

SENATE BILL 1054
By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5, relative to certain sexual offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (8) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(8) "Victim" means the person alleged to have been subjected to criminal sexual conduct and includes the spouse of the defendant.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-503, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(d) No party to a proceeding involving divorce or the custody of a child shall be permitted to allege by complaint or answer in the proceeding or to introduce at the trial of the proceeding evidence showing that the other party has been criminally charged with conduct against the alleging party that would constitute a violation of this section unless such other party has been convicted of a violation of this section and the victim of such offense was the alleging party.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-507, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.