



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 298

SENATE BILL NO. 923

By Johnson, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1303

By Littleton, Durham, Moody, Casada, Farmer, Hardaway, Evans, Holt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to termination of parental rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(g), is amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(10)(A) The parent has been convicted of aggravated rape pursuant to § 39-13-502, rape pursuant to § 39-13-503, or rape of a child pursuant to § 39-13-522, from which crime the child was conceived. A certified copy of the conviction suffices to prove this ground.

(B) When one (1) of the child's parents has been convicted of one (1) of the offenses specified in subdivision (g)(10)(A), the child's other parent shall have standing to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the convicted parent. Nothing in this section shall give a parent standing to file a petition to terminate parental rights based on grounds other than those listed in this subdivision (g)(10).

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

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PASSED: April 16, 2013

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR