

AFP TENNESSEE 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Americans for Prosperity is dedicated to bringing people together to change 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**. 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

TISA passage should encourage per-pupil **backpack funding**, allowing education dollars to follow the child, like a backpack, giving families all options. Expanding **Open enrollment** state-wide will enable families to choose the best public school for their children when vacant seats are available. Lawmakers should strengthen open enrollment laws to give parents more transparency so families can choose from available options.

TRANSPARENCY

There can be no accountability without transparency. Rule changes can allow every vote to be recorded. Constituents would like to know how their lawmakers voted on various issues. We are encouraging a roll-call or recorded vote in the committee process and all amendments to be available online for public review BEFORE the item is voted upon.

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 thier departments. 15 States have already ended civil asset forfeitures; Tennessee should join the list as number 16.