



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 390

### HOUSE BILL NO. 240

**By Representatives Ramsey, Griffey, Moon, Carr, Russell, Hardaway, Eldridge, Smith, Jernigan, Love, Hodges, Powers, Dixie**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 489**

**By Senators Swann, Bowling, Akbari**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 9, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 11, relative to programs to reduce recidivism.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A county may agree, for a determinate period of time, pursuant to an interlocal agreement entered into under § 12-9-104, that relates to the joint development or operation of a transition center.

(b) Any amounts contributed to the transition center pursuant to subsection (a) are revenues of the transition center that may be used for any lawful purpose of the transition center.

(c) A transition center may partner with a nonprofit organization that provides programming designed to reduce recidivism.

(d) As used in this section, "transition center" means a local correctional facility that assists inmates' crossover from jail or prison life to productive citizenship through the use of phases and a series of programs and services designed to equip and empower inmates to make life changes in order to reduce recidivism. The local correctional facility must be operated in accordance with § 41-4-140.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 27, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR