

HOUSE BILL 1136

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 13; Title 33; Title 37; Title 68 and Title 71,  
relative to notice to homeowners concerning the  
siting of certain group homes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Any state agency that plans to site a state-owned group home, which is to serve as a residential facility for adults or children, including persons with intellectual disabilities or children in the custody of the department of children's services, in an established neighborhood or an otherwise developed identifiable residential area shall provide notice to affected homeowners. The agency shall provide notice in writing at least ninety (90) days in advance of opening the home to each homeowner in the established neighborhood or otherwise developed identifiable residential area; provided, the notice shall be provided to any homeowner whose property is within five hundred yards (500 yds.) of the proposed site of the group home.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Any state agency that plans to site a state-owned group care home or child caring institution, which is to serve as a residential facility for children, including persons with intellectual disabilities or children in the custody of the department of children's services, in an established neighborhood or an otherwise developed identifiable residential area shall provide notice to affected homeowners. The agency shall provide notice in writing at least ninety (90) days in advance of opening the home to each

homeowner in the established neighborhood or otherwise developed identifiable residential area; provided, the notice shall be provided to any homeowner whose property is within five hundred yards (500 yds.) of the proposed site of the group home.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall apply to group homes that open on or after October 1, 2015.