

SENATE BILL 540

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37 and Title 68, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-122(b)(4), is amended by deleting the language "biologically related person" and substituting instead the language "related person".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102(1)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "petition, or any amended petition" and substituting instead the language "petition, amended petition, or supplemental petition".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-116(b), is amended by deleting the language "The petition to adopt may be made upon information and belief, shall be verified, and must state" and substituting instead the language "The petition to adopt may be made upon information and belief, shall be verified, and must include".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(27)(B), is amended by deleting the language "qualified experts" and substituting instead the language "a qualified expert".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111(p), is amended by deleting the language "Upon receipt of the surrender or upon filing a parental consent" and substituting instead "Upon filing a parental consent".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-318(d)(1), is amended by deleting the language "persons" and substituting instead "putative fathers".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-318(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "or biological".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-318, is amended by deleting the language "person" wherever it appears in subsections (i) and (j) and substituting instead "putative father".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-318(i), is amended by deleting the language "person's" and substituting instead "putative father's".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(d)(3), is amended by deleting the language "within ten (10) days" and substituting instead "within ten (10) working days".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-116(b)(13)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "state other than Tennessee" and substituting instead "state within the United States other than Tennessee".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-116(b)(13)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "in another state" and substituting instead "in another state within the United States".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117(i)(2), is amended by deleting the language "If the child" and substituting instead "If the child is fourteen (14) years of age or older at any time before petition is granted and".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115(f), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117(c)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 16. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.