

HOUSE BILL 2431

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24
and Title 36, relative to parentage.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-303, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) If a man has executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to § 24-7-113, then the man and the mother of the child born out of wedlock are the legal parents, as defined in § 36-1-102, of the child.

(b) If a man has not executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to § 24-7-113, then the mother of a child born out of wedlock is the child's legal parent, as defined in § 36-1-102, and has primary residential care and custody of the child absent an order of custody to the contrary.

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