



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 883

SENATE BILL NO. 2285

By Bell, Roberts, Crowe, Bowling, Kelsey, Pody, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1749

By Ragan, Griffey, Lafferty, Zachary, Eldridge, Carringer, Todd, Bricken, Moody, Doggett, Weaver, Reedy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 20, relative to state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

In interpreting a state statute or rule, a court presiding over the appeal of a judgment in a contested case shall not defer to a state agency's interpretation of the statute or rule and shall interpret the statute or rule de novo. After applying all customary tools of interpretation, the court shall resolve any remaining ambiguity against increased agency authority.


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

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PASSED: March 31, 2022




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR