

HOUSE BILL 1930

By Gillespie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to the Parental Accountability Act.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Parental Accountability Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131(b)(1), is amended by redesignating the subdivision as subdivision (b)(1)(A) and adding the following new subdivision:

(B) If the child is found to be delinquent for a second or subsequent delinquent act, the court shall assess a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as part of the disposition. The fine must be assessed as provided in § 37-1-163(a) against the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian who had custody of the child at the time of the offense. If the court finds the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian is indigent, then the court must order the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian to perform community service work in lieu of the mandatory fine.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.