

HOUSE BILL 1623

By Watson

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

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 language of the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The executive director of the district public defenders conference shall work under the supervision and direction of the executive committee of the district public defenders conference.

(b) The executive director shall assist the district public defenders throughout the state in coordinating the efforts of such district public defenders to perform their duties. Such assistance shall include, but is not limited to, 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, preparing a basic defenders' manual and educational materials, and preparing and distributing uniform appropriate forms.

(c) The executive director shall coordinate efforts of district public defenders involved in defending cases and crimes crossing district lines.

(d) The executive director shall also serve in a liaison capacity among the various branches of state government and the divisions thereof, 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, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.