



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 694**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2739**

**By Bell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1707

By Todd, Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to harassment of government employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The state may, through the office of the attorney general, seek an injunction against a person who commits harassment against a state employee. The injunction may be sought in any court of competent jurisdiction having the power to grant injunctions. This section does not authorize any cause of action unrelated to a person's status as a state employee. This section does not authorize a court to issue an injunction prohibiting activities that are protected by the constitutions of this state or the United States, including, but not limited to, political speech.

(b) Notwithstanding § 50-1-502, as used in this section, "state employee" has the same meaning as defined in § 8-42-101.

SECTION 2. The act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: June 1, 2020

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR