SENATE BILL 2171

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, relative to agency information sharing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any state governmental agency tasked with investigating or pursuing civil, administrative, or criminal matters may disclose to other such state governmental agencies the identity of any individual or organization the agency is investigating or against whom the agency is pursuing a civil, administrative, or criminal matter. Upon written request from another state governmental agency, a state governmental agency must disclose and make available to the requesting agency any investigative records related to, or compiled or created pursuant to, that investigation or compiled or created in pursuit of a civil, administrative, or criminal matter; provided, however, that any such investigative records disclosed or made available to the requesting agency remain confidential and are not discoverable by a party in subsequent civil, administrative, or criminal litigation, unless the record is a basis of charges or allegations in the requesting agency's litigation. The requesting agency must give the granting agency notice prior to the records being used in a way that will make the records available to parties that are not a state governmental agency. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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