

CHAPTER NO. 823

HOUSE BILL NO. 2529

By Representatives Fowlkes, Armstrong, Givens, Brenda Turner, Chumney, Ridgeway, Whitson, Harwell, Sherry Jones, Lois DeBerry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2615

By Senator Springer, Graves, Henry, Crutchfield, Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, relative to the select committee on children and youth.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-204, is amended by deleting the words "an annual" and by substituting instead the following:

a report following the conclusion of any regular annual session occurring in an even- numbered year

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-208, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

In view of the continuing need for legislative oversight of programs and services for children and their families, emphasized by recent concerns regarding the foster care program and the child protective services system, the select committee on children and youth shall continue to perform legislative oversight as provided in Title 3, Chapter 15, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. The select committee shall continue until adjournment sine die of the General Assembly convened in 2003. The provisions of this section shall not be construed or implemented in any way to prohibit or restrict appropriate review, inquiry or oversight of the Department of Children's Services by any other standing, special or statutory committee of the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-206, is amended by deleting the last sentence of that section.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-207, is amended by designating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding the following as subsection (b):

Until such time as the select committee terminates, the Commissioner of Children's Services shall report at least once each year, and as may be called upon by the committee or subcommittee thereof, concerning the performance of duties and responsibilities assigned by law to the Department of Children's Services.

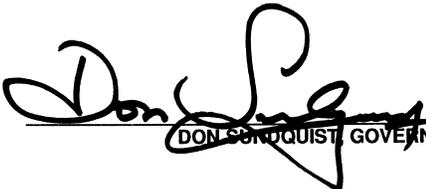
SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2000


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2000


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