



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 83

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

By Representatives Ogles, Lamberth, Lamar, Griffey, Crawford

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 189

By Senators Bowling, Pody, Lundberg, Gilmore, Rose, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal law.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2020 Defense Doctrine."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Grave sexual abuse" means:

- (A) Aggravated rape, pursuant to § 39-13-502;
- (B) Rape, pursuant to § 39-13-503;
- (C) Rape of a child, pursuant to § 39-13-522; or
- (D) Aggravated rape of a child, pursuant to § 39-13-531;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-504(a), is amended by deleting the language "well-grounded apprehension of death or serious bodily injury" and substituting instead "well-grounded apprehension of death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611(b)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury" and substituting instead the language "imminent danger of death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "imminent death or serious bodily injury" and substituting instead "imminent death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611(f)(2), is amended by deleting the language "imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury" and substituting instead "imminent danger of death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611, is amended by deleting the language "death or serious bodily harm" from subdivisions (f)(3) and (f)(5)(B) and substituting instead "death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-620(b), is amended by deleting the language "serious bodily injury" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "serious bodily injury or grave sexual abuse".

SECTION 9. By January 1, 2022:

(1) The peace officer standards and training commission shall update all law enforcement training materials to reflect this act; and

(2) Any instructor who provides a handgun safety course that satisfies the training requirement to obtain a handgun carry permit shall update all training materials to reflect this act.

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SECTION 10. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 25, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7th day of April 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR