



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 167

### HOUSE BILL NO. 554

By Representatives Fitzhugh, Jones, Beck, Stewart, Mitchell, Favors, Love, Shepard, Camper, Miller, Powell, Akbari, Windle, Towns, Hardaway, Turner, Gilmore, Parkinson, Mark White, Haynes, Harry Brooks, McManus, Keisling, Hulsey, Lollar, Lundberg, Dunlap, Lamberth

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1121

By Senator Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5, relative to parental rights of certain sexual offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person who 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 a child was conceived shall not have custody or visitation rights, or the rights of inheritance with respect to that child.

(b) The other parent of the child may waive the protection afforded under subsection (a) regarding visitation and request that the court grant reasonable visitation rights with the child if paternity has been acknowledged.

(c) Unless waived by the other parent and, if contributing toward support of the child, the department of human services, a court shall establish a child support obligation against the father of the child pursuant to title 36, chapter 5, part 1.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to custody determinations made on or after that date.

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PASSED: March 30, 2015



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR