

SENATE BILL 1079

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
relative to public buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) The requirements of this section shall apply to any public building constructed, purchased, or leased by the state or its political subdivisions on or after July 1, 2017.

(2) After July 1, 2021, the requirements of this section shall apply to all public buildings.

(b) All stairsteps leading into a public entrance of a public building must be marked with yellow paint. The paint must be applied at a thickness of two inches (2") and mark the entire length of the edge of each stairstep.

(c) All markings required in accordance with this section must be applied no later than ninety (90) days after a public building is constructed, purchased, or leased by the state or its political subdivisions.

(d) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Public building":

(A) Means any building or structure owned or leased by the state or its political subdivisions used by the general public for providing or receiving public benefits or public services; and

(B) Does not include any building, structure, or improved area owned or leased by the state or its political subdivisions used by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement, including theaters, auditoriums, restaurants, hotels, factories, stadiums, shopping areas, convention centers, and all other places of public accommodations; and

(2) "Public entrance":

(A) Means the main entrance to a public building; and

(B) Does not include any secondary entrance to a public building, including any entrance primarily used by employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.