

SENATE BILL 853

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to the rules, regulations, and policies of the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-112, is amended by adding the following language to the end of the section:

The application of rules and regulations and the policies of the department shall be uniform and consistent throughout the state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated sections:

§ 37-5-1___. Before March 1 of each year, the department shall appear before the select committee on children and youth and the children and family committee of the house of representatives for a review of the rules, regulations, and policies of the department. During such review the committees shall consider the uniformity of applicability across the state of the department's rules, regulations, and policies.

§ 37-5-1___. The department shall submit for review by the select committee on children and youth and the children and family committee of the house of representatives any new departmental policies within sixty (60) days of adoption of such policies.

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