HOUSE BILL 1040

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 16, relative to criminal investigators.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 2, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The number of criminal investigator positions to which the district attorney general of each judicial district is entitled pursuant to § 16-2-506 or any other provision of law shall be the minimum number of positions authorized in each judicial district. No provision of law shall be construed to prohibit the employment of additional criminal investigators in a judicial district as established by § 16-2-506, regardless of whether the positions are funded by a state or non-state source, or whether they are specifically enumerated in any other provision of law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-7-231(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "eight (8) years" and substituting instead the language "twelve (12) years".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.