

Call to Action

SB1979 (Massey)/HB2088 (Faison)-Bill to Establish Task Force to Study Scope of Practice and we ask for your support as well.

- Contact all members of the House Health Sub-Committee in advance of the committee hearing [on February 9, 2016](#) to voice your **support for SB1979/HB2088**, the task force bill.
- Contact all members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee to voice your **support for SB1979/HB2088**, the task force bill.
 - A short positive, encouraging, and supportive message is recommended; stay on topic.
 - The task force is the right approach at the right time to deliberate on the issue of access to high-quality, cost-effective care for all Tennesseans and the issue of practice authority, and move beyond partisan positioning.
 - The task force extends the conversation that to-date, has not fully succeeded in addressing lingering issues between TNA and TMA.
 - The task force includes a diverse group of stakeholders from across Tennessee who can directly impact issues related to health and health care.

Next Steps

When **SB521/HB861**, the TMA Bill of “Team-Based Care” is put on notice, meaning it will be heard by the Senate Health and Welfare and House Health committees, a separate **Call to Action** will be sent out in a timely manner to all TNA members. **In the meantime you are encouraged to talk with your Representative and Senator and maybe invite them to your practice site.** Our elected officials need us to educate them on the work we do and why what we do is essential for all Tennesseans.

We encourage you to read TNA’s white paper response to *Blueprint for Change*, a TMA white paper. Both are attached, along with a one-page summary of the TNA response.

Resources

Identify Legislative Committee Members: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/committees/> (you can click on each member’s name to learn more about them and get their email address)

Review Legislative Committee Schedules and View Live and Archived Videos: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/committees/>

Get details about specific bills: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislation/>

Helpful webinars on the legislative process and communicating with legislators and other resources: <https://tac.tennessee.edu/Pages/Webinars.aspx>

Other resources will be posted on the TNA website as available.

Respectfully submitted by the TNA Government Affairs Committee,

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