

SENATE BILL 2830

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 20; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to application of the Workers' Compensation Law to government entities and officials.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-106, is amended by deleting all of the existing language and substituting the following:

(a) This chapter shall apply to any action brought by an employee of a government entity pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law, compiled in title 50, chapter 6, and each government entity shall be subject to the Workers' Compensation Law. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and the Workers' Compensation Law, this chapter shall prevail.

(b) For purposes of this section, "government entity" excludes the following:

(1) Any county having a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

(2) Any municipality having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and

(3) Any county or municipality that provides notice of acceptance pursuant to § 50-6-106(6) prior to January 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (6).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-714, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) This section shall apply only to LEAs located in:

(1) Any county having a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

(2) Any municipality having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and

(3) Any county or municipality that provides notice of acceptance pursuant to § 50-6-106(6) prior to January 1, 2012.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any cause of action that accrues on or after such date.