

HOUSE BILL 600

By Hodges

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 18, Chapter 4, Part 2; Title 38 and Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) After conducting a search of a motor vehicle, a law enforcement officer shall report in person to a judge of the general sessions court within three (3) days of the motor vehicle search and provide the following information in writing:

(1) The basis for the search of the motor vehicle, including whether consent to search was obtained and facts supporting probable cause to search the motor vehicle;

(2) The race of the driver of the motor vehicle;

(3) The sex of the driver of the motor vehicle; and

(4) The age of the driver of the motor vehicle.

(b) The clerk of the general sessions court shall report the data obtained in subsection (a) to the administrative office of the courts on a monthly basis.

(c) By February 1 of each year, the administrative office of the courts shall compile the data and report the findings of the previous year to the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate and the chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.