

HOUSE BILL 2305

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 6 and Title 37, relative to drug use by  
parents.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

36-6-115.

When, in a private custody case not involving the department of children's  
services or a child-placing agency, a court has removed a child from the custody of the  
child's parent due primarily or solely to drug abuse by the parent, the court shall not  
return the child to the parent's custody until the parent has demonstrated a sustained  
commitment to be free from drug use by passing six (6) consecutive monthly drug tests  
to be paid for by the parent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.