

HOUSE BILL 2097

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 4; Title 8 and Title 29, Chapter 20, relative to
lawsuits against this state.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-301, is amended by adding the
following new subsection (d):

(d)

(1) If a state office, department, agency, board, commission, or
instrumentality of this state becomes a party to a lawsuit involving a question of
state or federal constitutional law, or a controversy the subject of which exceeds
one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more, the attorney general shall submit notice
of the lawsuit to:

(A) The governor;

(B) The speaker of each house;

(C) The chair of each relevant standing committee of the general
assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over the state entity which is a
party to the lawsuit or the subject matter of the lawsuit;

(D) Each member of the judiciary committee of the senate and
the house of representatives; and

(E) Each member of the government operations committee of the
senate and the house of representatives.

(2) The attorney general shall provide notice under subdivision (d)(1) not less than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of the lawsuit or filing the lawsuit on behalf of the state entity. Notice must include:

(A) The style of the case;

(B) The date of filing; and

(C) A summary and description of the nature of the allegations in the complaint.

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