

Amendment No. 1 to HB1576

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2015

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 28, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The board of parole is directed to study the feasibility of creating an application or using a readily available application that would:

(1) Allow a victim to:

(A) Electronically attend and participate in parole and parole revocation hearings;

(B) Electronically submit an audio or video victim impact statement to be considered at an inmate's parole hearing or parole revocation hearing; and

(C) Indicate whether the victim would like the victim impact statement audio or video to be resubmitted to any future parole hearings involving the same inmate and offense without having to be resubmitted by the victim;

(2) Provide information on board policies regarding victim impact statements and attendance at parole and parole revocation hearings as set forth in §§ 40-28-502 - 40-28-504;

(3) Maintain victim confidentiality and protection; and

(4) Comply with board policies established pursuant to title 40, chapter 28, part 5.

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(b) As used in this section, "victim" includes both victims and victim representatives, as those terms are defined in § 40-38-203.

(c) The chair of the board of parole shall provide a written report of the results of the study to the judiciary committee of the senate and the judiciary committee of the house of representatives by June 1, 2021. The report must include specific detail on the feasibility of developing an application to meet the requirements of subsection (a), any proposed legislation that may be necessary, and any additional recommendations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.