

HOUSE BILL 1394

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 9 and Title 37, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-172, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) or another law to the contrary, the department of children's services shall not collect or expend moneys that are received as survivor benefits, disability benefits, or otherwise from the social security administration or the department of veterans affairs on behalf of a child in the custody of the department.

(2) The department shall receive and hold such moneys in a trust account for the child to be released to the child without condition upon the child's eighteenth birthday. The state shall maintain a trust account established pursuant to this subsection (c).

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