

HOUSE BILL 2960

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to victims of certain criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-219(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, if a defendant is convicted of a violation of an offense listed in this subsection (a) and the deceased victim of the offense was the parent of a minor child, then the sentencing court shall order the defendant to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance to each of the victim's children until each child reaches eighteen (18) years of age and has graduated from high school, or the class of which the child is a member when the child reached eighteen (18) years of age has graduated from high school. The offenses to which this section applies are:

- (1) First degree murder, as defined in § 39-13-202;
- (2) Second degree murder, as defined in § 39-13-210;
- (3) Voluntary manslaughter, as defined in § 39-13-211;
- (4) Vehicular homicide, as defined in § 39-13-213(a)(2); and
- (5) Aggravated vehicular homicide, as defined in § 39-13-218.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.