

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 354

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

By Representatives Jones, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 575

By Senator Burks

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-166, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) In determining whether to continue or restore custody to a parent is in the best interest of a child, the department shall not require a parent to:

- (1) Obtain employment if such parent has sufficient resources from other means to care for the child; or
- (2) Provide the child with the child's own bedroom, unless there are specific safety or medical reasons that would make placement of the child with another child unsafe.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-403(a)(2)(C), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subdivision:

The permanency plan shall not require the parent to obtain employment if such parent has sufficient resources from other means to care for the child, and shall not require the parent to provide the child with the child's own bedroom unless specific safety or medical reasons exist that would make bedroom placement of the child with another child unsafe.

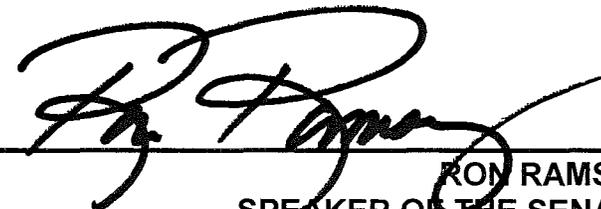
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 16, 2013



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR