

SENATE BILL 1485

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
relative to no knock warrants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Nothing in this part shall authorize a court to issue or a law enforcement officer to execute a no knock search warrant.

(b) As used in this section, "no knock search warrant" means a search warrant that specifically enables the law enforcement officer executing the warrant to enter a structure without the requirement that the officer give notice of the officer's authority and the purpose of the officer's presence at the structure to be searched due to exigent circumstances.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Nothing in this part shall authorize a court to issue or a law enforcement officer to execute a no knock arrest warrant.

(b) As used in this section, "no knock arrest warrant" means an arrest warrant that specifically enables the law enforcement officer executing the warrant to enter a structure without the requirement that the officer give notice of the officer's authority and the purpose of the officer's presence at the structure due to exigent circumstances.

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