



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 237

HOUSE BILL NO. 554

By Representatives Littleton, Russell, Howell, White, Clemmons

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 654

By Senators Jackson, Taylor, Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7; Title 16, Chapter 2 and Title 38, Chapter 6, relative to crimes against children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each district attorney general shall designate at least one (1) person currently employed within the judicial district as an assistant district attorney general as the lead prosecuting attorney for the judicial district in cases involving crimes committed against children.

(b) The district attorney general for each judicial district shall designate an assistant district attorney general, or other staff members as may be appropriate, to attend annual training on the investigation of crimes against children provided by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the Tennessee district attorneys general conference.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee bureau of investigation, the Tennessee district attorneys general conference, and other relevant parties at the request of the district attorneys general conference shall work in conjunction to implement a course or courses of instruction, composed of live instruction, telecommunication, video, or other medium, or any combination of methods, for the annual training of assistant district attorneys general and other staff members in the prosecution of crimes committed against children.

(b) The course or courses of instruction must emphasize:

- (1) The dynamics of investigating crimes committed against children;
- (2) Appropriate investigative and communication techniques for crimes committed against children; and
- (3) Protection of victims.

SECTION 3. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 3, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALL
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR