

HOUSE BILL 1546

By Brooks H

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 20; Title 21; Title 29; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission shall consult and cooperate with municipalities, this state and any political subdivision of this state, for the specific purpose of studying and compiling a report on the best method for interfacing multiple computer databases to allow accessibility by police officers while on patrol, thereby allowing officers when making a lawful stop to also serve outstanding court papers such as warrants, unserved civil process, orders of protection and restraining orders. On or before January 1, 2015, the commission shall submit the report to the judiciary committee of the senate, and the civil justice and criminal justice committees of the house of representatives.

(b) If a state or local law enforcement agency, on the effective date of this act and within existing resources, has the technological ability and officer training for its patrol officers to print and serve unserved civil process and other civil documents, including orders of protection and restraining orders, and wishes to do so, the agency is authorized to commence serving process in the manner set out in subsection (a) while the issues are being studied and the report prepared.

(c) The fees authorized for the service of process pursuant to title 8, chapter 21, part 9 shall inure to the benefit of the law enforcement agency serving the process and

shall be used by the agency to maintain, enhance, expand and upgrade the agency's computer network and interface with other databases.

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