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HOUSE BILL 540

By Doss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, relative to the offense of child abuse and child neglect or endangerment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A parent or custodian of a child ten (10) years of age or less commits child endangerment who knowingly exposes such child to or knowingly fails to protect such child from abuse or neglect.

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