

HOUSE BILL 2875

By Richey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and
Title 4, relative to legislative measures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) The office of legal services shall draft and produce each legislative measure utilizing a system of different fonts, colors, or styles of text, or a combination thereof, to differentiate between existing law, proposed new language, language proposed for deletion or repeal, and language amending the proposed legislative measure or a subsequent amendment to the proposed legislative measure.

(2) The directors of the office of legal services shall select the appropriate drafting parameters utilized in the system described in subdivision (a)(1), which must be used consistently from session to session and may be revised or modified, as deemed necessary by the directors, for purposes of aiding the reader in identifying the substance of a law being amended, deleted, or repealed, or a new law being proposed.

(3) The directors of the office of legal services shall consult with leadership from the majority and minority parties in establishing the drafting parameters described in subdivision (a)(2). The directors may consult with other

offices and divisions within the general assembly or within the legislature of another state at their discretion for purposes of complying with this section.

(b) As used in this section, "legislative measure" means a bill, resolution, amendment, or other legislative proposal offered for debate prior to passage or enactment.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.