

SENATE BILL 859

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8, Chapter 42; Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 2; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 16, Chapter 1; Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41, Chapter 22; Title 49; Title 50, Chapter 9; Title 63, Chapter 7; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406(i), is amended by deleting the following language:

No later than sixty (60) days after receiving the initial report, the department or team in cases of child sexual abuse or the department in all other cases shall determine whether the reported abuse was indicated or unfounded and report its findings to the department's abuse registry.

and substituting instead the following language:

No later than forty-five (45) days after receiving the initial report, the department or team in cases of child sexual abuse or the department in all other cases shall determine whether the reported abuse was indicated or unfounded and report its findings to the department's abuse registry.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.