

HOUSE BILL 2281

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, relative to fatalities of minors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any person who has knowledge of the death of a child or is called upon to render aid to any child who is determined to be deceased or who dies as a result of injury or illness while in the person's care shall report the death immediately to the department and any local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the child's death.

(b) The report shall include, to the extent known by the reporter, the name, address and age of the child, the name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for the care of the child, and the facts requiring the report. The report may include any other pertinent information.

(c) Upon receiving a report pursuant to subsection (a), the department shall work in coordination with the local law enforcement agency to determine, based on the circumstances of the child's death, if the report warrants the initiation of an investigation into the child's death by child protective services, pursuant to § 37-1-406.

(d) A report filed pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any report that may be required under § 37-1-403(d).

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