

HOUSE BILL 1200

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103 and Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to jurisdiction over prosecutions of child abuse and neglect cases.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "or § 39-15-401" wherever it appears.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) Jurisdiction for prosecutions of a violation of this section shall be exclusively in a court of general sessions as provided in § 40-1-109 or circuit or criminal court as provided in § 40-1-108.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.