



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 952

HOUSE BILL NO. 2657

By Mr. Speaker Sexton, Representatives Curcio, Lamberth, Moon, Helton, Hardaway, Ogles, Williams, Todd, Doggett, Reedy, Mannis, Littleton, Moody, Gillespie, Howell, Powers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2183

By Mr. Speaker McNally, Senators Stevens, Bailey, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to sentencing.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Transparency In Sentencing For Victims Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-210, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting:

(e)

(1) In order to ensure fair and consistent sentencing, at a sentencing hearing the court shall place on the record, either orally or in writing, the following:

(A) What enhancing or mitigating factors were considered, if any;

(B) The reasons for the sentence; and

(C) For a sentence of continuous confinement, the estimated number of years and months the defendant will serve before becoming eligible for release.

(2) The department of correction shall provide the court with a form to assist in determining the estimation referenced in subdivision (e)(1)(C).

(3) The estimation provided pursuant to subdivision (e)(1)(C) is not a basis for post-conviction relief or for a direct appeal of the defendant's sentence.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it and applies to sentencing hearings conducted on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 11, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR