

AFP TENNESSEE 2022 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.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Lower taxes, less government, and more freedom. Our organization fights everyday to lower tax burdens, refocus government to its proper role, end cronyism, and make sure every person has the opportunity to achieve prosperity. Tennessee should **Repeal the Professional Privilege Tax** and expand our Truth in Taxation law to **Stop Surprise Taxes**, by requiring more public notice when debt-laden local governments are planning a tax increase. We will continue our work to reduce the burden of **occupational licensing**, eliminating barriers that prevent people from working in their occupation of choice. In order for our economy to recover stronger, we must **guard against cronyism and reduce unnecessary government spending**.

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

The Basic Education funding formula (BEP) is long overdue of reform. Enacted in 1992 this complex formula does not account for the technology or flexibility needed today. **BEP. Reforms** should be **student-centered, transparent, and provide flexibility** that will allow more dollars to reach the classroom. Per-pupil **backpack funding** would allow education dollars to follow the child and give families the options. **Open enrollment** is one key policy that will enable families to choose the best public school for their children when unfilled seats are available. State-wide open enrollment and **expanding course access** will allow students to pursue CTE classes in neighboring districts that could jump start their careers.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

AFP believes an effective criminal justice system protects people and preserves public safety, respects dignity, restores victims, removes barriers to opportunity, and ensures equal justice for all under the law. Law enforcement services are a proper role of government and should be fully funded through a transparent budget process. As such we should **Fund the Police** and **End Civil Asset Forfeiture**. Police officers should not be required to violate Tennesseans constitutional rights to fund their departments. 15 States have already ended civil asset forfeitures; Tennessee should join the list as number 16.