

SENATE BILL 1272

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
relative to no knock warrants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following new section:

(a) Nothing in this part shall authorize a court to issue or a law enforcement
officer to execute a no knock search warrant.

(b) As used in this section, "no knock warrant" means a search warrant or arrest
warrant that specifically enables the law enforcement officer executing the warrant to
enter a structure without the requirement that the officer give notice of the officer's
authority and the purpose of the officer's presence at the structure to be searched due to
exigent circumstances.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following new section:

(a) Nothing in this part shall authorize a court to issue or a law enforcement
officer to execute a no knock arrest warrant.

(b) As used in this section, "no knock warrant" means a search warrant or arrest
warrant that specifically enables the law enforcement officer executing the warrant to
enter a structure without the requirement that the officer give notice of the officer's
authority and the purpose of the officer's presence at the structure due to exigent
circumstances.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.