

HOUSE BILL 1142

By Sontany

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-402, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (d) and redesignating the existing subsection (d) accordingly:

(d) "Serious bodily injury to the child includes, but is not limited to, second or third degree burns, a fracture of any bone, a concussion, subdural or subarachnoid bleeding, retinal hemorrhage, cerebral edema, brain contusion, injuries to the skin that involve severe bruising or the likelihood of permanent or protracted disfigurement including those sustained by whipping children with objects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.