## **HOUSE BILL 2025**

## By Littleton

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

## 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 as a new section:

On July 1 of each year, the wage rate paid by the department of children's services to each service provider with whom the department contracts to provide care or services for children under this part must be adjusted to reflect the average percentage pay increase provided for state employees by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.