



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 344

**By Representatives Terry, Rogers, Akbari, Butt, Moody, Goins, Farmer, Jones, Gilmore,
Hardaway, Powers, Lynn, Hazlewood, Clemmons, Towns**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 550

By Senators Ketron, Bowling, Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 37; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to minor victims of crime.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection (t):

(1) The following information concerning the victim of a criminal offense who is a minor shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public:

(A) Name, unless waived pursuant to subdivision (t)(2);

(B) Home, work, and electronic mail addresses;

(C) Telephone numbers;

(D) Social security number;

(E) Any photographic or video depiction of the minor victim; and

(F) Whether the defendant is related to the victim unless the relationship is an essential element of the offense.

(2) The custodial parent or legal guardian of the minor victim of an offense whose name is made confidential pursuant to subdivision (t)(1)(A) may petition a court of record to waive confidentiality and allow the minor victim's name to be obtained in the same manner as other public records. Upon finding good cause shown, the court shall enter the order granting the waiver.

(3) This subsection (t) shall not be construed to:

(A) Restrict the application of Rule 16 of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure in any court or the disclosure of information required of counsel by the state or federal constitution;

(B) Limit or deny access to otherwise public information because a file, document, or data file contains some information made confidential by subdivision (t)(1); provided, that confidential information shall be redacted before any access is granted to a member of the public;

(C) Limit access to records by law enforcement agencies, courts, or other governmental agencies performing official functions; or

(D) Limit or prevent law enforcement from releasing information included in this subsection (t) for the purposes of locating and identifying missing, exploited, or abducted minors.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 26, 2017

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APPROVED this 5th day of May 2017

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