



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 699**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 2359**

**By Watson, Niceley, Hensley, Bowling, Haile, Johnson, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Stevens,  
Yager**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1726

By Gant, Moody, Vital, Littleton, Grills, Garrett, Todd, Farmer, Carr, Russell, Capley, Bulso, Eldridge,  
Davis, Fritts, Barrett, Richey, Cepicky, Hulsey, Burkhart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 36; Title 37 and Title 71, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-148, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) If an individual or member of the individual's household objects to an immunization on the basis of religious or moral convictions, then the exceptions in subsection (a) must not apply and the department shall not require the individual or member of the individual's household to undergo any immunization as a condition of adopting.

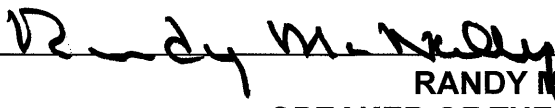
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-419, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) If an individual or member of the individual's household objects to an immunization on the basis of religious or moral convictions, then the exceptions in subsection (a) must not apply and the department of children's services shall not require an individual or member of the individual's household to undergo any immunization as a condition of overseeing a child in foster care.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 25, 2024

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR