

SENATE BILL 2740

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5; Title 39, Chapter 16 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, relative to victims of sexual offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**39-16-505.**

(a) A person commits an offense who witnesses an offense described in chapter 13, part 5 or chapter 17, part 10 of this title and, by means of coercion, intentionally influences or attempts to influence the victim of the offense to:

- (1) Not report the offense to law enforcement;
- (2) Provide false information to law enforcement; or
- (3) Withhold any truthful information, document, or thing from law

enforcement.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.