



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 917**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2201**

**By Yarbrow, Campbell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1943

By Beck, Garrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34 and Title 34, Chapter 1, relative to tort settlements involving minors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-34-105, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a)(1) In any tort claim settlement involving a minor, the court shall conduct a hearing at which the minor and legal guardian are present if the tort claim settlement:

(A) Is a settlement of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more;

(B) Is a structured settlement; or

(C) Involves a minor who is not represented by an attorney licensed to practice in this state.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), the court may, in its discretion, conduct the hearing in chambers or by remote communication and may excuse the minor from attending the hearing.

(b) A tort claim settlement does not otherwise require court approval merely because it involves a minor.

(c) In the order approving a tort claim settlement authorized by this section, the court has the discretion to determine whether the settlement proceeds are to be paid to the minor's legal guardian or held in trust by the court until the appropriate time.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-1-121(b), is amended by deleting the language "minor or" wherever it appears.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-1-121, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) A tort claim settlement involving a minor does not require court approval except as required by § 29-34-105(a).

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 11, 2022

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR