House Children & Families Subcommittee Am. #1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1377 **House Bill No. 213***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "the county clerk of each county" and substituting instead the language "members of the general assembly, former members of the general assembly, law enforcement chaplains duly appointed by the heads of authorized state and local law enforcement agencies, members of the legislative body of any municipality in this state, the county clerk of each county".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(2), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

Persons receiving online ordinations may not solemnize the rite of matrimony.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

If a marriage has been entered into by license issued pursuant to this chapter at which any minister officiated before July 1, 2019, the marriage must not be invalid because the requirements of the preceding subdivision (a)(2) have not been met.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1403 **House Bill No. 867***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-124(a), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

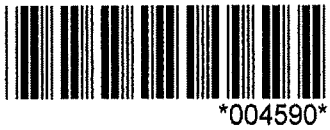
The district attorney for the judicial district in which the child was located must also receive a copy of the report provided to the legislators and may communicate with the legislators representing the child about the report and its contents or about any other otherwise confidential information that the legislators may have acquired pursuant to § 37-5-107(d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and redesignating the current subsection (b) and subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) If the department receives a report of child physical abuse from a licensed medical or mental health provider or a licensed educational professional and the report indicates that the child is currently at imminent risk of further serious physical harm from the alleged perpetrator, the department must commence a local investigation immediately, regardless of the time of day or night, by making physical contact with the child, in order to give the greatest protection possible to the child's physical safety. Upon making contact with the child, the investigator shall:

(1) Physically assess the child and document any injuries, old or new;

(2) Assess the child's level of safety, specifically inquiring about whether the alleged perpetrator will have access to the child after the initial interview;



(3) Develop and implement a safety plan with the child, unless the child is unable to participate due to the child's age;

(4) Determine whether the child, the child's siblings, or the current alleged perpetrator have a history of interactions with the department;

(5) Communicate to local law enforcement and the juvenile court judge with jurisdiction over the child within twenty-four (24) hours of the commencement of the investigation; and

(6) Present the results of the immediate investigation to the child protective investigation team.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1304 **House Bill No. 836***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) To the extent allowed by federal law, no private licensed child-placing agency shall be required to perform, assist, counsel, recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in any placement of a child for foster care or adoption when the proposed placement would violate the agency's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

(b) To the extent allowed by federal law, the department of children's services shall not deny an application for an initial license or renewal of a license or revoke the license of a private child-placing agency because of the agency's objection to performing, assisting, counseling, recommending, consenting to, referring, or participating in a placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

(c) To the extent allowed by federal law, a state or local government entity shall not deny to a private licensed child-placing agency any grant, contract, or participation in a government program because of the agency's objection to performing, assisting, counseling, recommending, consenting to, referring, or participating in a placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

(d) Refusal of a private licensed child-placing agency to perform, assist, counsel, recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in a placement that violates the agency's

written religious or moral convictions or policies shall not form the basis of a civil action for either damages or injunctive relief.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.