

SENATE BILL 1476

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying of firearms by law enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-116(c)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(A) For purposes of this subsection (c), "retired law enforcement officer" means:

- (i) A retired law enforcement officer, as described in subsection (b); or
- (ii) A retired correctional officer, retired inmate relations coordinator, or

retired correctional counselor previously employed by the department of correction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1350(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" also means any of the following persons who are employed by the department of correction and have successfully completed firearms training in accordance with department of correction standards as described in subdivision (d)(2)(B):

- (i) A vested inmate relations coordinator;
- (ii) A vested correctional officer; or
- (iii) A warden, deputy warden, associate warden, correctional

administrator, assistant or deputy commissioner, or commissioner.

(B) The department of correction standards shall include, at a minimum, forty (40) hours initial training and eight (8) hours annual in-service training in firearms qualification administered by an instructor with certification from the Tennessee correction academy's firearms instructor program or from a police firearms instructor training program conducted or sanctioned by the federal bureau of investigation or the national rifle association.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.