

SENATE BILL 289

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 51 and Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to
post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-206(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

() "Emergency medical responder" means an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or paramedic;

() "Law enforcement officer" means an individual employed by this state or a local government as a member of a law enforcement agency whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of offenders;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-206(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(1) "Employer" means:

(A) A municipality, county, metropolitan form of government, or other political subdivision of this state that employs firefighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency medical responders;

(B) This state or an agency of this state for purposes of employment of a law enforcement officer;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-206, is amended by deleting from subsections (c) and (d) the language "firefighter" and substituting "firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency medical responder"; and is further amended by deleting from

subsection (d) the language "firefighter's" and substituting "firefighter's, law enforcement officer's, or emergency medical responder's"; and is further amended by deleting from subsection (d) the language "fire department".

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.