



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 305

HOUSE BILL NO. 552

By Representatives Littleton, Helton-Haynes, Bulso, Harris, Hakeem, Slater, Hardaway, Eldridge, Jernigan, Clemmons, Powers, Cepicky, Miller, Ragan, Alexander, Thompson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 532

By Senators Haile, Massey, Reeves, Akbari, Rose, Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-102, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c) The goal of the department must be to act in the best interest of the child at all times. That goal must be reflected in any mission statement or motto established by the department.

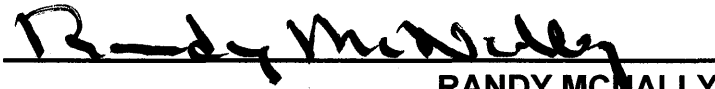
SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 6, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR