

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 314

SENATE BILL NO. 154

By Norris, Yager, Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 148

By McCormick, Carter, Lamberth, Shipley, Calfee, Butt, Hawk, Faison, Curtiss, Travis, Sexton, Curtis Johnson, Kane, Moody, Hall, Lynn, Durham, Ragan, Goins, Sanderson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10 and Title 40, relative to the department of correction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by deleting the language in subdivision (h)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, those parts of the record identifying an individual or entity as a person or entity who or that has been or may in the future be directly involved in the process of executing a sentence of death shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to public inspection. For the purposes of this section "person or entity" includes, but is not limited to, an employee of the state who has training related to direct involvement in the process of executing a sentence of death, a contractor or employee of a contractor, a volunteer who has direct involvement in the process of executing a sentence of death, or a person or entity involved in the procurement or provision of chemicals, equipment, supplies and other items for use in carrying out a sentence of death. Records made confidential by this section include, but are not limited to, records related to remuneration to a person or entity in connection with such person's or entity's participation in or preparation for the execution of a sentence of death. Such payments shall be made in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the commissioner of correction and the commissioner of finance and administration in a manner that will protect the public identity of the recipients; provided, that, if a contractor is employed to participate in or prepare for the execution of a sentence of death, the amount of the special payment made to such contractor pursuant to the contract shall be reported by the commissioner of correction to the comptroller of the treasury and such amount shall be a public record.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED:

April 15, 2013

RON RAN SEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

<u>pr: |</u> APPROVED this 2013 day of

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR