

HOUSE BILL 859

By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2; Title 8, Chapter 6; Title 8, Chapter 7; Title 38; Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 41, relative to inmate death at corrections institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-220, is amended by designating existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(1) By March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the department of correction shall prepare a written report detailing all incidents where an inmate dies by means of violence or accident that occurred in a corrections institution pursuant to subsection (a).

(2) The report filed pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) shall include whether the Tennessee bureau of investigation assisted the corrections institution in investigating the death and the action taken by the administration of the corrections institution to prevent future death of inmates of the corrections institution.

(3) The report shall be submitted to the judiciary committee of the senate, the state & local government committee of the senate, the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives, and the state government committee of the house of representatives.

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