

CHAPTER NO. 283

SENATE BILL NO. 1955

By Crutchfield, Trail, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2051

By McMillan, Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, 71-6-203, relative to child abuse prevention services.

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

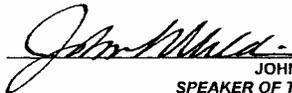
SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-203 (8), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(8)(a) Shall require an annual report from each service funded which shall include, in addition to all information required by the department, statistics on the number of persons requesting service, the number of persons served, the type of service rendered and a description of the social and economic characteristics of the person served and the number and type of referrals, including medical, legal and education services, made to other community resources. No information contained in the report shall identify any person served or enable any person to determine the identity of such a person;

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Department of Children's Services may require each child abuse service funded to submit certain identifying information relating solely to recipients of child abuse prevention services for the narrow purpose of tracking of the effectiveness of child abuse prevention services. Such information must be maintained by the Department of Children's Services as confidential and may not be released for any purpose. Nothing in this subsection should be construed as allowing access to any identifying information relating to family violence shelters and shelter services; and

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

PASSED: May 21, 2003


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of June 2003


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR