



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 683

SENATE BILL NO. 609

By Massey, Campbell, Seal

Substituted for: House Bill No. 590

By Atchley

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

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 the language "The court shall consider all relevant factors, including the following, where applicable:" and substituting:

The court shall consider all relevant factors with the best interest of the child always being paramount, including the following, where applicable:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (17) and redesignating the existing subdivision accordingly:

(17) Without creating any presumption as to parenting time, the extent to which the parenting schedule proposed or ordered provides each parent with meaningful opportunities to participate in the child's life, consistent with the child's best interest; and

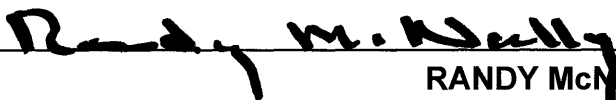
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106(a), is amended by deleting the language "subdivisions (a)(1)-(17)" and substituting "this subsection (a)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-404(b), is amended by deleting the language "§ 36-6-106(a)(1)-(15)" and substituting "§ 36-6-106(a)".

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 2, 2026



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2026



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR