

SENATE BILL 296

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 68, relative to safety of children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

39-17-116.

(a) A legal guardian commits an offense if the legal guardian expressly permits such guardian's child to participate in any solicitation or collection of money at a highway or street intersection.

(b) A person eighteen (18) years of age or older commits an offense if the person:

(1) Expressly permits a child to participate in any solicitation or collection of money at a highway or street intersection; and

(2) Is responsible for the organization or management of the solicitation or collection of money at a highway or street intersection.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(d) For purposes of this section, "child" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to prohibited acts occurring on or after the effective date of this act.