

HOUSE BILL 453

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to juveniles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(8) The court may order any of the following if the child is found to be a delinquent child based on conduct involving the use of a firearm:

(1) Assign a long-term mentor to such child from resources of the juvenile court or the department of children's services to pay for the costs associated with such mentor, or from a volunteer mentoring program designed specifically to serve delinquent children and approved by the juvenile court; or

(2) Require that the delinquent child or any of the child's family members receive counseling services from the department of children's services, the juvenile court or any private counseling services provided through and approved by the juvenile court.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-134(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "or an attempt to commit any such offenses." and substituting instead the language "or an attempt to commit any such offenses or any offense involving the use of a firearm."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

37-5-214.

(a) The commissioner is authorized to develop and institute within the youth development centers courses of instruction and training in canine behavior.

(b) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.