



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 104

SENATE BILL NO. 611

By Massey, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 973

By Littleton, Curcio, Doggett, Whitson, White, Todd, Hardaway, Faison, Ogles

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 35; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to domestic abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-507, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(c) A defendant in a criminal case involving domestic assault, pursuant to § 39-13-111, or a person acting at the direction of the defendant, commits an offense who, by any means of persuasion that is not coercion, intentionally influences or attempts to influence a witness or prospective witness in an official proceeding to:

(1) Testify falsely;

(2) Withhold any truthful testimony, information, document, or evidence; or

(3) Elude legal process summoning the witness to testify or supply evidence, or to be absent from an official proceeding to which the witness has been legally summoned.

(d) A violation of subsection (c) is a Class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the sentence runs consecutively to the sentence for any other offense that is based in whole or in part on the factual allegations about which the person was seeking to influence a witness.

(e) Nothing in this section shall operate to impede the investigative activities of an attorney representing a defendant.

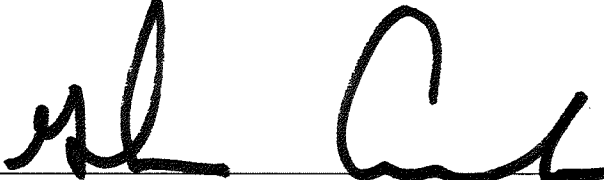
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 1, 2019



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR