

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 88
SENATE BILL NO. 866

By Black, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1142

By Sontany, Coleman, Maggart, Pitts, McDonald, Hardaway, Shipley, Weaver, Niceley, Fitzhugh, Bone, Shaw, Windle, Ty Cobb, Fraley, Richardson, Hackworth, Coley, Curt Cobb, Rich, Brown, Armstrong, Sherry Jones, Dean, Campfield, Fincher, Ferguson, Gilmore, Pruitt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-402, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (d) and redesignating the existing subsection (d) accordingly:

(d) Serious bodily injury to the child includes, but is not limited to, second or third degree burns, a fracture of any bone, a concussion, subdural or subarachnoid bleeding, retinal hemorrhage, cerebral edema, brain contusion, injuries to the skin that involve severe bruising or the likelihood of permanent or protracted disfigurement including those sustained by whipping children with objects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 9, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR