

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 849**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2999**

**By Barnes, Berke, Finney, Marrero**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3425

By Litz, Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, relative to adoption.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117(a), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "Unless the parent, the legal parent, or the guardian," and by substituting instead the following:

"Unless the legal parent or the guardian,".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 19, 2010**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 30th day of April 2010**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR