

HOUSE BILL 422
By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to juvenile court proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a), is amended by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (1), and by adding the following language:

; provided that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to alter, modify or restrict the exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 37-1-103.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103(a), is amended by changing the semi-colon at the end of subdivision (1) to a period, and by inserting the following language:

Such exclusive jurisdiction expressly precludes a court exercising jurisdiction over an action for annulment, divorce or separate maintenance from awarding custody or control of a minor child who is the subject of dependency and neglect proceedings or otherwise taking action governed by such juvenile court proceedings, but does not prevent the award of child support and related matters in appropriate cases;

SECTION 3. This act shall apply to actions pending on the effective date of this act as well as those filed on and after the effective date.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.