

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 7

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

By Representatives Lundberg, Coleman, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 548

By Senators Norris, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 16 and Title 23, relative to voluntary pro bono services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-107, is amended by adding the following after the first sentence:

Nothing in this section or in any other law prohibits the voluntary provision of pro bono legal services through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 23-3-102, is amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

With the exception of judges, chancellors and justices nothing in this section or any other provision of law shall be construed to prohibit employees of the executive and judicial branches of the government of this state who are licensed to practice law in this state from voluntarily providing pro bono legal services through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-804(b), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

Nothing in this subsection or any other provision of law shall be construed to prohibit personnel described in this section from providing pro bono legal services through an organized program of pro bono legal services that receives funding pursuant to § 16-3-808 and that provides professional liability insurance for losses sustained by clients of lawyers participating in the program.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 12, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of March 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR