SENATE BILL 2169

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to drug use by parents.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-166, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() If the court has removed a child from the custody of the child's parent, due in whole or in part to drug use or suspected drug use by the child's parent, the court shall not order the child to return to the parent's custody unless the order also includes a requirement that the parent submit to at least four (4) random drug tests to take place within one (1) year following the child's return.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.