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CHAPTER NO. 453
SENATE BILL NO. 1666

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1458

By Ridgeway, Chumney, Buttry, Montgomery

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-6-123 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to child protective teams.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(a)(1), is amended by adding, after the last sentence of that subsection, the following language:

The department shall, with the cooperation of all statutorily authorized members of the child protective team, establish a procedure and format for data collection. The procedure and format, including an implementation plan with timelines, shall be cooperatively developed and presented to the judiciary committees of the Senate and House, the house children and family affairs committee and the select committee on children and youth on or before January 15, 2000. The procedure and format developed shall include at a minimum the following information:

(a) the number of reports received for investigation by type (i.e. sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, life-threatening neglect);

(b) the number of investigations initiated by type;

(c) the number of final dispositions of cases obtained in the current reporting year by type of disposition as follows:

(1) unsubstantiated, closed, no service;

(2) unsubstantiated, referred for non-custodial support services;

(3) substantiated, closed, no service;

(4) substantiated, service provided, no prosecution;

(5) substantiated, service provided, prosecution, acquittal; or

(6) substantiated, service provided, prosecution, conviction.

(d) age, race, gender, and relationship to the victim of perpetrators identified in cases which are included in (c)(3), (4), (5) and (6) above; and

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(e) the type and amount of community-based support received by child protection teams through linkages with other local agencies and organizations and through monetary and/or in-kind donations.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(a)(2), is amended by adding the following language at the end of that subsection:

In those geographical areas in which a child advocacy center meets the requirements of Section 9-6-123(a) or (b), child advocacy center directors, or their designees, shall be members of the teams under this part and Part 4 of this chapter for the purposes of provision of services and functions established by Section 9-6-123 or delegated pursuant to that section. In such event, child advocacy center directors, or their designees, may access and generate all necessary information, which shall retain its confidential status, consistent with Section 37-1-612.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-6-123, is amended by adding the following subsection immediately preceding the last subsection and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

() In those geographical areas in which a child advocacy center meets the requirements of subsection (a) or (b), child advocacy center directors, or their designees, shall be members of the child protection multi-disciplinary teams under Title 37, Chapter 1, Parts 4 and 6, for purposes of provision of services and functions established by this section or delegated pursuant to this section. In such event, child advocacy center directors, or their designees, may access and generate all necessary information, which shall retain its confidential status, consistent with Section 37-1-612.

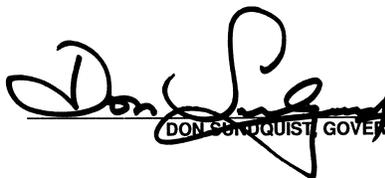
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999


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