## **HOUSE BILL 615**

By Coley

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.