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**TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT opens its 4<sup>th</sup> season  
on Tennessee's Public Television stations this Sunday**

TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT opens its 4<sup>th</sup> season as a 30-minute show on Tennessee's Public Television stations this Sunday. Shot on location at the State Capitol in Nashville, the show offers in-depth interviews and behind-the-scenes video covering Tennessee's Legislature.

This weekend, airing on Sunday morning, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the program previews some of the key issues facing the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in the 2018 session. Featured on this episode are:

Sen. Richard Briggs, (R-Knoxville) and Rep. Bryan Terry (R-Murfreesboro) discussing the opioid crisis in Tennessee and the legislative response being crafted by Gov. Bill Haslam and legislators.  
Rep. William Lamberth (R-Cottontown) reveals plans for juvenile justice reform.  
Sen. Kerry Roberts (R-Springfield) also discusses welfare reform.

Also on the show is a story about the refurbished Cordell Hull Building, the new office space for the General Assembly.

"There is a sampling of issues that legislators are considering this session" said producer Tim Weeks. "But you will certainly hear more about the 3 issues discussed in this episode, especially the opioid crisis since the increasing death rates in Tennessee are alarming... over 6,600 Tennesseans died from opioid overdoses from 2012-16."



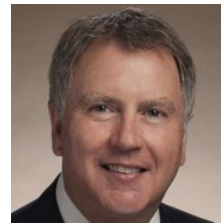
Sen. Briggs



Rep. Terry



Rep. Lamberth



Sen. Roberts

Produced to offer Tennesseans insight into the issues and personalities guiding the General Assembly, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is hosted by TV and radio personality Chip Hoback and produced by award-winning producer Tim Weeks of TWAPictures in Nashville for the Tennessee Public Television Council, representing six PBS affiliates across the state.

Bonus coverage by Tennessee Capitol Report is now on Facebook, @TNCapitolReport.

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Host Chip Hoback

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WKNO/Memphis	Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 AM (CT)
WNPT/Nashville	Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 AM (CT)
East Tennessee PBS/Knoxville	Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WTCI/Chattanooga	Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WLJT/Lexington-Jackson	Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM (CT)
WCTE/Cookeville	Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM (CT)

ONLINE viewing is also available after the initial television broadcast on YouTube, which is linked at these station web sites:

[www.WKNO.org](http://www.WKNO.org)

[www.WTCITV.org](http://www.WTCITV.org)

[www.WNPT.org](http://www.WNPT.org)

[www.WLJT.org](http://www.WLJT.org)

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[www.WCTE.org](http://www.WCTE.org)

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