



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 931

SENATE BILL NO. 2988

By Burks, Harper, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2990

By Jones, Hardaway, Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to domestic violence sentencing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and by substituting instead the following:

(d) As part of a defendant's alternative sentencing for a violation of this section, the sentencing judge may direct the defendant to complete a drug or alcohol treatment program or available counseling programs that address violence and control issues including, but not limited to, a batterer's intervention program that has been certified by the domestic violence state coordinating council. Completion of a non-certified batterer's intervention program shall only be ordered if no certified program is available in the sentencing county. No batterer's intervention program, certified or non-certified, shall be deemed complete until the full term of the program is complete, and a judge may not require a defendant to attend less than the full term of a program as part of a plea agreement or otherwise. The defendant's knowing failure to complete such an intervention program shall be considered a violation of the defendant's alternative sentence program and the sentencing judge may revoke the defendant's participation in such program and order execution of sentence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 23, 2012

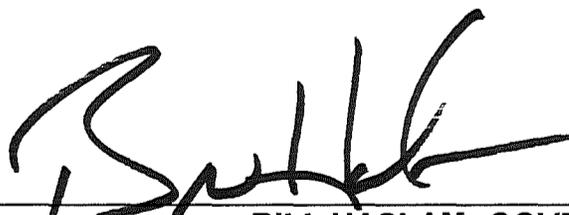


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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR