

HOUSE BILL 1329

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;
Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41, relative to contact
with victims.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, is amended by adding the following new subsection thereto:

(h) The court may, in addition to any other punishment otherwise authorized by law, order a person convicted of child abuse to refrain from having any contact with the victim of the offense, including but not limited to, attempted contact through Internet services or social networking web sites; provided that the person has no parental rights to such victim at the time of the court's order.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-402, is amended by adding the following new subsection (g) thereto:

(g) The court may, in addition to any other punishment otherwise authorized by law, order a person convicted of aggravated child abuse to refrain from having any contact with the victim of the offense, including but not limited to, attempted contact through Internet services or social networking web sites; provided that the person has no parental rights to such victim at the time of the court's order.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this act.