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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2541

House Bill No. 2372*

by deleting SECTION 1 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-38-102, is amended by designating the existing language or subsection (b) as subsection (b)(1) and by adding the following new subsection (b)(2):

(2) In order to accomplish the goals of this section, the court security committee established by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-505(d)(2), shall have among its duties the responsibility to assess existing facilities to determine where space could be allocated to provide the secure waiting areas described in subsection (b)(1). A report of this assessment shall be included in the findings provided to the county legislative body and the administrative office of the courts pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-505(d)(3)(B). In cases where the committee determines that existing facilities cannot accommodate the goals of this section, the committee shall include in its report recommendations as to how a secure waiting area could be provided for in new construction and renovation projects. In a jurisdiction where existing facilities cannot meet the goals of this section, the local government should consider the recommendation of the committee's report in planning for any new construction or renovation of courtroom facilities.