

HOUSE BILL 203

By Crawford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-302, relative to audits of private probation service providers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-302, is amended by deleting subdivision (g)(1)(A)(iv), and substituting instead:

(iv) Maintain documentation on all misdemeanor defendants sentenced to be supervised by the entity. All books, records, and documentation maintained by the entity relating to work performed or money received for the supervision of misdemeanor defendants so sentenced must be maintained for a period of three (3) full years from the date of the final payment or audit. The books, records, and documentation are subject to a fiscal and performance audit and review at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the court or courts in which the entity operates, or by their duly appointed representatives, and by the comptroller of the treasury as deemed necessary or appropriate. The comptroller of the treasury may appoint a certified public accountant to prepare the audit. The entity being audited by either the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee shall pay the cost of the audit. Officials of the entity shall cooperate fully with the comptroller of the treasury or its designee in the performance of the audit; and

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.