



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 802

SENATE BILL NO. 1862

By Tate, Gardenhire

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1780

By Coley, Hardaway, Hazlewood, Pody, Butt, Daniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to information on child abuse reporting.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Every elementary and secondary school shall post in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that contains the toll-free telephone number operated by the department of children's services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect.

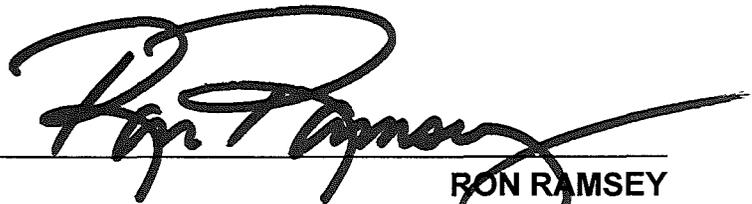
(b) The sign shall be written using a format and language that is clear, simple, and understandable to students. The sign shall additionally also instruct students to call 911 for emergencies and provide directions for accessing the department of children's services web site for more information on reporting abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

(c) Schools shall post the sign at each school campus in at least one (1) high-traffic, highly and clearly visible public area that is readily accessible to and widely used by students. The sign shall be on paper of eight and one-half inches (8½") by eleven inches (11") or larger in large print and placed at eye level to the student for easy viewing. Additionally, the current toll-free department of children's services abuse telephone number shall be in bold print.

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

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PASSED: March 30, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR