

HOUSE BILL 403

By Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to child endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

A parent or custodian of a child eight (8) years of age or less commits child endangerment who knowingly exposes such child to or knowingly fails to protect such child from abuse or neglect resulting in physical injury or imminent danger to the child.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

"Imminent danger" means the existence of any condition or practice that could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious bodily injury.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses occurring on or after that date.