

SENATE BILL 1257

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to joint custody.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a)(2)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the second sentence of such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Unless the court finds by a preponderance of evidence to the contrary, or where the parents have agreed to a different custody arrangement, at a hearing for the purpose of determining the custody of the minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that equally shared parenting is in the best interest of the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.