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HOUSE BILL DRH40716-NR-4

Short Title: Mem. of Understanding Tennessee Cntys/Madison. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Pless.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW MADISON COUNTY TO SIGN MEMORANDUMS OF  
3 UNDERSTANDING WITH UNICOI, GREENE, AND COCKE COUNTIES.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 SECTION 1.(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Madison  
6 County Sheriff's Office may enter into memorandums of understanding with the following  
7 sheriffs' offices located in Tennessee: Unicoi County, Greene County, and Cocke County. These  
8 memorandums of understanding shall permit the sheriffs' offices to engage across state lines in  
9 law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions.  
10 SECTION 1.(b) Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this  
11 section shall specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property as a  
12 result of law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions  
13 will be shared or assigned. While ensuring public safety, each memorandum of understanding  
14 shall limit to the greatest extent possible the liability of Madison County and the State of North  
15 Carolina.  
16 SECTION 1.(c) No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of  
17 understanding entered into that year pursuant to this section shall be reported to the Department  
18 of Justice.  
19 SECTION 2. This act applies only to Madison County.  
20 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

