



HOUSE BILL 1219: Mem. of Understanding Tennessee Cntys/Madison.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 12, 2026
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1219 would allow the Madison County Sheriff's Office to enter into memorandums of understanding with the Unicoi, Greene, and Cocke County Sheriffs' Offices in Tennessee to perform law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions across state lines.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 160A-288 provides that, unless otherwise limited by local ordinance, the head of any law enforcement agency can temporarily provide assistance to another law enforcement agency, including law enforcement agencies from other states, upon written request and subject to certain restrictions.

House Bill 1219 would allow the Madison County Sheriff's Office to enter into memorandums of understanding with the Unicoi, Greene, and Cocke County Sheriffs' Offices in Tennessee to engage across state lines in law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions. Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this act would specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property due to law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions would be shared or assigned. While ensuring public safety, each memorandum of understanding would limit to the greatest extent possible the liability of Madison County and the State. No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of understanding entered into that year pursuant to this act would be reported to the Department of Justice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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