

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 369

SENATE BILL NO. 141

By Roberts

Substituted for: House Bill No. 473

By Daniel, Rudder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 9, relative to the private probation services council.

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

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-240(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (34).
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-242(a), is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:
 - () Private probation services council, created by § 16-3-901;
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-909, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(7) and adding the following as a new subsection:
 - (c)(1) All private probation officers to be employed by entities providing private probation services pursuant to this part shall:
 - (A) Be required to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation (TBI) and the federal bureau of investigation (FBI) or other vendor contracted for the same purposes prior to being employed with such entities; and
 - (B) Agree that the TBI may send to the council information indicating the results of the criminal history records check. The results will indicate whether the applicant has a criminal conviction that would result in a private probation officer being denied employment by such entities.
 - (2) The applicant shall pay any reasonable costs incurred by the TBI or FBI, or both, in conducting an investigation of an applicant for employment as a private probation officer. In lieu of additional criminal history records checks for subsequent applications for employment, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs.
- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-909(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:
 - (3) Establish forty (40) hours of orientation for new private probation officers and eight (8) hours of annual continuing education;
- SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-909, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:
 - (b) The council:

- (1) May reinstate a license upon the payment of a renewal fee, as set by the council; and
- (2) Shall establish a late renewal fee, to be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the registration fee.

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

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2019

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR

PASSED: May 1, 2019