



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 906

HOUSE BILL NO. 1695

By Representatives Alexander, Lamberth, McCalmon, Tim Hicks, Eldridge, Crawford,
Williams

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2020

By Senators Reeves, Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to minor victims of violent crime.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-110, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c)

(1) Except as provided in this subsection (c) and subsection (d), the reports of the county medical examiners, toxicological reports, and autopsy reports are public documents.

(2)

(A) The reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports of minors whose manner of death is listed as a homicide are not public documents.

(B) The report of a county medical examiner or autopsy report of a minor whose manner of death is listed as a homicide may be released or inspected, as applicable, if:

(i) The minor's parent or legal guardian is not a suspect in the circumstances of the minor's death, and the parent or legal guardian consents to the release;

(ii) A court orders the release of the report upon a showing of good cause;

(iii) Another state or federal law requires such release; or

(iv) Notwithstanding § 10-7-506(a), the reports are only available for in-person inspection and no photographs, photocopies, or electronic images are taken of the reports.

(3) Medical records of deceased persons, law enforcement investigative reports, and photographs, video, and other images of deceased persons are not public records.

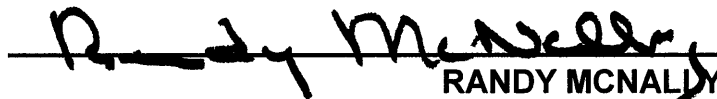
SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 18, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR