SENATE BILL 2293

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to child abuse, neglect, or endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(k) The department shall not publicly disclose the identity of an alleged perpetrator of abuse or neglect prior to a finding that the allegations against the perpetrator are substantiated. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the department from participating in or releasing information regarding a criminal prosecution in which charges have been filed against the alleged perpetrator or the alleged perpetrator has been indicted for a criminal offense relating to the alleged abuse or neglect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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