

HOUSE BILL 2162

By Shipley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;
Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, to enact the "Caylee
Anthony Act" relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-202, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsections:

(b) It is an offense for a parent physically able to do so to fail to make or knowingly refuse to make all reasonable efforts to report a missing child to the appropriate authorities in accordance with subsection (a) within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the parent knew, learned or believed that the child was missing.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution and conviction of the parent, and any other person criminally responsible, for:

- (1) Any applicable degree of homicide under title 39, chapter 13, part 2;
- (2) Child abuse, child neglect or endangerment under § 39-15-401,
- (3) Aggravated child abuse, aggravated child neglect or aggravated child endangerment under § 39-15-402;
- (4) Reckless endangerment under § 39-13-103; or
- (5) Any other applicable offense.

(d) A parent who violates the provisions of subsection (b) commits a Class E felony.

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