

SENATE BILL 816

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 8, relative to reports of
suspicious activity.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person who in good faith makes a report of suspicious activity or behavior shall be immune from civil and criminal liability for the making of the report if the report is based on articulable suspicion.

(b) As used in this section, "report of suspicious activity or behavior" means any communication to a law enforcement officer or agency or other appropriate authority of the behavior or activity of another person if the report is made with the articulable belief that the behavior or activity constitutes or is in furtherance of an act of terrorism.

(c) This section shall not apply to the intentional making of a report known to be false, including a violation of § 39-16-502, or to a report made with reckless disregard for the truth of the report.

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