

SENATE BILL 76

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-205; Section 37-2-411 and Section 37-5-519, relative to the department of children's services' annual report.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-205(f)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(3) On or before January 31 of each year, the department of children's services shall provide to the judiciary committee of the senate and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives a report of county commitment data for the previous fiscal year and a description of actions taken as part of the collaborative planning process. The report shall be published as part of the department's annual report required by § 37-5-105(4).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-411(a)(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(8) The movement of foster children within the program from placement to placement;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-411(a)(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(10) Any other matters relating to foster children that the department deems appropriate to be included in the report. The report shall be published as part of the department's annual report required by § 37-5-105(4).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-519, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

37-5-519. The department shall prepare a comprehensive annual report of the status of child care agencies within the state subject to its jurisdiction, accompanied by special comments and recommendations, and the reports shall be published at state expense for the information of the general assembly and for distribution to interested persons. The report shall be published as part of the department's annual report required by § 37-5-105(4).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.