



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 395**

**SENATE BILL NO. 256**

**By Mr. Speaker Ramsey, Bell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1098

By Madam Speaker Harwell, McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, relative to background checks.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-106, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Any request for investigative records by the Governor, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives or Supreme Court Chief Justice shall be in writing and shall state specifically the reasons for such request. All such written requests shall be signed by the Governor, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives or Chief Justice and not the Governor's, Speaker's or Chief Justice's agent or designee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-106(b), is amended by deleting the language "governor or chief justice" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "Governor, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives or Chief Justice".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-106(c), is amended by deleting the language "governor or chief justice" in the first sentence and substituting instead the language "Governor, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives or Chief Justice".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

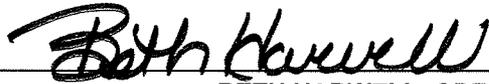
(f) The authority granted by this section to the Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to request the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to conduct background investigations is limited fifteen (15) requests per calendar year per Speaker.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

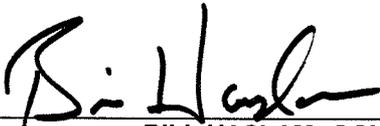
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PASSED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6 day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR