HOUSE BILL 2453

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 37; Title 38 and Title 39, 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:

Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, if the department investigates an individual pursuant to this title and closes the case without finding probable cause to believe that a child in the individual's care was dependent and neglected, or that the individual committed a violation of title 39, then the department shall remove and destroy all records of the investigation within ninety (90) days following the closure of the case. This section does not apply to records that are relevant to a separate ongoing investigation.

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