

HOUSE BILL 416

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;  
Title 16 and Title 23, relative to voluntary pro bono  
services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-107, is amended by adding the following after the first sentence:

Nothing in this section or in any other law prohibits the voluntary provision of pro bono legal services through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-202(c), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

Nothing in this subsection (c) or in any other law prohibits the voluntary provision of pro bono legal services through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 23-3-102, is amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

This section shall remain in full force and effect; provided, however, that nothing in this section or in any other law shall be construed to forbid employees of the executive and judicial branches of the government of this state who are licensed to practice law in this state from voluntarily providing pro bono legal services

through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.