

AFP TENNESSEE 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Americans for Prosperity is dedicated to bringing people together to change our public policies and our government for the better. Our mission is to help every person rise and reach their full potential by removing the barriers holding them back.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

AFP believes an effective criminal justice system protects people and preserves public safety, respects human dignity, restores victims, removes barriers to opportunity for people with criminal records, and ensures equal justice for all under the law. AFPTN's four criminal justice reform priorities for the 2020 session are: **civil asset forfeiture protections, expungement for the legally innocent, victims' restitution reform, and streamlining voting rights restoration.**

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

The purpose of K-12 education is to help students build knowledge and skills to identify their talents and passions. All students should have access to a quality education, regardless of their income or ZIP code. **Open enrollment** is one key policy that will enable families to select the best public school for their children within their home district, instead of forcing them into their assigned "neighborhood school". Open enrollment is essentially public school choice. Ideally, we would want to extend this educational opportunity to all students and families statewide.

HEALTH CARE

Americans for Prosperity empowers people to earn success, contribute to their communities, and live meaningful lives. This requires a health care system that helps more people access better care at a lower cost—where health care providers compete to offer the best health care products and services at the best prices that meet the needs of patients. Americans for Prosperity-Tennessee's health care reform priorities span the breadth of the system, reflecting our vision. They are: **Repeal Certificate of Need (CON) laws**, empower health care providers with **full practice authority (FPA)**, and expand access through **telemedicine**.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

In the current environment, our economy is rigged, depriving many people not only of opportunity, but of the very belief they can rise. Americans for Prosperity seeks to tackle this injustice and build a stronger economy that works for all. That's why our organization is fighting every day to change the current paradigm, end cronyism, lower tax burdens, and refocus government to its proper role. We will focus on reforming government occupational licensing laws through legislation such as the **Right to Earn a Living 2.0** and eliminate barriers that prevent people from practicing their occupation of choice. We'll also work to **repeal the professional privilege tax** (\$400 tax on certain occupations).