



# Legislator Voting Record 2025–2026

## 114th General Assembly

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Committee + Floor Votes

### Rep. Sam McKenzie (D) Democrat

House District 15 – Part of Knox County  
First Year Elected= 2020

Committees: Finance Ways & Means, Ethics

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Recommendation



#### 2025-2026 NOTABLE FLOOR VOTES

| Category            | Bill<br><a href="#">Click for details</a> | Title                                                         | TCGC    | Outcome                 | Year | Vote Record |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------|-------------|
| Illegal Immigration | <a href="#">HB1710/SB1915</a>             | Verify Citizenship Before Public Benefits                     | Support | Passed                  | 2026 | No ✓        |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB1788/SB2424</a>             | Foreign Entities Banned from Buying TN Land                   | Support | Signed by Governor      | 2026 | Yes ✓       |
| Child Protection    | <a href="#">HB2082/SB1989</a>             | Raising Child Per Biological Sex Is Not Abuse                 | Support | Signed by Governor      | 2026 | Yes ✓       |
| Medical Freedom     | <a href="#">HB2389/SB2255</a>             | TennCare Psychotropic Medication Reporting                    | Support | Signed by Governor      | 2026 | No ✓        |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB1473/SB1746</a>             | Same Sex Marriage: Private Citizens Not Required to Recognize | Support | Senate Deferred         | 2026 | No ✓        |
| Second Amendment    | <a href="#">HB2514/SB2478</a>             | Threaten Deadly Force Against Trespasser                      | Support | Senate Deferred         | 2026 | Yes ✓       |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB0055/SB0030</a>             | Criminalizes Leafletting, Photography, Signs Near Police      | Oppose  | Signed by Governor      | 2025 | No ✗        |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB0123/SB1275</a>             | Government Lien on Private Property                           | Oppose  | Signed by Governor      | 2025 | Yes ✗       |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB0562/SB1048</a>             | Restrict Emergency Powers — No Non-Essential Business Orders  | Support | Senate Committee Killed | 2025 | Yes ✓       |
| Illegal Immigration | <a href="#">HB0793/SB0836</a>             | Schools May Refuse to Enroll Illegal Alien Students           | Support | Senate Deferred         | 2026 | No ✓        |
| Election Integrity  | <a href="#">HB1316/SB1297</a>             | Digital Driver License with Biometric Data for Voter ID       | Oppose  | Signed by Governor      | 2025 | Yes ✗       |
| Limited Government  | <a href="#">HB1325/SB0207</a>             | Government Easements Create Loss of Private Land Control      | Oppose  | Signed by Governor      | 2025 | Yes ✗       |

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#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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Current Campaign Balance

**Notable Contributors:** Amazon.com, Former Knox County Mayor (“Republican”) Victor Ashe, HCA Tristar Fund, Knox County Commissioner Damon Rawls, Tennessee Highway Contractors PAC, WJBE Radio Station, Winston Partnership, TASCA PAC (Florida), AT&T Tennessee PAC, Publix Tennessee LLC, CWA-COPE PCC (Washington, DC), Roy Cockrum (Powerball Winner), Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Good Gov’t Fund, United Parcel Service Inc. PAC-TN, Building Industry PAC, Eddie Mannis, WSWT PAC, Knox County Election Commissioner Julia Gautreau, Rep Yusuf Hakeem, Kincannon for Knoxville, Matthew Park, Former Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Big O’s Famous BBQ, Brushy Mtn. Prison Employee’s Union, Comcast Corporation, Vulcan Materials Co. PAC (Alabama).

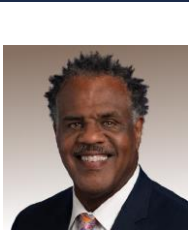


## Legislator Report Card — Supplemental Data

114th General Assembly · External Scores & Extras

Rep. Sam  
McKenzie

House District 15



### TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

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49

Vote Score

29

Lifetime Score

F

Leadership Grade

FREEDOM INDEX  
SCORE

17%

2025–2026 Session  
freedomindex.us

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### NAUGHTY & NICE — Notable Votes & Sponsorships

- Voted No on HB0047 – NAUGHTY: Public/Charter schools may display the Ten Commandments, The Constitution (US & TN), The Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence in school buildings.
- Voted No on HB0387 – NAUGHTY: Prohibits health care provider from asking if patient has or can obtain firearms.
- Voted No on HB0853 – NAUGHTY: Parents and legal guardians will have access to all medical records resulting in treatments for their child.
- Voted No on HB1160 – NAUGHTY: a report shall be submitted to the general assembly of each drug that is considered a psychotropic medication and its side effects.
- Voted No on HB1528 – NAUGHTY: A wrongful death of an unborn child beginning at fertilization is included in the definition for wrongful death action.
- Voted No on HB1665 – NAUGHTY: Healthcare providers cannot ask a minor any gender-related question unless by parent permission.
- Voted No on HB1666 – NAUGHTY: includes "honorifics"(honor/respect) with respects to the prohibition on requiring a student, teacher, state employee, or state contractor to use or provide a person's preferred name or pronoun.
- Voted No on HB1805 – NAUGHTY: Requires schools to have instruction regarding the history of communism.
- Voted abstain on HB1959 – NAUGHTY: Starting Jan 1 2027, no pharmacy benefits mgr. may directly or indirectly hold, control or otherwise possess any ownership or benefit in a pharmacy license or license holder.
- Voted Yes on HB2095 – NAUGHTY: The University of TN shall initiate a 2-yr black fly suppression program using a biological control agent in Greenbriar Valley and Pigeon Forge River area.
- Voted abstain on HB2166 – NAUGHTY: A blood bank/hospital must allow a patient to use their own blood which has been saved.
- Voted Yes on HB2313 – NAUGHTY: Early childhood mental health home visiting program will be established by the Dept of Health for vulnerable families.
- Voted Yes on HB0291 – Requires higher education institutions to create a curriculum for understanding all the founding documents like the Constitution, etc.
- Voted Yes on HB1491 – A public school shall be allowed to teach except where personal exceptions are requested, the bible as literature.
- Voted Yes on HB1544 – Requires a report with regards to education freedom scholarship program. We must track where & how are money is being spent.
- Voted No on HB1729 – If a home-school student does not test proficiently in the subject matter tested, then the test must be re-administered within 1 year. This effects grade 5, 7 & 9.
- Voted Yes on HB1733 – A teacher or school employee found to have committed an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying is subject to dismissal or suspension.
- Voted No on HB1823 – Students (who have truancy issues & have withdrawn without transferring) will be reported to juvenile court by the dir. of schools. HB1700 redo bill to scare parents away from homeschool and non-public schooling options.
- Voted Yes on HB2076 – Creates a task force to evaluate the K-12 meal program with regards to ultra-processed foods.
- Voted Yes on HB2393 – Public schools/charter schools and teachers will not be allowed to use any digital devices for or during instructional time.
- Voted No on HB2420 – Requires instead of authorizing, the sponsor of online virtual schools to close the schools at the direction of the commissioner of education.
- Voted Yes on HB2514 – A person protecting their property can threaten deadly force on a trespasser who refuses to leave.
- Voted No on HB2532 – Awards 15,000 additional education scholarships in the 26/27 school year under the One, Big, Beautiful Act if Governor complies w/ all requirements of the Fed.

### IN THE NEWS

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| Tennessee Conservative News | Feb 20 2026  | <a href="#">Tennessee House Passes Bill Challenging Same Sex Marriages</a>                                  |
| Tennessee Conservative News | Feb 15, 2026 | <a href="#">Bill to Ban "Adult Cabaret Performances" Where Kids May be Present Progresses</a>               |
| Tennessee Conservative News | Apr 7, 2026  | <a href="#">"Charlie Kirk Act" Progresses in Tennessee House</a>                                            |
| Tennessee Conservative News | Mar 18, 2026 | <a href="#">Republicans Kill Proposed Constitutional Amendment Securing TN Parent's Right to Homeschool</a> |