

SENATE BILL 1131

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, Part 4 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6,
relative to child protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Whenever possible law enforcement officials investigating allegations of child abuse or child sexual abuse shall have received training in child protective investigations, including but not limited to best practices for interacting with victims, interrogating suspects, and gathering corroborative evidence. Nothing in this section shall delay the onset of an investigation of child abuse or child sexual abuse allegations.

(b) The department of children's services shall annually conduct such training for law enforcement, and any law enforcement official engaged in investigating allegations of child abuse or child sexual abuse shall attend such training.

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