

SENATE BILL 1101

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 14, Part 2 and Title 16, relative to public
employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-207(b), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(5) The salary increase provided by subdivision (b)(1), and suspended by subdivision (b)(4) for the period July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, shall be reinstated effective July 1, 2015. For purposes of determining the appropriate salary classification for assistant district public defenders, credible service for the time period of July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, shall be included.

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

(a) Effective October 1, 2015, there are created six (6) additional assistant public defender positions to be recommended for designation in judicial districts as provided in this section.

(b) The district public defenders conference shall prepare a report that contains the number of judgeships with criminal jurisdiction that have been created from 2007 to the effective date of this act and the judicial district in which each judgeship was created. One (1) of the additional assistant public defender positions created by this section shall be recommended in the report to each judicial district in which a new judgeship with criminal jurisdiction has been created during the designated time period.

(c) By October 1, 2015, the executive director of the district public defenders conference shall file the report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate judiciary committee and the house of representatives criminal justice committee. Upon the filing of the report, the district public defenders recommended by the report to receive additional assistant positions shall be authorized to interview and employ persons to fill the positions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.