

SENATE BILL 1657

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 39; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to
reporting on firearm injuries and deaths.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "firearm injury" means serious bodily injury or death inflicted upon an individual as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the individual or by another person.

(b) By January 15, 2025, and by each January 15 thereafter, the department of health shall submit an annual report to the governor stating the total number of firearm injuries and deaths caused by firearms in this state per one hundred thousand (100,000) people that have occurred in the previous calendar year. The report must include, at a minimum, the following information, if available:

(1) The county in which each injury or death occurred;

(2) Demographic information about each individual who suffered a firearm injury or death; and

(3) The cause of each injury or death as indicated in the death certificate, police report, or other official document.

(c) The attorney general and reporter shall assist the department of health, upon request, in collecting information necessary for the report described in subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.