



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 804

HOUSE BILL NO. 2361

By Representatives Littleton, Durham, Dawn White, Watson, Evans, Todd, Weaver, Goins, Eldridge, Casada, Hardaway, Rogers, Dean, Hall, Moody, Kevin Brooks, Ryan Williams, Ragan, Lollar

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2254

By Senators Massey, Burks, Finney, Haile, Norris, Yager, Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 4, relative to public records.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(p)

(1) Where a defendant has plead guilty to, or has been convicted of, and has been sentenced for a sexual offense or violent sexual offense specified in § 40-39-202, the following information regarding the victim of the offense shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public:

- (A) Name, unless waived pursuant to subdivision (p)(2);
- (B) Home, work and electronic mail addresses;
- (C) Telephone numbers;
- (D) Social security number; and
- (E) Any photographic or video depiction of the victim.

(2)

(A) At any time after the defendant or defendants in a case have been sentenced for an offense specified in subdivision (p)(1), the victim of such offense whose name is made confidential pursuant to subdivision (p)(1)(A) may waive such provision and allow the victim's name to be obtained in the same manner as other public records.

(B) The district attorney general prosecuting the case shall notify the victim that the victim has the right to waive the confidentiality of the information set forth in subdivision (p)(1)(A).

(C) If the victim executes a written waiver provided by the district attorney general's office to waive confidentiality pursuant to subdivision (p)(2)(A), the waiver shall be filed in the defendant's case file in the office of the court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (p) shall prevent the district attorney general or attorney general and reporter and counsel for a defendant from providing to each other in a pending criminal case or appeal, where the constitutional rights of the defendant require it, information which otherwise may be held confidential under this subsection (p).

**HB 2361**

(4) Nothing in this subsection (p) shall be used to limit or deny access to otherwise public information because a file, document, or data file contains some information made confidential by subdivision (p)(1); provided, confidential information shall be redacted before any access is granted to a member of the public.

(5) Nothing in this subsection (p) shall be construed to limit access to records by law enforcement agencies, courts, or other governmental agencies performing official functions.

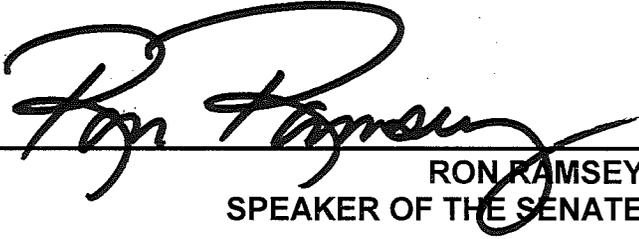
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2361

PASSED: April 10, 2014

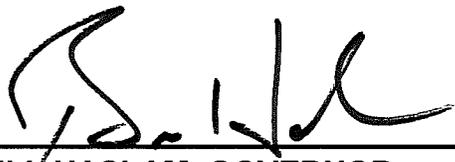


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this <sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup>~~20<sup>th</sup>~~ day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR