IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE DECEMBER SESSION, 1997 FILED

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SEPARATE CONCURRING OPINION

I concur in the results reached by the majority. For those reasons expressed in <u>State v. Cooper</u>, No. 01C01-9604-CC-00150 (Tenn. Crim. App. at Nashville, Nov. 17, 1997) (Hayes, J., concurring), I write separately to note my agreement with the trial judge that the so-called truth in sentencing provisions, as codified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-201, are unconstitutional. Accordingly, I find no error in the trial court's rejection of the requested instructions.

DAVID G. HAYES, Judge