

HOUSE BILL 607

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 38, relative
to law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-120, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a county governing body shall fund the operations of the county sheriff's department. The sheriff may appoint such personnel as may be provided for in the budget adopted for such department. A county governing body shall not adopt a budget that reduces below current levels the funding for the sheriff's department, including salaries, number of employees, and other operational expenses, unless the sheriff consents to the reduction. If a county governing body fails to budget an expenditure that is a necessity for the discharge of the statutorily mandated duties of the sheriff, the sheriff may seek a writ of mandamus to compel an appropriation for the additional funding.

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