

HOUSE BILL 2616

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
relative to parental rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person who has been convicted of aggravated rape pursuant to § 39-13-502, rape pursuant to § 39-13-503, rape of a child pursuant to § 39-13-522, statutory rape or aggravated statutory rape pursuant to § 39-13-506, or statutory rape by an authority figure pursuant to § 39-13-532, from which crime a child was conceived shall not have custody or visitation rights, or the rights of inheritance with respect to that child.

(2) A person who is originally charged with an offense listed in subdivision (a)(1), but is convicted of or pleads guilty or no contest to a lesser included offense, from which crime a child was conceived shall not have custody or visitation rights, or the rights of inheritance with respect to that child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.