

SENATE BILL 1843

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 10; Title 53, Chapter 11 and Title 63, relative to controlled substances.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-402, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d):

(1) Notwithstanding provisions in title 63 regarding confidentiality and the activities of screening panels and mediation or arbitration sessions, an employer of a healthcare prescriber that has reasonable suspicion that the healthcare prescriber has violated subdivision (a)(3) while so employed shall report such violation to the Tennessee bureau of investigation and to the sheriff of the county or to the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality where the violation occurred.

(2) The report must include the name of the healthcare prescriber, the time and location of the alleged violation, and pertinent facts regarding the violation.

(3) The employer shall also file a report with the department of health's office of investigations and the division of health related boards in the department of health. Upon the commencement of a criminal investigation, the office of investigations and the division of health related boards shall provide to the investigating officer or agent a complete and unredacted copy of the applicable investigative file.

(4) For purposes of this subsection (d), "healthcare prescriber" means an individual licensed under title 63 and authorized to prescribe controlled substances.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-402(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "of this section" and substituting instead the language "of subsection (a)".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.