



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 292

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

**By Representatives Coley, Moody, Littleton, Favors, Jerry Sexton, Rogers, Thompson,
Mark White, Hardaway, Gilmore**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 553

By Senators Ketron, Bowling, Jackson, Overbey, Roberts, Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to the definitions of child sexual abuse and severe child abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(22)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

The commission of any act towards the child prohibited by § 39-13-309, §§ 39-13-502 - 39-13-504, § 39-13-515, § 39-13-522, § 39-15-302, § 39-15-402, or § 39-17-1005 or the knowing failure to protect the child from the commission of any such act towards the child; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(4), is amended by deleting the second sentence of the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

"Caregiver" may also include a person who has allegedly used the child for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or trafficking a minor for a commercial sex act, including, but not limited to, as a trafficker.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-602(a)(3)(C), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(vii) The commission of any act towards the child prohibited by § 39-13-309; and

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

PASSED: April 24, 2017

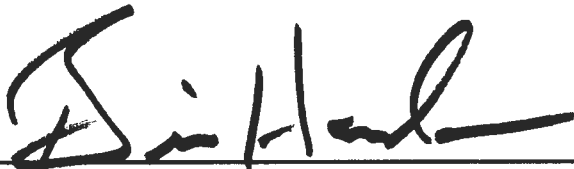


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR