

CHAPTER NO. 226

HOUSE BILL NO. 1432

By Representatives Sherry Jones, John DeBerry, Henri Brooks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 809

By Senators Burchett, Burks, Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to the records of domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-623, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The records of domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers shall be treated as confidential by the records custodian of such shelters or centers unless:

- (1) The individual to whom the records pertain authorizes their release;
- or
- (2) A court approves a subpoena for the records, subject to such restrictions as the court may impose, including in camera review.

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

PASSED: May 9, 2005


 JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


 JOHN S. WILDER
 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2005


 PHIL BREDESEEN, GOVERNOR