HOUSE BILL 712

By Capley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 6 and Title 41, relative to wages and salaries of department of correction employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-6-106, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

Notwithstanding subsection (a) and subject to appropriations in the general appropriations act, on July 1, 2023, preferred service employees of the department of correction must have their wages and salaries increased by fifteen percent (15%). Additionally, effective July 1, 2023, starting salaries and wages for preferred service employees of the department are increased by fifteen percent (15%).

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act is null and void unless the general appropriations act provides an appropriation for the estimated first year's funding pursuant to the Constitution of Tennessee, Article II, Section 24.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.