

HOUSE BILL 1967

By Carter

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,  
relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-149, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem in the following circumstances:

(1) For a child who has been the subject of two (2) or more reports of harm, made pursuant to § 37-1-403 or § 37-1-605, within the previous year regardless of whether the reports resulted in an investigation by the department;

(2) For a child who has been the subject of a report of harm, made pursuant to § 37-1-403 or § 37-1-605, by the child's teacher or medical provider;

(3) When a child is referred to the department as a result of a positive drug screen that is based on the parent's drug use, including a positive drug screen at birth; or

(4) When requested by a law enforcement officer, officer of the court, employee of the local education agency the child attends, or medical provider based on concern for the child's well-being.

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