

SENATE BILL 1583

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40  
and Title 41, relative to search and seizure.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kevin Sugg Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A sheriff or deputy sheriff may conduct a search of any vehicle parked in a jail visitor parking lot without a warrant if:

(1) The parking lot is restricted to only jail visitors; and

(2) Notice of a search permitted by this section is provided as described in subsections (b) and (c).

(b) Notice of a search permitted by this section must be accomplished by displaying the notice described in subsection (c) in prominent locations, including all visitor parking entrances and exits. The notice must be plainly visible to the average person parking a vehicle in the visitor parking lot. The notice required by this section must be in English, but a duplicate notice may also be posted in any language.

(c) A sign must be used as the method of notifying jail visitors that vehicles parked in the visitor parking lot are subject to search without a warrant. The sign must include the phrase "ALL VEHICLES PARKED IN THE VISITOR PARKING LOT ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH WITHOUT A WARRANT.", and the phrase must measure at least one inch (1") high and eight inches (8") wide. The sign must also include the phrase "As authorized by T.C.A. § 41-4-1XX".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.