

HOUSE BILL 409  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29,  
and Title 38, Chapter 12, relative to the domestic violence  
state coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-220(a), is amended by deleting item (33) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-224(a), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

( ) Domestic violence state coordinating council, created by Section 38-12-101;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-12-103, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 38-12-103. The coordinating council shall consist of the following or their representatives: attorney general and reporter; director, administrative office of the courts; executive director, district public defenders conference; executive director, Tennessee association for criminal defense lawyers; executive director, Tennessee district attorney general's conference; president, Tennessee sheriffs' association; president, state court clerks conference; president, Tennessee chief of police association; executive director, Tennessee task force against domestic violence; executive director, peace officers standards and training commission; four (4) judges, provided that at least one (1) judge shall be from each grand division of the state; two (2)

members of the general assembly; four (4) members to be appointed by the Tennessee task force against domestic violence; one (1) legal services attorney; one (1) victim witness coordinator; chair, board of probation and parole; and one (1) probation and parole officer. The domestic violence state coordinating council may add additional members, not to exceed nine (9) members, if such council determines that additional members would assist the council in fulfilling its duties. In adding new members, no more than one (1) member shall be from the same congressional representative district.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The council shall have the authority to develop policies for the operation and functioning of the council. Such policies shall include the process for the filling of vacancies and for establishing the terms of members.

(b) Members currently serving on the council shall serve until their terms expire in accordance with policies adopted pursuant to this section. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to ex officio members of the council.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.