

HOUSE BILL 2824

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 38; Title 39; Title 47 and Title 68, relative to
gun violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 , Chapter 3, Part 20, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "gun violence" means homicide, violent crime, domestic violence, attempted suicide, suicide, and unintentional death or injury involving a firearm.

(b) There is established within the department of safety an office of gun violence prevention, which must be staffed by a director and staff deemed necessary by the director.

(c) The director shall:

(1) Develop a plan to collect gun violence data needed for gun violence prevention research through identifying gaps in this state's current data;

(2) Develop and implement strategies to address the various types of gun violence;

(3) Develop and implement strategies for plans to respond to and prevent mass shootings caused by gun violence; and

(4) Receive funding and resources from the federal, state, and local government.

(d) By January 15, 2025, and by January 15 each year thereafter, the director shall submit to the governor, and post to the department of safety's website, a report that includes from the previous calendar year:

(1) Information on the trends of gun violence in this state, including information gathered from the data collected pursuant to subsection (c);

(2) Recommendations for policy initiatives and legislation to reduce gun violence in this state; and

(3) A description of the efforts of the director to carry out the duties under this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-248(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Office of gun violence prevention, created by SECTION 1;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.