

SENATE BILL 2071

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102 and Section 37-2-422, relative to the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(5)(G), is amended by deleting "§ 37-2-417" and substituting "§ 37-2-604".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-422, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c) A relative caregiver must receive payment equal to fifty percent (50%) of the full foster care board rate for the care of a child, if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The child is not in state custody;
- (2) The relative caregiver is twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
- (3) The relative caregiver has been awarded custody of the child by an order of a court;
- (4) A parent of the child does not reside in the relative caregiver's home;
- (5) The relative caregiver agrees to cooperate with any child support proceedings initiated by the department of human services, including providing information relative to the establishment of paternity, if known; and
- (6) The relative caregiver and the child meet all other requirements as prescribed by rules promulgated by the department.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.