

SENATE BILL 553

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to the definitions of child sexual abuse and severe child abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(22)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

The commission of any act towards the child prohibited by §§ 39-13-309, 39-13-502 - 39-13-504, 39-13-515, 39-13-522, 39-15-302, 39-15-402, and 39-17-1005 or the knowing failure to protect the child from the commission of any such act towards the child; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-602(a)(3)(C), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(vii) The commission of any act towards the child prohibited by § 39-13-309; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.