



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 359**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 972**

**By Watson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1222

By Hakeem, Helton, Hardaway, Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-144, relative to jailer qualifications.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-144, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) A municipality, county, or political subdivision may contract with a licensed healthcare provider qualified in the psychiatric or psychological field to perform services in fulfillment of subdivision (a)(9). The municipality, county, or political subdivision may make a good faith reliance on the healthcare providers' certification under subdivision (a)(9). The healthcare provider is not an agent of the entity for purposes giving rise to a cause of action against the entity for a civil or criminal action.

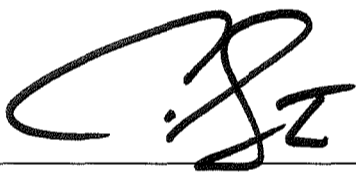
(2) The good faith compliance of a municipality, county, or political subdivision with the requirements set forth in subsection (a) does not give rise to a cause of action against the entity for a civil or criminal action.

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

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PASSED: April 28, 2021

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR