## SENATE BILL 244

## By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 37 and Title 68, relative to the putative father registry.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-106(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "no consultation of the putative father registry maintained by the department shall be required, and" in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(3)(A)(i) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-116, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(13)(A) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-116, is further amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, is amended by deleting the language ", or, as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the putative biological father" in subsection (a).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, is further amended by deleting the language "without further need to terminate the rights of that putative father" from subdivision (b)(5).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, is further amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, is further amended by deleting the language "provided, that if the biological father has previously notified the

department of the biological father's claim to paternity of the child pursuant to the provisions of the putative father registry, § 36-2-318(e)(3), the biological father shall be subject to all the requirements for waiver of notice provisions of § 36-2-318(f)(2) and to all requirements for filing a paternity petition;" in subdivision (c)(3).

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-142, is amended by deleting the language "or by registering with the putative father registry pursuant to § 36-2-318" from subdivision (e)(3).

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-304, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3)(A) in its entirety.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 2, Part 3, is amended by deleting Section 36-2-318 in its entirety.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-2201, is amended by deleting subdivision (7) in its entirety.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-106(a)(11), is amended by deleting the language "and for the operation of the putative father registry pursuant to § 36-2-318" in its entirety.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-140, is amended by deleting the language " or pursuant to § 36-2-318" from subsection (a).

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-255, is amended by deleting the language "§ 36-1-142, and § 36-2-318" wherever it appears in subsection (c) and substituting instead the language "and § 36-1-142".

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.