

HOUSE BILL 1708

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-140, relative to the Tennessee corrections institute.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-140(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any local correctional facility in this state shall meet the square footage requirements for single-occupancy or multi-occupancy cells contained in the minimum standards required by the American Correctional Association that were in effect at the time of the construction of the facility. A local correctional facility may elect to conform to a more recent minimum standards required by the American Correctional Association in order to accommodate a larger inmate population. A local correctional facility constructed before the effective date of any minimum standards required by the American Correctional Association shall be exempt from the square footage requirements described in this subsection (f), unless the exemption poses a serious life, safety, or security hazard as determined by the board of control of the Tennessee corrections institute.

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