



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1074

HOUSE BILL NO. 1413

By Representatives Hardaway, DeBerry, Love, McCormick, Casada, Fitzhugh, Lamberth, Carter, Turner, Camper, Akbari, Shaw, Miller, Van Huss, McManus, Mark White, Doss, Keisling, Jernigan, Kane, Eldridge, Coley, Spivey, Matlock, Powell, Armstrong, Rogers, Parkinson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1436

By Senators Kyle, Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 37 and Title 68, relative to child custody.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106, is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated subsection:

If the petitioner knows whether a child has ever been adjudicated by a court as a dependent and neglected or abused child or whether any party to the action has ever been adjudicated by a court as the perpetrator of dependency and neglect or abuse of a minor child, any petition regarding child custody shall include an affirmative statement setting out all applicable adjudications. If an adjudication has occurred as a result of a child protective services investigation, the court may order the department of children's services to disclose information regarding the investigation to protect the child from abuse or neglect consistent with § 37-1-612(h). The court shall consider any such information as a factor in determining the child's best interest.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to custody determinations made on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 20, 2016



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR