

SENATE BILL 1407

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The authority of a community oversight board shall be limited to the review and consideration of matters reported to the board and the issuance of advisory reports and recommendations to the duly elected or appointed officials of the agencies involved in public safety and the administration of justice within the jurisdiction for which the community oversight board is established.

(b) A community oversight board does not have the power to issue subpoenas for documents or to compel witness testimony.

(c) Any employee or member of a community oversight board must be a registered voter, as defined by § 2-1-104(a)(24), of the jurisdiction for which the community oversight board is established.

(d) A community oversight board shall not restrict or otherwise limit membership based upon demographics, economic status, or employment history.

(e) Any document provided to a community oversight board that is confidential under § 10-7-504 or any other law shall be treated as confidential and shall not be released to the public.

(f) By February 1 of each year, a community oversight board shall submit a report to the chairs of the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and

senate, including, but not limited to, the following information for the previous calendar year:

- (1) The number and nature of matters reported to the board;
- (2) The number and nature of reviews conducted by the board; and
- (3) The number and nature of advisory reports and recommendations issued by the board.

(g) As used in this section:

(1) "Community oversight board" means a board or committee established by a local government to investigate or oversee investigation into possible law enforcement officer misconduct or the operations of an agency employing a law enforcement officer; and

(2) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as defined in § 39-11-106.

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