

SENATE BILL 1319

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 6 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 3, relative  
to custodial interference.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-306(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) Harbor or hide the child within or outside this state, knowing that the child has been placed in the custody of the department of children's services pursuant to a protective custody order or an emergency custody order entered by a court. It is not a defense to a violation of this subdivision (a)(6) that the person harboring or hiding the child has not been served with an actual copy of a protective custody order or emergency custody order.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.