

HOUSE BILL 2674

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5 and Title 36, Chapter 6, relative to child support.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(n) In calculating a parent's monthly child support obligation, the court shall take into account all household expenses of the parent that has primary custody of the child or children, including but not limited to mortgage or rent, transportation costs, utilities, and child care. A parent's child support obligation shall not be reduced due to the other parent arranging for free or reduced-cost child care. In such situations the estimated worth of the child care shall be used in calculating the parent's monthly expenses.

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