HOUSE BILL 1303

By Thompson

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

- (a) The department of children's services must collect, maintain, and transmit to the children's bureau within the United States department of health and human services data required or requested pursuant to federal law, including information requested for the adoption and foster care analysis and reporting system (AFCARS), national youth in transition database (NYTD), national child abuse and neglect data system (NCANDS), and similar programs focused on children's welfare.
- (b) The department shall aggregate and publish on the department's website the information reported to the children's bureau pursuant to this section.
- SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.