

HOUSE BILL 3420

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, relative to escaped juveniles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-116, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision to subsection (j):

(4) Upon an escape by a juvenile who is alleged or adjudicated to be delinquent by virtue of an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult and who is confined to a secure detention or correctional facility designated, operated or approved by the court, the appropriate facility or departmental official shall immediately report the escape to the news media in the area in which the facility is located. The report shall include the facts of the escape, the time when it occurred and the circumstances under which it occurred, together with the particular description of the escapee, the escapee's age, size, complexion, race, color of hair and eyes, and from what county committed, for what offense, and when.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.