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Governor Haslam Announces Legislative Package

Governor Bill Haslam introduced his administration's legislative package for the 2011 session, focusing on educating the workforce, identifying the best teachers and revising the state's civil justice system, particularly related to tort reform.

The legislation seeks to:

- Make tenure tied to classroom performance; extend probationary time from three to five years
- Lift the cap on charter schools and allow open enrollment
- Allow the state's Achievement School District (part of First to the Top) to authorize charter schools
- Extend use of the lottery scholarship for summer courses and cap the total number of hours based on required degree completion
- Limits non-economic damages for both healthcare liability action and other personal injury actions
- Limits and clarifies standards for assessing punitive damages
- Limits appeal bond amounts

"Our legislation being filed with the Tennessee General Assembly is tightly focused on opportunities to enhance job creation and is one piece of our agenda to make Tennessee more competitive in the Southeast," Haslam said.

Other pieces of Haslam's jobs agenda include streamlining state government and aggressively examining rules and regulations to assure this three-part test is met: will they make a difference, are they performance-based, and what the expected outcomes are.

Also, the Department of Economic and Community Development is focused on a top-to-bottom approach that aligns state efforts with returns on investment.

For more, see the full press release and statement here: <http://news.tnanytime.org/node/6721>



State Revenue Collections From Holiday Season Were Positive

Tennessee tax collections continued an upward trend in January, reflecting December consumer spending, including the holiday buying season. Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes announced that overall January revenues were \$997.3 million, which is \$38.2 million more than the state budgeted. It's the sixth month of positive growth this fiscal year, with sales and corporate tax collections once again contributing heavily to the growth.

"January is the tenth consecutive month in which sales taxes have recorded positive growth," Emkes said. "Holiday sales brought positive growth across the state and the nation, and although it's modest growth, it leads us to believe Tennessee is slowly recovering from the worst recession on record."

Sales tax collections were \$20.1 million more than the estimate for January. The January growth rate was positive 4.33%. For six months revenues are over collected by \$76.6 million. The year-to-date growth rate for six months was positive 3.87 %.

Gasoline and motor fuel tax collections for January increased by 4.57 % but were \$184,000 below the budgeted estimate of \$70.2 million. For six months revenues are over collected by \$10.8 million.

Year-to-date collections for six months were \$137 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$114.9 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$22.1 million.

Commissioners Compensation & Benefits Survey Complete

The annual survey the association makes of counties to determine levels of compensation and benefits across the state for county commissioners is complete. A summary version of the findings is included in this newsletter with a more detailed version of the report available on the main association website at www.tncountycommissioners.org.

Legislature Files Over 2000 Bills in Each Chamber

The general bill filing deadline for the Tennessee General Assembly passed last Thursday. After this point, private acts and certain budgetary acts may be filed, but otherwise, general legislation is not to be filed unless approved by a late bills committee. The Senate ended up with 2082 bills to date; the House with 2124. Those bills that do not have a companion bill filed in the other chamber will not be eligible for passage this year. The legislation deals with a wide variety of issues. Many of the bills impact services provided by county government or the general administration of county government. We are working through the process of analyzing all this legislation and will be reporting bills of interest to you.

County Government Day is April 19 - 20 in Nashville

The 2011 Annual County Government Day is quickly approaching. If you are interested in attending, the registration fee is \$50.00 for County Officials and spouses until April 1st, then rises to \$65.00. The meetings will be held at the Downtown Nashville Sheraton. If you would like to download a registration form you can visit the TCCA website at www.tncountycommissioners.org or click [here](#).

County	Chair Title	Paid Monthly/Per Mtg	Monthly	Per Meeting	Bi-Weekly	Committee Meeting	Chair \$ Different	Commissioners Eligible For County Health Insurance?	Commissioners eligible for County Retirement?
Anderson	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 537.59	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Bedford	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 406.27	N/A	N/A	\$ 75.00	NO	No	Yes
Benton	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 75.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Bledsoe	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 275.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	No
Blount	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 405.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Bradley	County Commissioner	Bi-Weekly*	N/A	N/A	\$ 362.88	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Campbell	County Mayor	Bi-Weekly*	N/A	N/A	\$ 244.27	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Cannon	County Executive	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 50.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Carroll	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	\$ 50.00	NO	Yes	Yes
Carter	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Cheatham	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 410.37	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Chester	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Claiborne	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 250.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Clay	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Cocke	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Coffee	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Crockett	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 92.47	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Cumberland	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 293.42	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Davidson	Vice Mayor	Monthly	\$ 1,250.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	No
Decatur	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
DeKalb	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 150.00	N/A	\$ 75.00	NO	No	Yes
Dickson	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 406.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Dyer	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 325.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Fayette	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 131.71	N/A	\$ 65.86	NO	No	Yes
Fentress	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 555.85	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Franklin	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 15.00	NO	No	No
Gibson	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Giles	County Executive	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 60.00	N/A	\$ 30.00	NO	No	No
Grainger	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 250.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Greene	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 50.00	N/A	\$ 25.00	NO	No	Yes
Grundv	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	\$ -	NO	No	No
Hamblen	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 400.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Hamilton	County Commissioner	Bi-Weekly*	N/A	N/A	\$ 797.90	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Hancock	County Commissioner	Monthly	N/A	\$ 230.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Hardeman	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 75.00	N/A	\$ 37.50	NO	No	No
Hardin	County Mayor	Per Meeting	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Hawkins	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	\$ 50.00	NO	Yes	Yes
Haywood	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 50.00	NO	No	Yes
Henderson	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Henry	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Hickman	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Houston	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 150.00	N/A	\$ 100.00	NO	No	No
Humphreys	County Executive	Monthly	\$ 125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Jackson	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Jefferson	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Johnson	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Knox	County Commissioner	Bi-Weekly*	N/A	N/A	\$ 762.89	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Lake	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Lauderdale	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 108.00	N/A	\$ 54.00	NO	No	No
Lawrence	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Lewis	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	\$ 50.00	YES	No	No
Lincoln	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 325.72	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Loudon	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 658.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	Yes
Macon	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	\$ 50.00	NO	No	No
Madison	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Marion	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Marshall	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 330.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Maury	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 40.00	N/A	\$ 20.00	NO	No	No
McMinn	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 394.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
McNairy	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 50.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No

Meigs	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 90.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Monroe	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 441.66	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Montgomery	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Moore	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 20.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Morgan	County Executive	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Obion	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	No
Overton	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Perry	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 125.00	N/A	\$ 67.50	NO	Yes	Yes
Pickett	County Executive	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 150.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Polk	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Yes	No
Putnam	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 200.00	YES	No	No
Rhea	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 400.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Roane	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 174.18	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Robertson	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 250.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Rutherford	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Scott	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Sequatchie	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Sevier	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 380.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 40.00	NO	Yes	Yes
Shelby	County Commissioner	Bi-Weekly*	\$ 1,275.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Smith	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	YES	No	No
Stewart	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 119.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Sullivan	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 584.06	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Sumner	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Tipton	County Executive	Monthly	\$ 200.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 100.00	NO	No	No
Trousdale	County Executive	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 20.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Unicoi	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 300.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	Yes
Union	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 251.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Van Buren	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 100.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Warren	County Executive	Monthly	\$ 260.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 25.00	NO	Yes	Yes
Washington	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 375.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	Yes
Wayne	County Mayor	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 50.00	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Weakley	County Commissioner	Per Meeting	N/A	\$ 150.00	N/A	\$ 75.00	NO	No	No
White	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 250.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	No	No
Williamson	County Commissioner	Monthly	\$ 500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes	No
Wilson	County Mayor	Monthly	\$ 400.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 50.00	NO	No	No