HOUSE BILL 326

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to confidentiality of records.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-107(c)(3), is amended by deleting the language "42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b)(2)(ix)" and substituting instead the language "42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b)(2)(A)(ix)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-107(c)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(4) To provide for the public disclosure of information about any case that results in a child fatality or near fatality in compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b)(2)(A)(x). For purposes of this subdivision (c)(4), "near fatality" means a child had a serious or critical medical condition resulting from child abuse or child sexual abuse, as reported by a physician who has examined the child subsequent to such abuse;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.