

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 915**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2341**

**By Overbey, Barnes, Beavers, Berke, Black, Bunch, Burchett, Burks, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Southerland, Stewart, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager, Mr. Speaker Ramsey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2372

By Montgomery, McCord, Todd, Faulkner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1 and Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to adopted children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111(r)(1)(A), is amended by redesignating current subdivision (r)(1)(A) as subdivision (r)(1)(A)(i) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (r)(1)(A)(ii):

(ii) If, after determining the surrender to be in the child's best interest, the department accepts a surrender of a child, who was previously placed for adoption by the department, from the child's adoptive parent or parents, the unrevoked surrender of such child shall terminate the responsibilities of the surrendering adoptive parent or parents for future child support or other future financial responsibilities; provided, that this shall not be construed to eliminate the responsibility of such parent or parents for past child support arrearages or other financial obligations incurred for the care of such child prior to the execution of the surrender, and provided further, that the court may, with the consent of the parent or parents, restore such rights and responsibilities pursuant to § 36-1-118(d).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 10, 2010**



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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR