

HOUSE BILL 1918

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36
and Title 37, relative to juvenile court procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-161, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) The juvenile court having jurisdiction in the matter shall make a determination concerning the ability of a child's parent or guardian to pay for all or part of the services eligible for reimbursement account payment. If necessary, the court is authorized to hold a hearing and take testimony in order to make such a determination. If the parent or guardian is able to pay for all or part of such services, the court shall require such payment from the parent or guardian. A parent or guardian who is determined to be indigent shall not be required to pay for such services.

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