

SENATE BILL 2024

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22, relative to reducing drug trafficking and associated violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 16-22-115.

(a) The office of criminal justice programs shall establish a program to eliminate overt drug trafficking and the associated violence based on the High Point Initiative used in High Point, North Carolina. Such program shall target individual geographic drug markets using focused deterrence with transformational elements and shall be available for use by drug courts using grant funds pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The office of criminal justice programs shall seek grants for implementation of the program established in this section through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program through the United States department of justice.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.