

HOUSE BILL 66

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 7, relative to sex offender evaluation and treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-704(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5):

(5) The board shall compile and make available on the board's website a list of approved sex offender evaluation providers and a list of approved sex offender treatment providers that the board deems fit, based upon the provider's specific training, experience, and professional licensure, to fulfill the objectives set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-705, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d):

(d) Any evaluation required by this section must be performed by an individual or entity on the sex offender treatment board's list of approved providers compiled pursuant to § 39-13-704(d)(5).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-706, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Any treatment required by this section must be provided by an individual or entity on the sex offender treatment board's list of approved providers compiled pursuant to § 39-13-704(d)(5).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-707, is amended by deleting the language "§ 39-13-704(d)(2)" and substituting instead the language "§ 39-13-704(d)(2) and

are provided by an individual or entity on the sex offender treatment board's list of approved providers compiled pursuant to § 39-13-704(d)(5)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-707, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) An individual or entity shall not provide sex offender evaluation or treatment services pursuant to this part unless the individual or entity is on the sex offender treatment board's list of approved providers compiled pursuant to § 39-13-704(d)(5). Unapproved providers who conduct sex offender evaluation or treatment services must be referred to the relevant licensing board for disciplinary action.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.