

SENATE BILL 1077

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 37, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) There shall be a children's program outcome recovery team (CPORT) organized by the Tennessee commission on children and youth that shall review cases of children and families being served by the department of children's services for the following purposes:

- (1) Collect, analyze, and report essential information about the population of children served by the department;
- (2) Assess the status of children in state care;
- (3) Measure the effectiveness of the service delivery system to promote positive system change;
- (4) Advise policy makers toward decisions that enhance the safety and well-being of children and families; and
- (5) Conduct a comprehensive case-based quality services review process.

(b) The process used by the CPORT may include:

- (1) Face to face interviews with children, parents, case workers, foster parents, court representatives, teachers, department employees, and other relevant service providers;

(2) Review of case records; and

(3) Data analysis.

(c) By January 15, the CPORT shall provide an annual report to the governor and the members of the general assembly, on the previous year's findings and recommendations for improvements to the department of children's services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.