



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 163

SENATE BILL NO. 270

**By Yager, Massey, Akbari, Bailey, Briggs, Bowling, Campbell, Gilmore, Haile, Jackson,
Reeves, Rose, Walley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 389

By Littleton, Rudder, Smith, Helton, Doggett, Moody, Holsclaw, Cochran, Parkinson, Russell,
Crawford, Sherrell, Calfee, Bricken, Hardaway, Eldridge, Hazlewood, Todd, Alexander, Jernigan,
Tim Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to adoption assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

By July 1, 2022, and every year thereafter, the department of children's services shall require any person receiving federal or state-funded adoption assistance from the department for adopting a child to provide the department with verification from the adopted child's current medical or mental health professional provider or verification of full-time school enrollment from the school the child attends. The medical or full-time school enrollment verification shall consist of a form or forms developed by the department, but must not require any records from those providing the verification. The department may initiate a visit to ascertain the well-being of the child if the person fails to provide the required documentation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 5, 2021


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of April 2021


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR