

HOUSE BILL 7071

By Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
relative to reporting of mass shootings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee bureau of investigation shall submit a report on mass shootings that occur in this state to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the speaker of the senate by January 1, 2024, and by each January 1 thereafter. The report must include the number of mass shootings in this state for the year immediately preceding the date on which the report is submitted and any other information deemed significant to limiting mass shootings.

(b) For purposes of this section, "mass shooting" is an incident in which:

(1) Four (4) or more victims, excluding the perpetrator, are murdered or suffer serious bodily injury by a firearm;

(2) The murders or injuries occurred in a public location;

(3) The murders or injuries are not attributable to any other underlying criminal activity or criminal offense, including gang activity or gang offense; and

(4) The murders or injuries are not related to domestic violence, not unintentional, and not police shootings.

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