

SENATE BILL 2920

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-7-106, relative to waivers of minimum qualifications of county corrections officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-7-106, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subsections:

(f) The board is empowered to and shall establish criteria for determining whether to waive the minimum qualifications required to be a jail administrator, workhouse administrator, jailer, corrections officer, or guard in a county jail or workhouse, as provided in § 41-4-144.

(g) After July 1, 2012, the board shall not grant waivers for any person hired as a jail administrator, workhouse administrator, jailer, corrections officer, or guard in a county jail or workhouse who has been dishonorably discharged from the military, suffers from mental illness, has a conviction for domestic assault or a felony conviction.

(h) The board's decision to grant waivers under subsection (f) shall be appealable to the chancery court.

(i) The board shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to implement subsection (f).

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