



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 888

HOUSE BILL NO. 2895

By Representatives Jones, Favors, Brown, Cooper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2892

By Senators Berke, Burks, Ford, Harper, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to the best interests of children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() If the report of child abuse alleges physical abuse, it shall be in the best interest of the child that the child be referred to a child advocacy center or that the investigation be conducted by a child protective services investigator who is adequately trained in investigating physical abuse reports. Under no circumstances shall the investigation be performed by a probation officer previously assigned to the child.

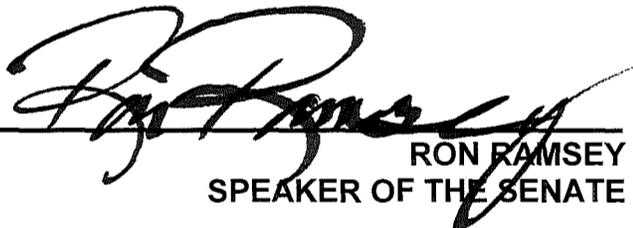
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 18, 2012

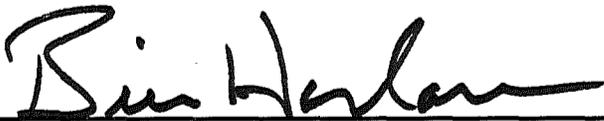


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR