

HOUSE BILL 2163

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;
Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-202, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a), and by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(b) Failure of a parent to report a missing child under subsection (a) within forty-eight (48) hours of knowing, learning or believing that the child is missing is a Class A misdemeanor; provided, however, if serious bodily injury or death to the child occurs, the parent's failure to report the missing child is a Class C felony.

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