

SENATE BILL 224

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114, relative to joint economic and community development boards.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114(a), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subsection and substituting instead ", and include ways to address issues impacting communities that hinder growth."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114(b), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection:

Community development may include initiatives to address issues impacting communities that are not directly related to economic growth but hinder development such as drug abuse and crime.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114(c), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection:

Each joint economic and community development board is encouraged to include representation from school systems located within the county.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (2) and renumbering existing subdivision (2) and the remaining subdivisions accordingly:

(2) The participating governments may enter into agreements with non-government members of the board to contribute to the funding of the activities of the board. Funding calculations under this subsection (g) apply unless there are such agreements to the contrary.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114(h), is amended by inserting the following sentence immediately before the last sentence of the subsection:

Each participating government retains full authority to approve or disapprove contributions to the budget.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-114, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(l) The board may exercise on behalf of its constituent members any authority contained in the interlocal agreement that may be exercised separately by the constituent member. The board's authority must include, but not be limited to, contracting with an industrial development corporation, development district, human resources agency, nonprofit corporation, or private business to deliver services that further economic growth in the community.

(m) The board shall annually submit a report to the department of economic and community development. The report must describe all activities and expenditures of the board. The report must be made available on the department's website.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.