

SENATE BILL 136

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 8; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to discrimination.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "CROWN Act: Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-102, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

() "Protective hairstyle" includes, but is not limited to, braids, locks, and twists;

() "Race" includes ancestry, ethnic group identification, ethnic background, and the physical or cultural characteristics associated with a certain race, including, but not limited to, hair texture or protective hairstyles;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.