

HOUSE BILL 1300

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;  
Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 29; Title 62; Title 65;  
Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to places of  
worship.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

By February 1, 2016, the state fire marshal, in consultation with the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, shall submit a report to the local government committee of the house of representatives and the state and local government committee of the senate addressing fire safety issues in places of worship. The report shall outline all building standards, including sprinkler requirements, that must be approved by the state fire marshal's office before construction may begin on any place of worship. The state fire marshal's report shall also recommend or comment on revisions or exceptions to the standards for places of worship having not less than fifteen thousand square feet (15,000 sq. ft.). The report may be transmitted by the state fire marshal to the committees in an electronic format.

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