

SENATE BILL 1221
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal street gangs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-12-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() If a person commits an offense at the direction, request, command or urging of a member of a criminal street gang as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106(36) for the purpose of completing or participating in an initiation ritual, ceremony or requirement for membership in such gang, the person who directed, requested, commanded, or urged the commission of the offense is responsible as a principal under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-402.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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