



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 277

SENATE BILL NO. 1039

By Harris, Kelsey, Massey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 277

By Hardaway, Love, Miller, Shaw, Thompson, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 8, Chapter 6; Title 8, Chapter 7 and Title 38, relative to deaths and injuries involving law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) After completion of an investigation into an officer-involved shooting death by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and after the completion of the prosecutorial function by the district attorney general, notwithstanding § 10-7-504 to the contrary, the investigative record of the incident shall become a public record pursuant to title 10, chapter 7. Notwithstanding § 10-7-504, the district attorney general may disclose all or part of the investigative record to the public prior to the record becoming a public record as provided in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, "officer-involved shooting death" means a death that results from a shooting by a law enforcement officer that occurs while the officer is on-duty or is off-duty while performing activities that are within the scope of the law enforcement officer's duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to officer-involved shooting deaths occurring on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 24, 2017



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR