

SENATE BILL 2349

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to dependent and neglected children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(13), is amended by deleting "means a child" and substituting "means a child at the time of the filing of the petition".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(13)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(F) Who is in such condition of want or suffering or is under such improper guardianship or control as to injure or endanger the morals or health of such child or others. For purposes of this subdivision (b)(13)(F), a "condition of want or suffering" may exist because of the child's mental health or substance abuse issues for which the parent, guardian, or custodian, at no fault of their own, cannot adequately provide treatment to the child;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to juvenile court proceedings on or after this date.