

HOUSE BILL 2165

By Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to persons in direct contact with children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(d)(3)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(B)

(i) An employer or employee of the employer subject to this subsection (d) shall not come in direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program or enter the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present if the employer or employee has been convicted of a criminal offense within the preceding twenty (20) years or was released from incarceration after conviction within the preceding ten (10) years from the date from which the employer or the employee of the employer begins work pursuant to the contract.

(ii) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(3)(B)(i), an employer or employee of the employer subject to subsection (d) shall not come in direct contact with school children or with children in a child care program or enter the grounds of a school or child care center when children are present if the employer or employee has ever been convicted of the following offenses, or the same or similar offense in any jurisdiction, including convictions for the solicitation of, attempt to commit, conspiracy, or acting as an accessory to:

(a) A sexual offense or a violent sexual offense as defined in §
40-39-202;

(b) Any offense in title 39, chapter 13;

(c) §§ 39-14-301 and 39-14-302;

(d) §§ 39-14-401 – 39-14-404;

(e) §§ 39-15-401 and 39-15-402;

(f) § 39-17-417;

(g) § 39-17-1320; or

(h) Any other offense in title 39, chapter 17, part 13.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.