

HOUSE BILL 2579

By Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 8 and Title 41, relative to persons
convicted of a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-2-152, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c) This section does not apply if:

(1) The prisoner, at all times while not on the grounds of the county workhouse or jail:

(A) Is supervised by an armed law enforcement or corrections officer; and

(B) Remains in the direct eyesight of an armed law enforcement or corrections officer; or

(2) The sheriff of the county where the workhouse or jail is located, with the approval of the county commission, enters into a written agreement with the entity employing or utilizing the prisoner in which the entity agrees to accept full liability, including the cost of apprehension, if a prisoner leaves the entity's premises without permission of the entity or the sheriff while performing work for the entity.

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