## **HOUSE BILL 116**

## By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to contested case hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-322, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(k) Notwithstanding subsections (d) through (h), a person who is aggrieved by any action that is subject to a contested case hearing may appeal directly to a reviewing court as described in subsection (b). Any appeal directly to chancery court pursuant to this subsection (k) shall be a de novo hearing.

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