HOUSE BILL 2468

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 10; Title 35; Title 38; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 46; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to requiring the disclosure of the identities of persons who make complaints that result in government investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other law of this state to the contrary and to the extent not prohibited by federal law, the identity of any person who makes a complaint or report to any department, commission, board, office or other agency of the executive branch of state government against a business, as defined in § 12-4-702, shall be a public record and not subject to confidentiality, if the allegations contained in such complaint or report cause the governmental agency to which the complaint or report is made to investigate the business that is the subject of the complaint or report.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-413(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and renumbering the remaining subdivisions in the subsection.

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