

HOUSE BILL 447

By Warner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 1, relative to the administration of the
child support program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-132, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(d) Prior to the filing of a notice of rulemaking for permanent rules pursuant to this section, the department shall send the rules for review by an advisory group composed of two (2) representatives of the state court clerks' conference appointed by the president of the state court clerks' association; two (2) representatives of the judges of courts who have child support responsibilities, one (1) of whom will be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court and one (1) of whom will be appointed by the president of the council of juvenile and family court judges; one (1) representative of the administrative office of the courts; two (2) citizen representatives who are attorneys appointed by the Tennessee bar association, one (1) of whom will be an advocate for child support obligors and one (1) of whom will be an advocate for child support obligees; and two (2) representatives of the department of human services designated by the commissioner. The department shall implement procedures to ensure that the work of the advisory group is accountable and transparent to the public. This section does not prevent the department from filing any notice of rulemaking prior to or at the time the proposed permanent rules are sent to the advisory group where the department determines that immediate filing of the notice without prior review by the advisory group is necessary to meet any requirements relative to the potential expiration of emergency

rules or to comply with any federal statutory or regulatory requirements or any federal policy directives, nor does the requirement of this subsection (d) supersede any requirements of subsection (c).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.