

SENATE BILL 1847

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37
and Title 39, relative to juvenile justice.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-126, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() When a child has been taken into custody due to suspicion that the child committed a delinquent act or unruly conduct that places the child in jeopardy of being removed from the home pursuant to § 37-1-132(b), a person shall not interview or interrogate the child concerning any violation of state or federal law by the child unless the interview or interrogation is conducted in the presence of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian. A child may not waive the requirement found in this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to interviews and interrogations conducted on or after that date.