

HOUSE BILL 1326

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37, Chapter 1; Title 37, Chapter 2; Title 37,
Chapter 3 and Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to
foster parenting.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115(g)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

When a child is placed in a foster home by the department or otherwise, and becomes available for adoption due to the termination or surrender of all parental or guardianship rights to the child, those foster parents shall be given first preference to adopt the child, and there shall be given no preference for adoption by the child's relatives; provided, that the child has resided in the foster home for twelve (12) or more consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of an adoption petition.

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