

SENATE BILL 680

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to relative to assistant
public defender positions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

8-14-2__.

(a) Effective October 1, 2013, there are created thirty-one (31) additional assistant public defender positions to be designated in judicial districts as provided in this section.

(b)

(1) The district public defenders conference shall prepare a report with recommendations regarding the specific judicial districts in which the additional assistant district public defender positions created pursuant to subsection (a) should be designated.

(2) By October 1, 2013, the executive director of the district public defenders conference shall file the report prepared pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) with the speakers of the senate and house of representatives. Upon the filing of such report, the public defenders recommended by the report to receive additional assistant positions shall be authorized to interview and employ persons to fill such positions.

(c) As early as is practicable during the second session of the 108th general assembly, the general assembly shall consider and enact legislation that specifically

designates the judicial district in which the persons employed in the additional assistant district public defender positions created pursuant to subsection (a) will serve.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.