



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 710

HOUSE BILL NO. 2588

By Representatives Littleton, Parkinson, Hardaway, Thompson, Love, Chism, Lamar, Hazlewood, Carter, Hakeem, Helton, Freeman, Keisling, Ogles, Stewart, Camper, Miller, Powell, Beck, Gant, Williams, Moon, Crawford, Shaw, Calfee, Hall, Whitson, Windle

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2032

By Senators Rose, Robinson, Akbari, Crowe, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, relative to the parent educational seminar.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-408(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) In an action where a permanent parenting plan is or will be entered, each parent shall attend a parent educational seminar as soon as possible after the filing of the complaint. The seminar may be divided into sessions, which in the aggregate must not be less than four (4) hours in duration, and the minor children must be excluded from attending the seminar. The seminar must be educational in nature and not designed for individual therapy. The seminar must educate parents concerning how to protect and enhance the child's emotional development and inform the parents regarding the legal process. The seminar must include:

(1) At least one (1) thirty-minute video on adverse childhood experiences created:

(A) By the department of children's services in conjunction with the Tennessee commission on children and youth; or

(B) As part of the Building Strong Brains Tennessee public awareness campaign; and

(2) A discussion of alternative dispute resolution, marriage counseling, the judicial process, and common perpetrator attitudes and conduct involving domestic violence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-408, is amended by inserting the following language as a new subsection:

() The requirement of attendance by parents at the parent educational seminar may be waived upon motion by either party and the agreement of the court upon the showing of good cause.

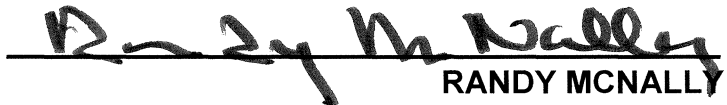
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: June 11, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of June 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR