

HOUSE BILL 2748

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-139, relative to warrants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-139, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting the following:

(d) If a court issues a bench warrant due to a defendant's failure to appear on a Class A, Class B, or Class C felony that is violent or sexual in nature as determined by the court, or on a Class A or Class B misdemeanor that is violent or sexual in nature as determined by the court, or if a defendant is charged with a failure to appear, then the defendant shall be placed on any available state or federal list or database as a fugitive from justice within ten (10) days of the defendant's failure to appear. A surety is not liable for any undertaking if the defendant has not been placed on such a database within the time required by law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.