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TN Legislative Scorecard 2025

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB0263 · 04/14/2025

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB0449 · 04/14/2025

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB0836 · 04/10/2025

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB0827 · 03/20/2025

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB0480 · 03/06/2025

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Pro-Freedom: No · Cast: Yes · SB6003 · 01/29/2025

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