## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1105**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 3753**

## By Representatives Sherry Jones, Gilmore, Pruitt, Cooper, Stewart

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3638

By Senators Henry, Marrero, Tate, Burks, Ketron, Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, relative to easy access to child abuse prevention help.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

§ 37-10-501. In an effort to inform the citizens of Tennessee of a free resource for families and reduce instances of child abuse, the following measures shall be performed. All public transportation buses within the state of Tennessee are urged to promote the existence of a parental help line organized by the nonprofit organization Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee and the telephone numbers for such organization, 1-800-356-6767 and 1-800-CHILDREN, as space allows in interior advertising. The department of education shall require all local education agencies to distribute information on the help line, including the telephone number, to students and the students' parents. The department of human services shall also require any licensed child care facility to distribute information on the help line, including the telephone number, to children who attend the facility and the children's parents. This section shall assist children, parents, teachers and child care workers in providing the information and support necessary for the positive development of children through a currently existing, and free to the public, resource.

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

**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