

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 305

HOUSE BILL NO. 2230

By Representatives John DeBerry, Odom

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2167

By Senators Kyle, Burks, Marrero, Raymond Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 4, relative to reporting of brutality, abuse, neglect or child sexual abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-403(h), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any hospital, clinic, school, or other organization responsible for the care of children from developing a specific procedure for internally tracking, reporting, or otherwise monitoring a report made by a member of its staff pursuant to this section, including requiring a member of the organization's staff who makes such a report to provide a copy of or notice concerning the report to the organization, so long as the procedure does not inhibit, interfere with, or otherwise affect the duty of a person to make a report as required by subsection (a). Nothing in this section shall prevent staff of a hospital or clinic from gathering sufficient information, as determined by the hospital or clinic, in order to make an appropriate medical diagnosis or to provide and document care which is medically indicated, and is needed to determine whether to report an incident as defined in this part. Such activities shall not interfere with nor serve as a substitute for any investigation by law enforcement officials or the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2007



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APPROVED this 30th day of May 2007



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