



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 424

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

By Representatives Faison, Lamberth, Terry, White, Helton, Zachary

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 487

By Senator Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2, relative to reporting sexual abuse of a minor.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-210(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b)


(1) When a physician has reasonable cause to report the sexual abuse of a minor pursuant to § 37-1-605, because the physician has been requested to perform an abortion on a minor who is less than thirteen (13) years of age, the physician shall, at the time of the report, also notify the official to whom the report is made of the date and time of the scheduled abortion and that a sample of the embryonic or fetal tissue extracted during the abortion will be preserved and available to be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement officer conducting the investigation into the rape of the minor.

(2) If a minor who is at least thirteen (13) but no more than seventeen (17) years of age requests a physician to perform an abortion and the physician has reasonable cause to believe there is child sexual abuse involved as defined by § 37-1-602, the physician shall report the abuse pursuant to § 37-1-605. This subdivision (b)(2) shall apply only when a physician performs elective abortion services as a part of their practice.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 30, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR