

SENATE BILL 34

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,  
Chapter 6, Part 5, relative to mandatory outpatient  
treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-502(4), is amended by inserting the following language after "resource" and before "are":

or to participation in mandatory outpatient treatment

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-502, is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of subdivision (5) and substituting instead the following punctuation and language:

, OR

(6) if participation in mandatory outpatient treatment is a suitable less drastic alternative to commitment, the person may be judicially ordered to participate in any medically appropriate outpatient treatment in proceedings conducted in substantial conformity with chapter 3, part 6, of this title without the necessity of the person first being judicially committed to involuntary care and treatment in a hospital or treatment resource.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.