

HOUSE BILL 2821

By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 7, Part 1; Title 36, Chapter 2, Part 3 and Title 68, Chapter 29, Part 1, relative to DNA testing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 29, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-29-1___. All genetic tests to determine a child's parentage shall be conducted by an accredited laboratory. At such time as the secretary of health and human services designates accreditation entities which acknowledge the reliability of types of genetic tests used in the establishment of paternity, such genetic tests shall be of the type which are generally acknowledged as reliable by accreditation entities designated by the secretary, and the genetic tests shall be performed by a laboratory approved by such a designated accreditation entity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.