

SENATE BILL 2695

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 11, relative to failure to appear.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-139, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting the following:

(d) If a court issues a bench warrant due to a defendant's failure to appear on a felony offense that is violent or sexual in nature as determined by the court, or if a defendant is charged with a failure to appear, then the defendant must be placed on any available state or federal list or database as a fugitive from justice within ten (10) days of the defendant's failure to appear. A surety is not liable for any undertaking if the defendant has not been placed on such a database within the time required by law.

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