

SENATE BILL 843

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,  
Chapter 1, relative to child abuse reporting.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-412(a), is amended by redesignating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), a person who knowingly fails to make a report required by § 37-1-403(a)(3) commits a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-615(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) Any person required to report known or suspected child sexual abuse who knowingly fails to do so, or who knowingly prevents another person from doing so, commits a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.