



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 894

HOUSE BILL NO. 2744

By Representatives Pitts, Hurley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2569

By Senator Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, relative to a lien attached to the criminal injuries compensation funds for child support arrearage.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-111, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(e)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2), no award pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to execution or attachment other than for expenses resulting from the injury or death which is the basis of the claim.

(2) If any claimant is entitled to direct compensation pursuant to this chapter and is in arrears with regard to child support payments, the department of human services shall, without further order by the court, attach a lien to any award of compensation such child support obligor receives from the criminal injuries compensation funds in order to satisfy such arrearage; however, a lien shall not apply to awards made by the division directly to service providers pursuant to § 29-13-111(d). The division shall periodically notify the department of human services of claims that have been filed. Upon notice from the division, it shall be the department of human services' responsibility to then notify the division of a lien attaching to a claim for payment of child support arrearage. This subsection shall be effective for decisions made on or after July 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 19, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR