

HOUSE BILL 2124

By Bone

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6; Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 1 and Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to domestic violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-606(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (7); by deleting the period (.) at the end of subdivision (8) and substituting instead a semicolon (;) and the word "or"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(9) Directing the respondent to reimburse a family violence shelter for the reasonable costs incurred as a result of providing necessary shelter, as defined within §71-6-202(4), or shelter services, as defined within §71-6-202(5). In order to maintain the confidentiality of family violence shelter locations, all such payments shall be tendered directly to the court for delivery to the appropriate family violence shelter.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-118, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) If a person violates §39-13-101, §39-13-102 or §39-13-111, and if the relationship between such person and his or her victim falls within any category set forth within §36-3-601(8), then the court is also authorized to sentence such person to pay restitution to a family violence shelter for the reasonable costs incurred as a result of providing necessary shelter, as defined within §71-6-202(4), or shelter services, as defined within §71-6-202(5). In order to maintain the confidentiality of family violence shelter locations, all such payments shall be tendered directly to the court for delivery to the appropriate family violence shelter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.