

SENATE BILL 611

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1 and Title 37, Chapter 5, relative to juvenile offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-134, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1)(A)(iii) and substituting:

(iii)

(a) Sixteen (16) years of age or more at the time of the alleged conduct;

and

(b)

(1) Charged with the offense of robbery or attempt to commit robbery; or

(2) Confined in a youth development center approved, certified, or licensed by the department of children's services, and charged with escape therefrom; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-206, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(b) A child sixteen (16) years of age or older, confined in a youth development center approved, certified, or licensed by the department and who escapes therefrom commits a Class A misdemeanor and may be prosecuted as an adult in the court having jurisdiction of the offense pursuant to § 37-1-134. The superintendent of the youth development center shall notify the district attorney general in the district in which the escape was effected that the escape has occurred and the facts relating thereto.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.