pages, you will find the personal opinions of the Tennessee Conservative editorial staff based upon votes taken and policies administered by the legislative and executive branches of Tennessee's government during the most recent 2022 legislative session and calendar year. This is Constitutionally protected free speech. As a for-profit business and news publication, we offer this report to our subscribers as a service.

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This report specifically focuses upon elected representatives in the Republican party. Since Republicans are in the super-majority and Conservatives depend upon them to live out their campaign promises, we understand when policies fail that it's not the fault of Democrats.

## THE ISSUES WE FOCUS UPON

While there are many issues we could track here at the Tennessee Conservative, this report focuses upon the following areas of concern:

**Individual Freedom** Above all else, our national and state constitution guarantees the rights of the individual above those of the government or business entities.

**Government Transparency & Accountability** If taxpayer dollars go toward it, it should be publicly known, easily accessible and produce an excellent return on investment for Tennesseans.

**Limited Government** If an individual, private organization or business can do it, the government should stay out of it.

**2nd Amendment** The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

**School Choice** Tennessee government schools are failing students and parents at historic levels and we need non-government alternatives to break the decades-long cycle of disaster.

**Illegal Immigration** We believe in turning off the magnets that make our state a welcome haven for illegal immigrants from across the nation.

**Freedom of Speech** The First Amendment is the bedrock upon which Conservatives make their case for individual liberty.

**Medical Freedom** When government takes away your liberties over personal health decisions, it has overstepped its bounds and presents a real threat to the future freedom of all Tennesseans.

**Corporate Welfare** It is unethical and morally wrong to discriminate against taxpayers and small businesses for corporate millionaires and billionaires in the name of Economic Development.

**Small Business** We believe government should limit the paperwork, taxes and restrictions that keep small businesses from reaching their full potential.

**Sanctity of Life** Thou shall not kill. It's that simple.

**Freedom of Religion** The Constitution expressly prohibits a state-run and sponsored religion, not religious expression in life, government, business or school.

**Safety** Individual liberties and property rights must be protected by law enforcement and from government overreach or abuses.

**States' Rights** As the federal government increasingly moves away from the founders' vision of federalism as outlined in the Constitution, states must reassert their rights and fight against overreach.

**Modern-Day Racism** Racism should be rooted out in all its forms, not repackaged and used on various groups to meet political or cultural objectives.

**Election Integrity** We need strong, verifiable paper-trails to safeguard our elections in Tennessee.

**Christian Values** Our nation and state were founded on Christian values and they are necessary to preserve our national and state Constitution.

**Welfare Reform** Generational welfare is holding down an entire class of Tennesseans who would be better served by the dignity of work and self-reliance.



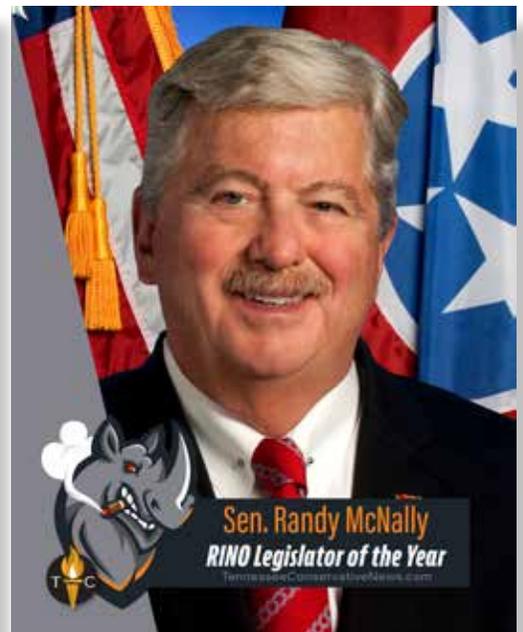
## R.I.N.O.S

### Republicans In Name Only

These are Republicans who actively worked with left-leaning corporations and interest groups to kill Conservative legislation for their own political benefit, voting with and governing like Democrats when it mattered most in the last legislative session. They are beholden to special interest money, which puts them at odds with the political will of Republican primary voters they claim to represent.

These lawmakers and public servants may occasionally vote with Conservatives, but on the whole, they display a pattern of behavior that is contrary to the will of Conservative primary voters.

## RINO LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR



Rep. Patsy Hazlewood and Sen. Randy McNally.

## TOP 5 RINOS - TENNESSEE HOUSE



Mark White, Eddie Mannis, Kevin Vaughan, Bob Ramsey, and Sam Whitson

## TOP 5 RINOS - TENNESSEE SENATE



John Stevens, Shane Reeves, Todd Gardenhire, Richard Briggs, and Ferrell Haile

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH RINOS



Governor Bill Lee and Penny Schwinn

## CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATORS

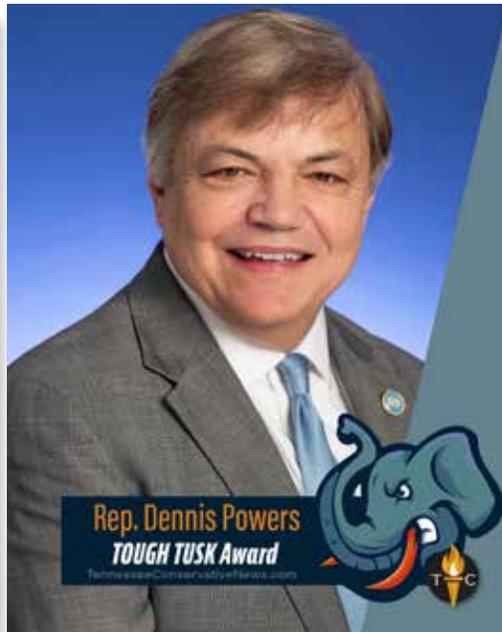
### Tough Tusk Awards

These are Republicans with deep, principled moorings in Conservatism who do not shy away from difficult legislative fights – even if it means losing establishment patronage or left-leaning, corporate campaign contributions. They have lived out their campaign promises in the recent legislative session.

No legislator is perfect and we may not agree with each and every vote they take. However, during this session, these individuals took bold steps to solve problems that Conservative primary voters really care about.



## CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR

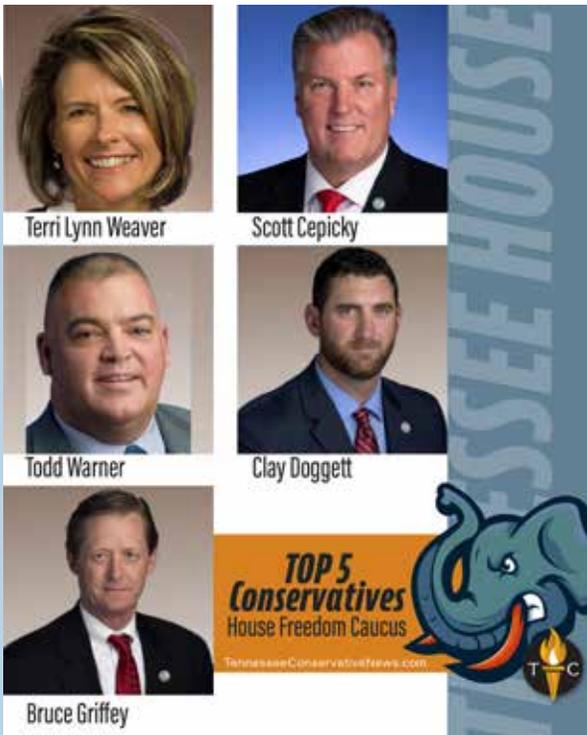


### Tough Tusk Awards

Sen. Janice Bowling and Rep. Dennis Powers

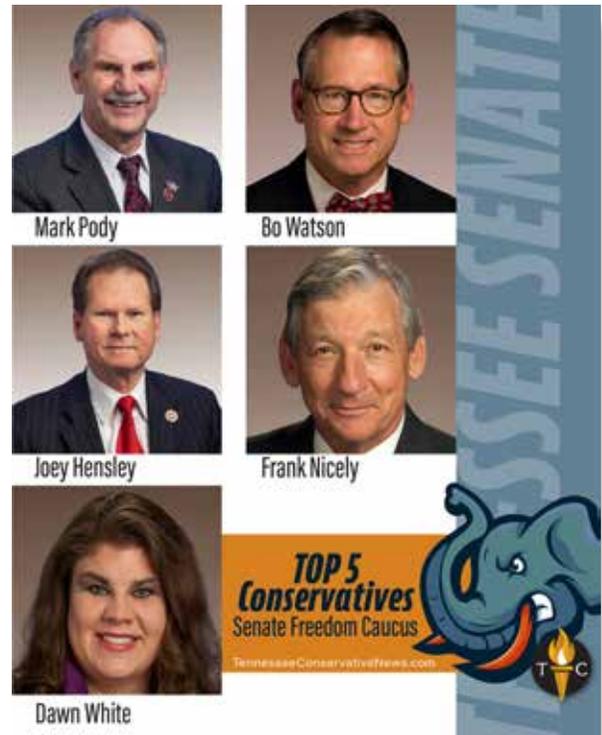


## TOP 5 FREEDOM CAUCUS CONSERVATIVES, HOUSE



Terri Lynn Weaver, Scott Cepicky, Todd Warner, Clay Doggett, Bruce Griffey

## TOP 5 FREEDOM CAUCUS CONSERVATIVES, SENATE



Mark Pody, Bo Watson, Joey Hensley, Frank Nicely, Dawn White



## TENNESSEE CONSERVATIVE FLAME AWARDS

These are individuals who have fought for Conservative legislation and policy through their efforts as grassroots organizational leaders, often taking the initiative to solve tough problems our leadership in the Republican party has ignored – or caused.

Conservative government requires an engaged citizenry and these individuals have worked hard to keep our state free.

**Gary Humble**

**Tori Venable**

**Robin Steenman**

**Rick Dramm - Local Activism**

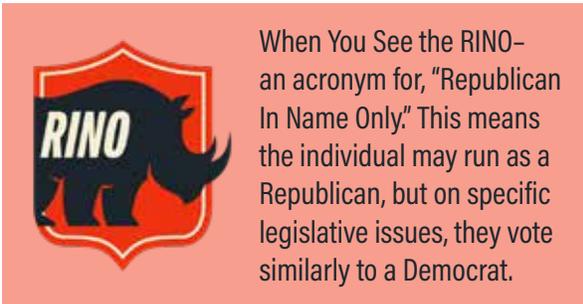
## HOW TO READ THE RINO REPORT

The legislative process in Tennessee's General Assembly is hard to follow. The left-leaning corporate media in Tennessee doesn't want Conservative primary voters to know the truth. As a result, they do not report upon how lawmakers vote on Conservative legislation where it matters – in the committee and subcommittee structures.

While bills can be killed through actual votes in these committees, they can also be killed when a bill does not receive a "2nd" or a motion to be discussed and voted up or down. In these instances, we can only assume no one on the committee supported the legislation enough to hear a discussion. This means they would have likely voted against it.

Conservatives may argue over specific pieces of legislation as to whether they are or are not truly Conservative in their view. At our publication, we have tried to identify legislation we know our subscribers, on the whole, support.

## IMAGES



## SIMPLE TERMS

**Killed By RINOS** This appears before a bill name when RINOs have killed Conservative legislation.

**Killed By Conservatives** This appears before a bill name when Conservatives have killed RINO legislation.

**Conservative Win** This is Conservative legislation that passed.

**RINO Win** This is RINO or Democrat-Like legislation that passed.

**RINOS Voting Against** These are votes taken in committee or subcommittee to kill Conservative legislation.

**RINO's Would Not 2nd Bill for Discussion** This means no one on a committee would second the motion so discussion on the bill could even be heard and it could be voted upon. It is similar to voting against legislation or taking action to kill it.

# ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION



## RINO WIN

### Opening Door For Non-U.S. Citizens To Receive Professional Licenses In TN

**HB2309 / SB2464** - Law paves the way for non-U.S. citizens to obtain professional and commercial licenses in the Volunteer state; increasing magnets for illegal aliens to migrate to and successfully habitate in the Volunteer State. Bipartisan legislation sponsored by Democrat Bob Freeman in the House and Republican Shane Reeves in the Senate.

**Status:** 34 House Republicans voted in favor of House Bill 2309, while 15 Senate Republicans voted in favor of Senate Bill 2464. Governor Bill Lee had the power to veto the bill, but signed it into law only four days after it reached his desk. Republican bill sponsor, Republican leadership that voted for the bill and the Governor's photos shown here.

## RINO's Making Illegal Immigration WORSE in Tennessee



Governor Bill Lee



Sen. Shane Reeves (bill sponsor)



Lt. Gov. Randy McNaly



Speaker Pro Tempore Sen. Ferrell Halle



Deputy Speaker Sen. Jon Lundberg



Caucus Chairman Sen. Ken Yager



Speaker Pro Tempore Rep. Pat Marsh



Deputy Speaker Rep. Curtis Johnson



Caucus Chairman Rep. Jeremy Falson



Secretary Rep. Michele Carringer



## Killed By RINOS

### Allowing Local Law Officials To Enforce Federal Immigration Laws

**HB2222 / SB2264** - Legislation sought to give local law enforcement the authority to enforce federal law and arrest anyone transporting, harboring or facilitating the transport of illegal aliens into Tennessee. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Dennis Powers in the House and Sen. Frank Niceley in the Senate.

**Status:** **Failed** in Senate Judiciary Committee with the help of the three Republican Senators listed voting against.

## RINO's Voting Against



Mike Bell, chair



Todd Gardenhire



John Stevens



# ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION



## **Killed By RINOS** **Stopping Tennessee Taxpayer** **Education Funding Of Illegal Aliens**

**HB1648 / SB2597** - Legislation sought to stop taxpayers from being forced to fund education for illegal immigrants. Gave school systems the choice of whether they wanted to enroll students who are unlawfully in the United States. School districts who choose to do so would no longer receive state funding for those students, leaving them responsible for any costs associated with educating those children. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Sen. Joey Hensley in the Senate.

**Status:** **Failed** in the House K-12 Subcommittee with the help of three Republican Representatives listed voting against.

### **RINO's Voting Against**



Kirk Haston



Mark White



Chris Hurt



## **Killed By RINOS** **Relocating Illegal Aliens To Home** **States Of Biden, Harris, Pelosi &** **Schumer**

**HB1994 / SB2636** - Legislation sought to require the Commission of Safety, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Human Services, to implement a system for the relocation of illegal aliens who arrive in Tennessee to other locations. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Sen. Frank Niceley in the Senate.

**Status:** **Failed** in the House Department and Agencies Subcommittee. No Representatives offered a second to move the bill forward.

### **RINO's Would Not 2nd Bill for Discussion**

#### **Republican Subcommittee Members:**



John B. Holsclaw,  
Chair



Rush Bricken



Dale Carr



Michele Carringer



Curtis Halford



Kelly Keisling



# ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION



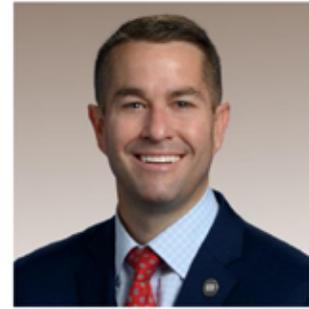
## RINO WIN

### E-Verify Bill To Weaken Job Magnets For Illegal Aliens In Tennessee

HB1636 / SB2297 - Legislation sought to require employers of six or more individuals to utilize an e-verification program in hiring; remove immunity for an employer's reliance on other forms of verification; and prescribed penalties for employers found to be in violation. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Sen. Mark Pody in the Senate.

**Status:** Deferred to 'Summer Study' in the House Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee. Motion to move to summer study made by Rep. Clark Boyd citing preference for his own E-verify bill that, after amendments, only lowered employee threshold from current 50 to 35, prescribed no disciplinary action and fines for businesses/individuals that are found to be in violation and would not ask that employers use the E-verify system to verify the work authorization status of employees unless they are hired on or after January 1st, 2023.

### RINOs In Favor of Illegal Immigration Magnets in Tennessee



Clark Boyd

# CENSORSHIP, FREE SPEECH, & FIRST AMENDMENT



## Killed By RINOS

### Stopping Social Media Censorship Of Tennessee Elections and Citizens

HB2369 / SB2161 - Legislation sought to designate social media platforms (SMPs) as Common Carriers, thereby making them subject to common carrier law. Established that SMPs may not intentionally deplatform or shadow ban a user of the SMP based on various factors. Authorizes the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission (TPUC) to investigate suspected violations and conduct contested case hearings. Prescribes penalties and fines that TPUC may issue for violations. Upon a finding of a violation after a contested case hearing, a user is authorized to bring a private cause of action and may be awarded various damages, costs, and fees. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Dennis Powers in the House and Sen. Bo Watson in the Senate.

**Status:** The legislation was placed 'behind the budget' and failed to receive funding for its \$100,000 fiscal note following the approval of Governor Lee's record-breaking \$52.8B state budget, including \$500M for a new Tennessee Titans stadium. During the Subcommittee/Committee process, the Republican Representatives listed voted against the bill moving forward.

### RINOs In Favor of BIG TECH Censorship



Patsy Hazlewood



Kevin Vaughan



Eddie Mannis



# CENSORSHIP, FREE SPEECH, & FIRST AMENDMENT



## RINO WIN

### The 'Incumbent Protection' Bill

**HB1201 / SB1005** - A section of a campaign finance reporting bill adds requirements for 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits to report expenses of more than \$5,000 spent on communications with the image or name of candidates on them in the final 60 days before an election. The legislation increases paperwork for groups that try to keep the public aware of legislator's voting habits, etc. and may effectively work toward silencing many that do not have the manpower to deal with increased red tape. Legislation sponsored by Speaker Cameron Sexton and carried by Rep. Sam Whitson in the House. In the Senate, the legislation was sponsored by Gov. Randy McNally and carried by Sen. Ferrell Haile.

**Status:** On May 27th, Governor Bill Lee signed the Incumbent Protection Bill into law. On the House side, only Representatives Scotty Campbell, Tim Rudd and Todd Warner voted No. On the Senate side, only Senators Janice Bowling, Joey Hensley and Mark Pody voted No.

### RINOs Pushing Censorship of Conservatives



Speaker Cameron Sexton



Rep. Sam Whitson



Lt. Gov. Randy McNally



Sen. Ferrell Haile



Governor Bill Lee

# SCHOOL CHOICE & GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS REFORM



## Killed By RINOS

### Restricting Tennessee Textbook Promotion Of LGBTQ+ Lifestyles

**HB0800 / SB1216** - Legislation sought to prohibit textbooks and other instructional materials that "promote, normalize, support, or address lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender issues or lifestyles." Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Sen. Frank Niceley in the Senate.

**Status:** "General Subbed" in the Senate Education Committee before first hearing meaning they had no intent of pushing the bill forward in this session of the General Assembly. During the Subcommittee/Committee process, the Republican Representative shown here voted against the bill progressing.

### RINO's Voting Against



Eddie Mannis



# SCHOOL CHOICE & GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS REFORM



## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Attempted Overturn Of Tennessee's Open Enrollment Act

**HB2085 / SB2036** - Legislation sought to overturn Public Chapter 479 which adds transparency, gives parents options, and keeps school boards from denying students the opportunity to transfer out of a failing school or one that wasn't meeting their needs. HB2085, sponsored by Rep. Mark White and SB2036, sponsored by Sen. Steve Southerland sought to remove the open enrollment period and allow Local Education Agencies to establish their own open enrollment policies.

**Status:** **Failed** in the House K-12 Subcommittee. Republicans responsible for this anti-school choice legislation shown here.

### RINO's Against School Choice



Rep. Mark White



Sen. Steve Southerland



## Killed By RINOS

### Education Savings Accounts

**HB2681 / SB2278** - Legislation would have given parents in Tennessee's lowest-performing schools an Education Savings Account that would provide parents greater opportunities to use their state education dollars to find the best learning environment for their children. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Michael Curcio in the House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** **Failed** in the House K-12 Subcommittee with the help of the three Republican Representatives shown here voted against.

### RINO's Voting Against



Kirk Haston



John Ragan



Chris Hurt



# SCHOOL CHOICE & GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS REFORM



## Killed By RINOS

### Parent Bill of Rights Act

HB2451 / SB2360 - Legislation sought to require Local Education Agencies to permit parents to have access to certain information, including the names of instructors, titles available in the school library, teacher manuals, and curriculum; require parents to provide written consent before a student can participate in any extracurricular activity, family life lesson, field trip, school assembly, or guest speaker event; prohibit certain healthcare practitioners from providing medical treatment to a minor without parental consent or an appropriate court order. Sponsored by Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver in House and Sen. Janice Bowling in the Senate.

Status: **Failed** in the House Health Subcommittee prior to being heard after none of the Representatives shown here offered a second to move the bill forward to hearing.

### RINO's Would Not 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill for Discussion

#### Republican Subcommittee Members:



Bob Ramsey, Chair

Clark Boyd

David Byrd



Mark Hall

Sabi Kumar

Pat Marsh



Paul Sherrill

Bryan Terry



## Killed By RINOS

### Rejecting Exemptions For Schools That Allow Obscene Materials

HB1944 / SB1944 - Legislation sought to set up a process for parents that identify questionable materials in their child's school libraries to inform their school superintendents, who will then be required to remove the materials for thirty days. At the next scheduled meeting, the local school board would be required to review the flagged materials and make the decision as to whether it is age appropriate or pornographic, obscene in nature. If found to be in violation, the elected officials of the local school board would make the final decision as to whether the materials should be removed or returned to the school. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Scott Cepicky in the House and Sen. Joey Hensley in the Senate.

Status: **Passed** the House with one Republican, Rep. Eddie Mannis, voting against. 'Aye' votes from Senators Todd Gardenhire, Jon Lundberg, John Stevens and Chairman Mike Bell sent the bill to "Summer Study" in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

### RINO's Voting Against



Mike Bell

Todd Gardenhire

Jon Lundberg



John Stevens

Eddie Mannis



# TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT



## **Killed By RINOS** **Transparency For** **Taxpayer-Funded Lobbyists**

**HB2485 / SB2687** - Legislation aimed to require employers of lobbyists to include with their employer disclosure report filed with the ethics commission, the aggregate total amount of all employer expenses that were funded in whole or in part from taxpayer money, including expenses for lobbying, consulting, advocacy, and third-party associations utilized by the employer for such services. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Todd Warner in the House and Sen. Mark Pody in the Senate.

**Status:** *Taken off Notice* in the House Public Service & Employees Subcommittee due to the House bill sponsor being notified by the Subcommittee chair that the bill would not receive a motion or a second if heard in the subcommittee.

## **RINO's Would Not 2nd Bill for Discussion**

### *Republican Subcommittee Members:*



Esther Helton, Chair



Rebecca K. Alexander



Curtis Johnson



Kelly Keisling



Pat Marsh

# CORPORATE WELFARE



## **RINO WIN** **Allowing Chattanooga Lookouts** **To Retain Sales Tax Deal To Fund** **New Stadium**

**HB2609 / SB2890** - Legislation would allow the Chattanooga Lookouts, a minor league affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, to move to a new stadium in the city and retain a sales tax deal where the Lookouts keep the first 5.5% of the state's 7% sales tax for sales at the stadium and would extend the deal to apply to non-baseball events at the stadium. HB2609 was sponsored by Rep. Patsy Hazlewood in the House and Sen. Todd Gardenhire in the Senate.

**Status:** Governor Bill Lee signed the bill into law on May 25th, 2022. Republicans responsible for this legislation are shown here.

## **RINOS for Corporate Welfare**



Rep. Patsy Hazlewood



Sen. Todd Gardenhire



Governor Bill Lee



# CORPORATE WELFARE



## RINO WIN

### \$550 Million In Corporate Welfare To Help Fund New Titans Stadium

Governor Lee's 2023 \$52.8 Billion budget, which allocated \$8.9 Billion more in state dollars than the 2022 budget, included \$550 Million in State bonds to help fund a new domed stadium in Nashville for The Tennessee Titans.

**Status:** Both chambers of the Tennessee legislature passed Lee's budget, along with the portion dedicated to the Titans. House Speaker Cameron Sexton, and Reps Patsy Hazlewood and Jason Zachary voiced their support publicly. Reps. Chris Todd, Joey Hensley, Terri Lynn Weaver and Jerry Sexton along with Senator Janice Bowling publicly voiced their opposition.

### RINOS for Corporate Welfare



Governor Bill Lee



Speaker Cameron Sexton



Rep. Patsy Hazlewood



Rep. Jason Zachary

# SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS



## Killed By RINOS

### Bill Protecting Teachers From Being Forced to Use Students' Preferred Pronouns

**HB2633 / SB2777** - Legislation states that no employee of a public school or local education association can be required to refer to a student by preferred pronouns that do not match the student's biological sex. They are also protected from "civil liability and adverse employment action." Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mark Cochran in the House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** Passed the House, but Legislature went out of session before the bill progressed to a vote in the Senate. In the House, Reps. Charlie Baum, Michael Curcio and Eddie Mannis voted No.

### RINOS Voting Against



Charlie Baum



Michael Curcio



Eddie Mannis



# SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS



## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Protecting Students From Digital Obscenity & Pornography In Schools

**HB2454/SB2292** - Law aims to protect students from being exposed to obscenity and pornography from digital and online resources in Tennessee schools. Providers must verify, in writing, that their technology prevents a user from sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading materials that are harmful to minors. Any material found in violation must be removed within one day of request by Local Education Agency. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver in the House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** Governor Bill Lee signed the bill into law on May 5th, 2022 and it will go into effect for Fall semester 2022. Only Democrats voted against the legislation in the House and Senate. Bill sponsors pictured.

### Conservative WIN



Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver



Sen. Mike Bell

# PREVENTING MODERN-DAY RACISM



## Killed By RINOS

### Eliminating Critical Race Theory from Tennessee Workplaces

**HB2313 / SB2298** - Legislation sought to prohibit a person from requiring an individual, employee, or applicant for employment to complete or participate in training, orientation, or any other instructional or informational program that promotes certain discriminatory concepts. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Sen. Mark Pody in the Senate.

**Status:** *Deferred* to 'Summer Study' in the House Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee. Motion to move to summer study made by Rep. Kevin Vaughan. Vaughan and Rep. Jeremy Faison spoke against the bill.

### RINOS Voting Against



Kevin Vaughan



Jeremy Faison



# PREVENTING MODERN-DAY RACISM



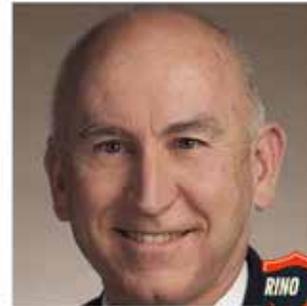
## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Legislation to Limit 'Divisive Teachings' in Tennessee Universities

**HB2670 / SB2290** - Law prohibits public institutions of higher education from requiring that students or employees embrace divisive teachings as a stipulation for any grade, diploma, employment opportunity, tenure, etc. Legislation sponsored by Speaker Cameron Sexton in the House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** Governor Bill Lee signed the Act into law on April 8th, 2022. Only one Republican voted against, Richard Briggs shown here.

### RINO's Voting Against



Sen. Richard Briggs

# MEDICAL FREEDOM



## Killed By CONSERVATIVES

### Legislation Authorizing Dentists To Administer HPV Vaccines

**HB2032 / SB2026** - Legislation sought to authorize Dentists to administer vaccines against the human papillomavirus. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bob Ramsey in the House and Sen. Bill Powers in the Senate.

**Status:** Bill taken off notice after extreme outcry from constituents in opposition by House Bill Sponsor, Rep. Bob Ramsey. Republicans responsible for this legislation shown here.

### Sneaky RINOS



Rep. Bob Ramsey



Sen. Bill Powers



# MEDICAL FREEDOM



## Killed By CONSERVATIVES

### Bill To Sneak In Vaccinations Without Parental Consent

HB0946/SB0148 - Legislation sought to authorize "certain healthcare officers and providers licensed in this state to provide consultation, examination, diagnosis or treatment to a minor to prevent STDs, without the knowledge or consent of the parents of the minors." This language is broad enough to include the HPV vaccine, HepB vaccines, and two risky drugs approved for adolescents and adults to be taken to prevent HIV. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bob Ramsey in the House and Sen. Richard Briggs in the Senate.

**Status:** Bill taken off notice after extreme outcry from constituents in opposition by House Bill Sponsor, Rep. Bob Ramsey. Republicans responsible for this legislation shown here.

### Sneaky RINOS



Rep. Bob Ramsey



Sen. Richard Briggs



## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Acquired/Natural Immunity Bill

**HB1871/SB1982** - The law prohibits governmental entities, local education agencies, schools, and private businesses from adopting or enforcing laws, rules, or practices that fail to recognize acquired immunity as providing a level of immune protection that is at least as protective as a COVID-19 vaccine or treat individuals with acquired immunity differently than individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bud Hulse in the House and Sen. Joey Hensley in the Senate.

**Status:** Governor Bill Lee refused to sign the Act, returning it back to the legislature ten days after transmission. The Act became law without his signature. Public Chapter 930 became effective on March 30th, 2022.

### RINO's Voting Against



Governor Bill Lee



# MEDICAL FREEDOM



## Killed By RINOS

### The Right To Refuse Medical Treatments

SJR0993 - Senate Joint Resolution sought to add a provision to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee to declare an individual's right to refuse medical treatment, and to require that an individual's other rights not be denied or abridged due to the individual exercising the right to refuse medical treatment. Sponsored by Senator Janice Bowling.

**Status:** *Failed* in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee with the help of five Republican Senators voting No.

### RINO's Voting Against



Ferrell Haile



Ed Jackson



Becky Massey



Shane Reeves



Bo Watson



## Killed By RINOS

### Prohibiting Taxpayer-Funded Entertainment Venues From Requiring COVID Vaccine or Passport to Enter

HB2073/SB2009 - Legislation sought to prohibit a place of entertainment that receives public funds of this state, or any political subdivision of this state, from compelling or taking an adverse action to compel a person to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mark Cochran in House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** *Failed* in the House Business & Utilities Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee with the help of the four Republican Representatives voting No.

### RINO's Voting Against



Kent Calfee



Patsy Hazlewood



Curtis Johnson



Eddie Mannis



# MEDICAL FREEDOM



## Killed By RINOS Healthcare Recipient Rights Act

**HB2486 / SB2276** - Legislation sought to ensure that patients are allowed visitation by family members and advocates in the case of inability to make one's own medical decisions. In addition, it requires informed consent for treatments that are authorized for emergency use only. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Todd Warner in the House and Sen. Mark Pody in the Senate.

**Status: Failed** in the House Health Subcommittee after chair Bob Ramsey promised the bill sponsor Todd Warner to allow testimony supporting the legislation. When the time came for the bill to be heard, Ramsey announced no action would be taken because they had run out of time. None of the Subcommittee members offered a second for the bill to move forward so the bill failed.

## RINOS Would Not Second Bill for Discussion

### Republican Subcommittee Members:



Bob Ramsey, Chair

Clark Boyd

David Byrd



Mark Hall

Sabi Kumar

Pat Marsh



Paul Shermel

Bryan Terry



## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Making Ivermectin OTC in Tennessee

**HB2746 / SB2188** - The law authorizes pharmacists to provide the anti-viral drug to patients who are 18 or older, "pursuant to a valid collaborative pharmacy practice agreement containing a non-patient-specific prescriptive order and standardized procedures developed and executed by one or more authorized prescribers." Legislation sponsored by Rep. Susan Lynn in the House and Sen. Frank Niceley in the Senate.

**Status:** Bill passed both the House and Senate and Gov. Lee signed the bill into law on April 22. In the Senate, Republican Sen. Richard Briggs voted No and Sens. Todd Gardenhire and Ken Yager were present but declined to vote.

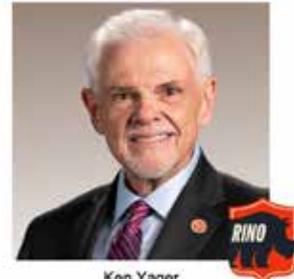
## RINO's Voting Against



Richard Briggs



Todd Gardenhire



Ken Yager



# ABORTION



## Killed By RINOS Tennessee Abortion Ban

**HB2779 / SB2582** - Legislation sought to ban all abortions in the Volunteer state, except those that would prevent death or "substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function" of the mother. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Rebecca Alexander in the House and Sen. Mark Pody in the Senate.

**Status:** The legislation was taken off notice in the House due to Senate GOP Leadership resistance. Known Republican opponents of the legislation shown here.

### RINO's Opposing



Lt. Gov Randy McNally



Ken Yager

# ELECTION INTEGRITY REFORMS



## Killed By RINOS Verifiable Paper Trail for Elections

**HB2074 / SB2359** - Legislation sought to require county election commissions to use only ballot-marking devices or hand-marked ballots and tabulate the ballots using an electronic tabulator or by a hand count; specify the distance from which a poll watcher may observe the counting and processing of ballots; require certain security features on paper ballots. Legislation was sponsored by Rep. Bruce Griffey in the House and Senator Janice Bowling in the Senate.

**Status:** **Failed** in House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee with the help of the Republican members shown here voting against.

### RINO's Voting Against



John Crawford



John B. Holsclaw, Jr.



Eddie Mannis



Ryan Williams



Dave Wright



# CHRISTIAN VALUES



## Movement By CONSERVATIVES

### Resolution To Make The Holy Bible Tennessee's Official State Book

**HJR0752** - House Joint Resolution seeks to designate the Holy Bible as the official state book of Tennessee. Resolution sponsored by Rep. Jerry Sexton in the House.

**Status:** No movement on the resolution since March 30th, 2022. In the House, the resolution passed despite Rep. Michael Curcio voting No, and with Reps. Patsy Hazlewood, Bob Ramsey and Rush Bricken declining to vote.

### RINO's Voting Against



Michael Curcio



Patsy Hazlewood



Bob Ramsey



Rush Bricken

# WELFARE



## CONSERVATIVE WIN

### Reinstating SNAP Benefits Work Requirement

**HB2096 / SB2071** - Legislation sought to reinstate a work requirement for receiving temporary government assistance that was previously in effect but waived during the COVID pandemic. Legislation sponsored by Rep. William Lamberth in the House and Sen. Jack Johnson in the Senate.

**Status:** Legislation passed both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly with all Republicans voting in favor. Signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 3rd, 2022. Bill Sponsors pictured here.

### Conservative Win



Rep. William Lamberth



Sen. Jack Johnson



# 2ND AMENDMENT



## RINO WIN

### Lowering Tennessee's Concealed Carry Age To 18

**HB1735 / SB2291** - Legislation sought to lower the age requirement for a handgun carry permit or to carry under Tennessee's permitless carry law from 21 to 18. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Chris Todd in the House and Sen. Mike Bell in the Senate.

**Status:** Legislation passed the House with three Republican representatives voting against - Reps. Patsy Hazlewood, Eddie Mannis and Mark White. Senate version was 'General Subbed' by the Senate Judiciary Committee meaning they had no intention of dealing with the legislation during this session.

### RINO's Voting Against



Patsy Hazlewood



Eddie Mannis



Mark White



# CAN YOU HELP ME KEEP FIGHTING FOR CONSERVATISM IN TENNESSEE?

Dear Fellow Conservative,

As you can see by reading the 2022 RINO Report & Freedom Caucus Awards, Tennessee is not nearly as Conservative as Republican leadership would have you believe.

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What I have discovered is this: There is a huge disconnect between the desires of Conservative primary voters and the left-leaning corporations that fund the campaigns of Republican party leadership.

These same left-leaning corporations spend roughly \$450,000 per legislative member in Tennessee on lobbying alone... not to mention special interest contributions or wining-and-dining legislators in the capitol.

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Yours in Freedom,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brandon Lewis  
Founder,  
The Tennessee Conservative

