

State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1017

SENATE BILL NO. 2958

By Barnes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3070

By John Deberry, Jones, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-121 and Section 37-1-120, relative to a petition and summons in juvenile court.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-120(3), is amended by adding the word "legal" between "the" and "parents" and deleting "and" at the end of the subdivision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-120, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (4) and renumbering the remaining subdivision accordingly:

(4) The names, and residence addresses, if known to the petitioner, of any persons, other than the legal father, alleged to be the biological father of the child whose parental rights have not been terminated; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-121(a), is amended by adding the word "legal" between "the" and "parents" in the second sentence and adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection:

The summons shall also be directed to any persons, other than the legal father, alleged to be the biological father of the child and whose parental rights have not been terminated, if the child is alleged to be a dependent and neglected or abused child.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any proceeding commenced on or after such date.

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PASSED: April 26, 2012

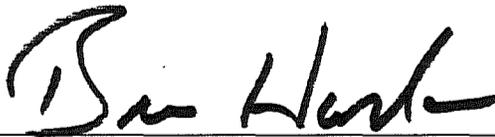


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR