



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 523

HOUSE BILL NO. 374

By Representatives Casada, Curcio, Griffey, Smith, White, Hulse, Haston, Carr, Todd, Littleton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 457

By Senators Bell, Pody, Gardenhire, Jackson, Powers, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, relative to law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-312, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h)

(1) In any jurisdiction in which the local law enforcement agency conducts a citizen police academy or similar program:

(A) Each member serving on a community oversight board as of July 1, 2021, shall complete the local law enforcement agency's citizen police academy or similar program by June 30, 2022; and

(B) Members appointed to serve on a community oversight board after July 1, 2021, shall complete the local law enforcement agency's citizen police academy or similar program within twelve (12) months of beginning service on the board.

(2) If a local law enforcement agency does not offer a citizen police academy or similar program that can be completed within the twelve (12) month timeframe required by subdivision (h)(1), then the member shall complete the agency's next available citizen police academy or similar program.

(3) A member who fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection (h) serves as a non-voting member until the member completes the academy or program. If the majority of the members of the community oversight board are non-voting members, then the board shall not take any official action until a majority of the members have completed the academy or program necessary to restore the members' voting statuses.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-312(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) "Citizen police academy" means any program established by a law enforcement agency to educate citizens on law enforcement operations, practice, and training;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 5, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR