



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 866**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2507**

**By Johnson, Lowe, Walley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2665

By Slater, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 37 and Title 41, relative to juveniles.

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

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

(a) A child who has been admitted to a juvenile detention facility, prior to being adjudicated for an alleged delinquent act, must be allowed at least one (1) telephone call with the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian and one (1) thirty-minute in-person visit with the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian within twenty-four (24) hours after the child is admitted to the juvenile detention facility. The telephone call and in-person visit required by this subsection (a) must occur as soon as practical after the request has been made by the parent, guardian, or legal custodian to the juvenile detention facility, however, the telephone call or in-person visit may be delayed by the detention facility for no more than six (6) hours if the child is subject to disciplinary action. If the juvenile detention facility delays contact to the parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the detention facility must explain the actions of the child which resulted in the contact being timely withheld.

(b) During the time period following the first twenty-four (24) hours a child has been admitted to a juvenile detention facility, but prior to being adjudicated for an alleged delinquent act, a child must be allowed at least three (3) separate telephone calls with the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, and one (1) in-person visit with the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian per week.

(c) This section applies to juvenile detention facilities approved, certified, or licensed by the department of children's services, including youth development centers.

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


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PASSED: April 16, 2024

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR