



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 395**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1268**

**By Briggs, Pody, Jackson, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1440

By Todd, Russell, Lynn, Griffey, Helton, Williams, Boyd, Doggett, Freeman, Hardaway, Towns,  
Faison, Cooper, Smith, Sherrell, Vaughan, Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 38,  
relative to law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210, is amended by adding the  
following language as a new subsection:

(e) A denial of a claim made under this section by the estate of a law enforcement  
officer shall be subject to review by the Tennessee peace officer standards and training  
commission within ninety (90) days of the denial. The commission has the authority to review  
the claim and issue a final order which is binding upon this state. The commission shall  
cause copies of the final order to be delivered to the claimant's estate and the department of  
finance and administration.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210, is amended by deleting  
subdivision (a)(4) and substituting instead the following:


(4) "Law enforcement officer" means the sheriff, sheriff's deputies, or any police  
officer employed, commissioned, or appointed by this state, a municipality, or political  
subdivision of this state whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime  
and the apprehension of offenders; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2019

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR