



Tennessee Senate

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 943

SENATE BILL NO. 2571

By Taylor, Rose, Johnson, Yager, Jackson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1930

By Gillespie, Richey, Howell, Leatherwood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to the Parental Accountability Act.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Parental Accountability Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131(b)(1), is amended by redesignating the subdivision as subdivision (b)(1)(A) and adding the following new subdivision:

(B) If the child is found to be delinquent for a second or subsequent delinquent act, the court may enter an order of restitution against the parent, legal custodian, or guardian who had custody of the child at the time of the act for the expenses incurred by any law enforcement agency in responding to and investigating the delinquent act. A restitution order entered under this subdivision (b)(1)(B) must be no less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), if the act committed by the child would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, or no less than five hundred dollars (\$500), if the act committed by the child would be a felony if committed by an adult. The restitution order entered under this subdivision (b)(1)(B) must not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). If the court finds that the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian is indigent and waives restitution under this subdivision (b)(1)(B), then the court must order the child's parent, legal custodian, or guardian to perform community service work in lieu of the restitution.

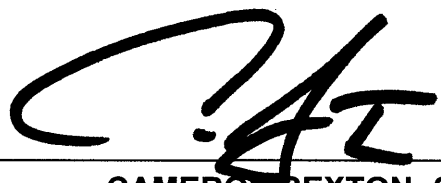
SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 22, 2024




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR