

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 590

## **SENATE BILL NO. 476**

## By Bell, Jackson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1121

By Farmer, Hardaway, Ogles, Carr, Whitson, Howell, Moody, Littleton, Crawford, Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to records involving abuse of children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

()(1) It is an offense for any person to attempt to access or obtain confidential information from the department regarding alleged child abuse or neglect that the person knows is in violation of state or federal laws and regulations regarding confidentiality.

(2) A violation of this subsection () is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2021

RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this  $27^{\text{th}}$  day of May 2021

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GOVERNOR