

HOUSE BILL 1645

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to sentencing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(m) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), prosecutions for any offense committed on or after July 1, 2016, that constitutes the felony offense of child abuse, or child neglect or endangerment, under § 39-15-401 or aggravated child abuse, or aggravated child neglect or endangerment, under § 39-15-402 shall commence no later than ten (10) years after the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-102(a), is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in § 62-18-120(g) and subsection (b) of this section" and substituting instead "Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and § 62-18-120(g)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-102, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Prosecutions for any offense committed on or after July 1, 2016, that constitutes the misdemeanor offense of child abuse, or child neglect or endangerment, under § 39-15-401 shall commence no later than five (5) years after the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.