

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1073

HOUSE BILL NO. 1270

By Representatives Hardaway, Jones, Akbari, Love, DeBerry, Cooper, Towns, Miller,
Gilmore, Turner, Parkinson, Clemmons

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1372

By Senator Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, relative to victims of domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) When a law enforcement officer responds to a report of a crime, and the crime is one (1) of the crimes listed in subsection (b), the officer shall inform the alleged victim of the Tennessee statewide automated victim information and notification service created by title 40, chapter 38, part 5, provided by the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association. The officer shall provide written informational materials, if available, and briefly explain the purpose of the program and the requirements for participating. If the alleged victim is injured or otherwise unable to understand the officer, the officer shall leave materials, if available, regarding the notification system with the alleged victim.

(b) The offenses to which this section applies are:

(1) Domestic assault, as prohibited by § 39-13-111;

(2) Vandalism, as prohibited by § 39-14-408, or false imprisonment, as prohibited by § 39-13-302, where the victim of the offense is a domestic abuse victim, as defined in § 36-3-601(5);

(3) Violation of an order of protection or restraining order, as prohibited by § 39-13-113; and

(4) Stalking, as prohibited by § 39-17-315.

(c) Any law enforcement agency that does not already have written informational materials regarding the Tennessee statewide automated victim information and notification service shall, by July 1, 2016, obtain a supply, if available, from the victim witness coordinator in the district attorneys general office or from the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2016

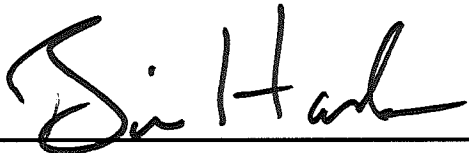


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR