

SENATE BILL 720

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-213 and Section 24-7-123, relative to forensic interviews conducted at child advocacy centers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-7-123, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) Was employed by a child advocacy center that meets the requirements of § 9-4-213(a) or (b); provided, however, that an interview shall not be inadmissible solely because the interviewer is employed by a child advocacy center that:

(i) Is not a nonprofit corporation, if the child advocacy center is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency; or

(ii) Employs an executive director who does not meet the criteria of § 9-4-213(a)(2), if the executive director is supervised by a publicly elected official;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.