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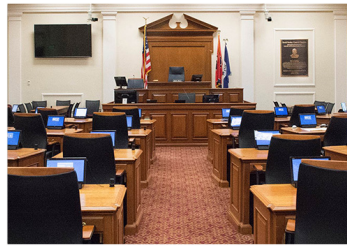
GNHA Hospitality Political News

Party Bus Legislation

Legislature:

SB825/HB1392

This legislation has been passed by both House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor.



City Council:

The city council passed the ordinance proving a path forward for the Transportation vehicles to be licensed both through the Transportation Licensing Commission "TLC" and the city's beer board. The TLC will create regulations and guidelines over the next few weeks.



Governor's Budget 2022

Gov. Bill Lee's budget amendment was released this week...see attached. The Governor announced that one element of his proposal will be a one-month suspension of the state's 4% tax on groceries. Legislative leaders also expect a permanent tax break to be part of Lee's plan, though they are tight-lipped for now about what that might entail.

500 Million for domed stadium!

Building a domed stadium next to the existing Tennessee Titans facility is projected to have a potentially large return on investment for state and local government coffers as it would make the city more competitive for major events like the Super Bowl, soccer World Cup, Final Four, or Wrestlemania. Landing any of those would generate thousands of hotel stays and meals.

Much debate will be had in the coming weeks...



Vaccination discrimination:

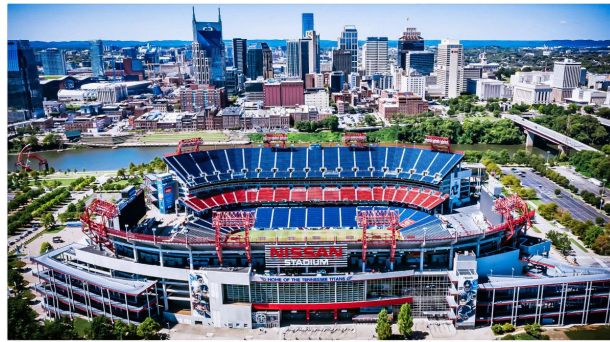
Sen. Joey Hensley (R-Hohenwald) and Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver (R-Lancaster) attempted to make it illegal to deny a “service, good, facility . . . healthcare access, educational opportunity, or employment” based on a person’s lack of vaccination against COVID-19. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 7-2 against the bill.

E-Verify

SB1780/1853:

Employees, Employers - As introduced, this bill lowers the threshold for employers having to verify work authorization status of new hires through E-Verify from those with 50 or more employees to those with 25. The bill was amended to lower only to 35 rather than 25. This bill is likely to pass both the House and Senate this next week.

New Stadium Background



Originally, the Tennessee Titans just wanted to renovate Nissan Stadium and spruce up the surrounding area on the other side of the river. Team president Burke Nihill was clear in December 2020 when pitching the project, “There’s never been a conversation with the city about a new building. (Majority owner) Amy Adams Strunk has repeatedly said that she is not interested in a new building.”

The Titans' original goal was a \$600 million renovation. Upon further review, it started to expand beyond their expectations. Nissan Stadium needed work that would double that renovation cost to \$1.2 billion.

The cost of renovation became as much as building a new stadium and if you’re going to build a new stadium, you might as well put a roof on there!

Similar stadium deals suggest the price tag could be around the 2 billion mark. The governor added \$500 million dollars toward the rebuild and there is current legislation to use 1% of the lodging tax toward the domed stadium. All funding including the Governor’s 500 million and the lodging tax are dependent on the dome and city council moving forward as well.