

HOUSE BILL 1277

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 9, Chapter 8 and Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to tort liability damages for certain contract service providers under contract with the department of mental health and substance abuse services, the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities, or the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 16, is amended by adding the following new section:

For a cause of action arising in tort, § 9-8-307(d) and the liability limits of § 9-8-307(e) shall also apply to each contractor that provides direct client services under a contract with the department of mental health and substance abuse services.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 27, is amended by adding the following new section:

For a cause of action arising in tort, § 9-8-307(d) and the liability limits of § 9-8-307(e) shall also apply to each contractor that provides direct client services under a contract with the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

For a cause of action arising in tort, § 9-8-307(d) and the liability limits of § 9-8-307(e) shall also apply to each contractor that provides direct client services under a contract with the department of children's services.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to causes of action accruing on or after that date.