



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 781**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2239**

**By Haile, Rose, Walley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2582

By Eldridge, Littleton, Helton, Moon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601, relative to child abuse coordinators.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) At the beginning of each school year, each LEA and public charter school shall submit the contact information of the LEA's or public charter school's child abuse coordinator and alternative child abuse coordinator to the department of children's services.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601(d)(1)(B), is amended by deleting subdivision (v) and substituting instead the following:

(v) Immediately notify the school child abuse coordinator and report the information to the department of children's services and law enforcement; provided, however, when the alleged abuse involves someone employed by, previously employed by, or otherwise affiliated with the school, the report may be made directly to the department of children's services and law enforcement prior to notifying the school child abuse coordinator. This subdivision (d)(1)(B)(v) does not relieve a school teacher, school official, or other school personnel from the duty to report alleged abuse under federal law.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601, is amended by deleting the word "department" wherever it appears in subdivisions (c)(5), (c)(6), (d)(2), (d)(3), and in the first sentence of subdivision (d)(5) and substituting instead the language "department of children's services".

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

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PASSED: March 23, 2022

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR