

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1099

HOUSE BILL NO. 3376

By Representatives Ty Cobb, Hardaway, Dean, Bass, Cooper, Pitts

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3459

By Senators Stewart, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to harboring a runaway.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 39-15-414.

(a) A person commits an offense who, with knowledge that a child is a runaway, as defined in § 37-1-102(25)(A)(iv), harbors or hides the child and:

(1) Fails to notify the child's legal custodian, legal guardian, or law enforcement authorities of the whereabouts of the child within a reasonable amount of time; provided that no length of time in excess of twenty-four (24) hours shall be considered reasonable;

(2) Conceals the whereabouts of the child; or

(3) Aides the child in escaping from the custody of the child's legal custodian, legal guardian or law enforcement authorities.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

PASSED: June 9, 2010



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR