



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 995

HOUSE BILL NO. 2589

By Representatives Littleton, Hazlewood, Helton, Thompson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2742

By Senators White, Bailey, Bowling, Jackson, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 38, relative to law enforcement officer training.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-603(b)(4), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) and substituting:

(A) The Jerry F. Agee Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission, and the department of children's services shall work together in developing ways to inform and instruct appropriate local law enforcement personnel in the detection of child abuse and child sexual abuse and in the proper action that should be taken in a suspected case of child abuse or child sexual abuse:

(i) Guidelines must be prepared establishing a standard procedure that may be followed by police agencies in the investigation of cases involving child abuse or the sexual abuse of children, including police response to, and treatment of, victims of such crimes;

(ii) The course of training leading to the basic certificate issued by the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission must include adequate instruction in the procedures described in this subdivision (b)(4)(A) and must be included as a part of the in-service training requirement to be eligible for the salary supplement authorized in § 38-8-111;

(iii) A course of study pursuant to such procedures for the training of specialists in the investigation of child abuse and child sexual abuse cases must be implemented by the Jerry F. Agee Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. Officers assigned as investigation specialists for these crimes shall successfully complete their training;

(iv) The peace officer standards and training commission may authorize the certification of officers under this section if the officers have received training meeting the criteria established in this subdivision (b)(4)(A) from another approved training course at sites other than the Jerry F. Agee Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

(v) It is the intent of the general assembly to encourage the establishment of child abuse and child sex crime investigation units in sheriffs' departments and police agencies throughout this state, which units shall include investigating crimes involving child abuse and sexual abuse of children;

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

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PASSED: April 14, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR