

SENATE BILL 1719

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 53 and Title 63, relative to Brittany's Law.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as "Brittany's Law."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Drug overdose" means the same as defined in § 63-1-156; and

(2) "Seeks medical assistance" means the same as defined in § 63-1-

156.

(b)

(1) A person commits an offense who knowingly fails to seek medical assistance for an individual who the person knows or reasonably should know is experiencing a drug overdose.

(2) A person does not violate subdivision (b)(1) if the person refrained from seeking medical assistance because the person reasonably believed that medical assistance had been previously summoned by another.

(c)

(1) A violation of subdivision (b)(1) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) The sentencing court may order the defendant to complete a clinical substance abuse assessment and participate in a substance abuse treatment

program licensed or certified by the department of mental health and substance abuse services, including aftercare recommended by the treatment program.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.