

SENATE BILL 22

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14 and Title 9, Chapter 4, relative to district public defenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-403, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The executive director of the district public defenders conference shall:

(1) Work under the supervision and direction of the executive committee of the district public defenders conference;

(2) Assist the district public defenders throughout the state in coordinating the efforts of the district public defenders to perform their duties.

Such assistance shall include, but is not limited to:

(A) Obtaining, preparing, and supplementing indexes to the unreported decisions of the criminal court of appeals and the supreme court of Tennessee relating to criminal matters;

(B) Preparing a basic defenders' manual and educational materials; and

(C) Preparing and distributing uniform, appropriate forms;

(3) Coordinate efforts of district public defenders involved in defending cases and crimes crossing district lines; and

(4) Serve in a liaison capacity among the various branches of state government and its divisions, including, but not limited to, the courts, the general

assembly, the executive department, and the office of attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.