

HOUSE BILL 1490

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to communication between persons with
autism spectrum disorder and law enforcement
officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 20, is amended by adding
the following as a new part:

55-20-401.

The commissioner of safety, in consultation with the Tennessee Sheriffs'
Association, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, and at least one (1)
organization that advocates for persons with autism spectrum disorder, shall
design and make available blue envelopes that:

(1) Provide written information and guidance on the outside of the
envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective communication between
a law enforcement officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder;
and

(2) Are capable of holding a driver license, registration, and
insurance identification card.

55-20-402.

On or after January 1, 2022, upon request by a person with autism
spectrum disorder or, if such person is a minor, such person's parent or guardian,
the commissioner shall provide to such person, parent, or guardian a blue
envelope designed pursuant to § 55-20-401.

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