

HOUSE BILL 2820

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14, relative to state funding for the twentieth and thirtieth judicial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-110, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a), deleting the last two sentences of the subsection, and substituting instead the following:

The adjustment provided for in this subsection (a) must not exceed the greater of five percent (5%) per annum or the percentage increase provided for the state public defender and district attorney general offices during the fiscal year for which the adjustment was made.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-110, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), on July 1, 2024, a supplemental adjustment to the base level of support for the twentieth and thirtieth judicial districts must be implemented in an amount required to ensure that those districts can establish pay parity with the pay scale of the district public defenders conference where the local salary scale is less than the state salary scale. Annually thereafter, the base level of state support for the twentieth and thirtieth judicial districts may be adjusted accordingly to establish pay parity, meet state budget requirements, or to reflect changes to programs, workloads, or other operational costs; provided, that the increase in any year must equal, at a minimum, the total percentage salary increase, including cost-of-living

adjustments, afforded to support state public defender and district attorney general offices.

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