



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 591

SENATE BILL NO. 613

By Haile, Massey, Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 590

By Littleton, Parkinson, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 15; Title 16; Title 36; Title 37; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-403(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(7)(A) The permanency plan for any child in foster care for six (6) months or longer as a result of abuse or neglect that includes as a permanency goal the return of the child to the parent pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) may also include a requirement that the parent complete trauma-informed education before the child is returned to the parent.

(B) The department is authorized to work with nonprofit organizations to develop appropriate training materials for the trauma-informed education required by this subdivision (a)(7) and delivery pathways at no additional cost to the state.

(C) The trauma-informed education required by this subdivision (a)(7) may be completed via electronic means.


SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 14, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of March 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR