

SENATE BILL 861

By Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses, criminal
procedure and sentencing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-141, is amended by deleting the language "release during trial" and by substituting instead the language "release pending trial" and by designating the existing language as subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-141, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) If after the defendant is released upon personal recognizance, an unsecured personal appearance bond, or any other bond approved by the court, a defendant violates a condition of release, is charged with an offense committed during the defendant's release, or engages in conduct which results in the obstruction of the orderly and expeditious progress of the trial or other proceedings, then the court may revoke and terminate the defendant's bond and order him held without bail pending trial

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.