



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 219

SENATE BILL NO. 537

By Haile, Lowe, Reeves, Rose

Substituted for: House Bill No. 461

By Slater, Helton-Haynes, Davis, Littleton, Stevens, Butler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to parental rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is amended by deleting subdivision (g)(6) and substituting:

(6)(A) The parent has been confined in a correctional or detention facility of any type, by order of the court as a result of a criminal act, under a sentence of ten (10) or more years, and the child is under eight (8) years of age at the time the sentence is entered by the court; or

(B) The parent has been confined in a correctional or detention facility of any type, by order of the court as a result of one (1) or more criminal acts, under a sentence of six (6) or more years, and one (1) or more other grounds within subsection (g) have been satisfied;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect on July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 10, 2023


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of April 2023


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR