

SENATE BILL 1479

By Oliver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10;
Title 38 and Title 39, relative to law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-503, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) It is an offense for a law enforcement officer, with the intent to obstruct justice, to turn off, disable, fail to turn on, or operate a law enforcement recording device, including a law enforcement body camera, in any manner that prevents the creation of evidence.

(c)

(1) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class C felony.

(2) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to violations occurring on or after that date.