AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to child care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-503(a)(6), is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(6) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) (6)

(A) "Parents' Day Out" or similar programs operated by a religious institution or religious organization that provide custodial care and services for children of less than school age, with no child attending more than two (2) days in each calendar week for not more than six (6) hours each day.

(B) Existing and all future programs shall register with the department their intent to operate a Parents' Day Out program prior to offering the service, and, as evidence of their exempt status, these programs shall maintain records that include, at a minimum dates and times of each child's attendance.

(C) The records and forms shall be made available during regular business hours to the commissioner or commissioner's designee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-503(a)(6), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subdivision as a new subdivision:

(D) Each separate location or campus of a religious institution or religious organization shall be considered a separate religious institution or religious organization for the purpose of Parents' Day Out or any similar program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.
HOUSE BILL NO. 172

PASSED: MARCH 14, 2013

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 1st day of April 2013

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR