



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 499

HOUSE BILL NO. 751

By Representatives Faison, Russell, Sherrell, Davis, McCalmon, Gary Hicks, Littleton, Alexander, Vital, White, Hardaway, Terry, Doggett, Moody, Wright, Eldridge, Todd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1415

By Senators Briggs, Bowling, Lowe, Southerland, Taylor, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(d)(2), is amended by deleting "subsection (d)" and substituting "subdivision (d)(1)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(d), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (d)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (d)(2):

(2)

(A) A person who knowingly, by act or omission, engages in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment commits a Class E felony, except that if the abused child is eight (8) years of age or less, then the offense is a Class B felony.

(B) For purposes of this subdivision (d)(2), a person engages in conduct that places a child in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment if the person unlawfully exposes the child to fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, thiafentanil, or a fentanyl derivative or analogue, and an analysis of a specimen of the child's blood, hair, fingernail, urine, or other bodily substance indicates the presence of fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, thiafentanil, or a fentanyl derivative or analogue in the child's body.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2025



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2025



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR