

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 321**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 540**

**By Stevens, Bailey, Bowling, Haile, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 492

By Farmer, Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 37, relative to child custody.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (a)(15) and (16) and substituting:

- (15) Whether a parent has failed to pay court-ordered child support; and
- (16) Any other factors deemed relevant by the court.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106(g), is amended by deleting the language "subdivisions (a)(1) – (15)" and substituting "subdivisions (a)(1) – (16)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-406(d)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

- (1) A parent's neglect or substantial nonperformance of parenting responsibilities, including the failure to pay court-ordered child support;

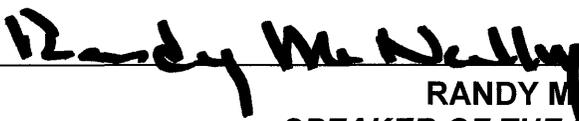
SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- (g) The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation expenses to either party in an action for grandparent visitation brought under this section.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2025

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR