

SENATE BILL 2857

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, relative to creating a pilot project for reverse 911 notification.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

7-86-321.

(a) The board shall select one (1) emergency communications district in each grand division to conduct a pilot project that would create a reverse 911 notification system that would notify persons of severe weather warnings and emergency information. The pilot project shall be funded through Next Generation E-911 funds. The board shall consider, in addition to sending recorded voice messages, using the reverse 911 notification system to deliver text messages to wireless receivers and to the hearing impaired who have the required equipment installed.

(b) The board shall report to the state and local government committees of the senate and house of representatives by March 1, 2012. The report shall contain the board's evaluation of the pilot project together with recommendations as to whether the reverse 911 notification system should continue on a limited basis or whether it should be implemented statewide.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.