SENATE BILL 1578

By Lowe

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-114(b), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting:

Children alleged to be unruly shall not be detained for more than seventy-two (72) hours, excluding nonjudicial days unless there has been a detention hearing and a judicial determination that there is probable cause to believe the child has violated a valid court order, and in no event shall such a child be detained for more than ninety-six (96) hours exclusive of nonjudicial days prior to an adjudicatory hearing.

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