

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 89  
SENATE BILL NO. 867

By Black, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1141

By Sontany, Coleman, Maggart, McDonald, Hardaway, Shipley, Weaver, Brown, Shaw, Bone, Dean, Fincher, Richardson, Ferguson, McCormick, Eldridge, Swafford, Hackworth, Camper, Curt Cobb, Lois DeBerry, Fitzhugh, Ty Cobb, Tindell

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 adding the following as a new subsection immediately preceding the last subsection and redesignating the last subsection accordingly:

(\_) A "dangerous instrumentality" is any item that in the manner of its use or intended use as applied to a child is capable of producing serious bodily injury to a child, as serious bodily injury is defined in this section.

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

**PASSED: April 9, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 27th day of April 2009**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR