



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 719**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1944**

**By Bowling, Ketron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2092

By Curcio, Staples, Hardaway, Gant, Coley, Mark White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-518 and Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to sexual offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-202(31), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Continuous sexual abuse of a child, under § 39-13-518;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-518, is amended by deleting subsection (g) and substituting instead the following:

(g) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by imprisonment and shall be sentenced from within the full range of punishment for the offense of which the defendant was convicted, regardless of the range for which the defendant would otherwise qualify.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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PASSED: March 29, 2018

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR