



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 725

HOUSE BILL NO. 2901

By Representatives Kumar, Mr. Speaker Sexton, Bulso

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2734

By Senators Jackson, Mr. Speaker McNally, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16; Title 33; Title 41 and Title 68, relative to mental health services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-401, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

IF AND ONLY IF

(1) A person has a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, AND

(2) The person poses an imminent substantial likelihood of serious harm under § 33-6-501 because of the mental illness or serious emotional disturbance,

THEN

(3) The person may be detained under § 33-6-402 to obtain examination for certification of need for care and treatment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-403, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

IF AND ONLY IF

(1) A person has a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, AND

(2) The person poses an imminent substantial likelihood of serious harm under § 33-6-501 because of the mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, AND

(3) The person needs care, training, or treatment because of the mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, AND

(4) All available less drastic alternatives to placement in a hospital or treatment resource are unsuitable to meet the needs of the person,

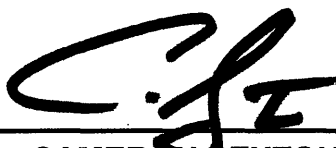
THEN

(5) The person may be admitted and detained by a hospital or treatment resource for emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment under this part.

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

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PASSED: March 25, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR