



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 347

HOUSE BILL NO. 826

By Representatives Faison, Sherrell, Davis

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 895

By Senators Haile, Lowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to families' rights and responsibilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-8-103(c)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(7) To have the child excused from school attendance for religious purposes; provided, however, that if the child is absent for twenty (20) days or more during a school year for religious purposes, then the school may require the parent to attend a meeting to discuss the child's educational future;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-8-103(c)(12), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(G) An activity approved by the school related to academic instruction.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-8-103(d)(3), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

(F) A person acts reasonably to render appropriate, non-emergency first aid to a minor appearing or represented to be sick or injured. Such non-emergency first aid includes, but is not limited to, dressing minor wounds, applying topical agents, providing fluids or ice, and performing checks to identify minor illnesses; or

(G) In circumstances in which a local education agency has issued a consent request to a parent authorizing the entity to make a video or voice recording of the parent's child on school property during regular instructional hours or extracurricular activities pursuant to subdivision (c)(12); provided, however, that parental consent must be obtained before any video or voice recording of the child is published. School officials are not required to obtain parental consent before the video or voice recording is initiated.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-176(c), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

(7) A person acts reasonably to render appropriate, non-emergency first aid to a minor appearing or represented to be sick or injured. Such non-emergency first aid includes, but is not limited to, dressing minor wounds, applying topical agents, providing fluids or ice, and performing checks to identify minor illnesses;

(8) A healthcare provider, using reasonable medical judgment, based upon the facts known to the healthcare provider at the time, performs a screening of a minor who the healthcare provider reasonably believes is a trafficked person or a victim of brutality, neglect, or abuse in order to determine whether the healthcare provider must make a report pursuant to §§ 37-1-403 or 37-1-605; or

(9) A school counselor or school psychologist, licensed by the state board of education pursuant to title 49, who provides preventative and developmental counseling pursuant to § 49-6-303.

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SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2025



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2025



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR