

HOUSE BILL 2359

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37
and Title 39, relative to the study of juvenile use of
firearms.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby created a study committee within the general assembly to study juvenile use of firearms in criminal activity.

(b) The members of the study committee shall be as follows:

(1) Three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(2) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) The director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation, or the director's designee; and

(4) A member of local law enforcement, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The longest serving legislative member of the study committee shall call the first meeting of the study committee, at which time the study committee shall elect a chair. All members of the study committee shall serve as such without compensation, but they shall be allotted necessary traveling and other appropriate expenses while engaged in the work of or for the study committee. The study committee shall be administratively attached to the Tennessee bureau of investigation.

(d) The study committee shall study juvenile use of firearms in crimes with the following goals:

(1) Determining the underlying cause of the pervasive use of firearms among juveniles;

(2) The prevention of future juvenile crime and delinquency; and

(3) The need for balancing accountability and public safety, while also preserving the rights of youth.

(e) On or before December 1, 2016, the study committee shall provide its recommendation and report regarding juvenile use of firearms in relation to criminal activity to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives. Upon providing such report and recommendation, the study committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.