



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 343

HOUSE BILL NO. 453

By Representatives Hardaway, Towns, Parkinson, Camper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 934

By Senator Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to juveniles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(8)

(A) In lieu of committing a child to the custody of the department of children's services and subject to the requirements of subdivision (a)(8)(B), the court may order any of the following if the child is found to be a delinquent child:

(i) Assign a long-term mentor to such child; or

(ii) Require that the delinquent child or any of the child's family members receive counseling services from any counseling service provided through or approved by the juvenile court.

(B) An order may be issued under subdivision (a)(8)(A) only if the funding necessary to implement such order is appropriated by the legislative body of the county in which the court is located or is provided by grants from public or private sources.

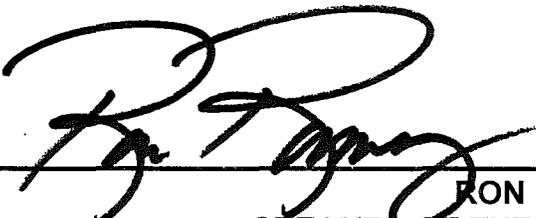
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 18, 2013



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR