



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 896

HOUSE BILL NO. 2780

By Representatives Parkinson, McCalmon, Helton-Haynes, Fritts, Butler

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2551

By Senator Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 20; Title 24; Title 26; Title 29; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 40; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 20, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:


(a) If a person is convicted of parentage fraud, as described in § 39-14-111, then the judge or jury must ascertain the value of any child support paid by the victim in reliance upon the parentage fraud, and the court must order the defendant to pay restitution of that value of child support to the victim, if not previously restored to the victim.

(b) To the extent permitted by federal law, a victim of parentage fraud may bring a cause of action to recover other financial support made in reliance upon the parentage fraud.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 11, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR