



SENATE BILL 2459

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-903(c)(2), is amended by deleting the second sentence of the subdivision and substituting:

The department of children's services shall create and disseminate an annual report to the director of the administrative office of the courts, the commissioner of the department of mental health and substance abuse services, the council of juvenile and family court judges, the commission on children and youth, and the chairs of the civil justice committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB2459

Gardenhire
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2459

House Bill No. 2206*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The department of children's services shall not:

(1) Request information regarding the number or type of firearms or ammunition or identifying information about such firearms or ammunition that a foster parent or prospective foster parent owns or possesses; or

(2) Request a foster parent or prospective foster parent to display or provide access to a firearm or ammunition owned or possessed by the parent.

(b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit the department from:

(1) Inquiring whether firearms and ammunition are present in the foster parent or prospective foster parent's home and, if so, whether such firearms and ammunition are securely stored; and

(2) Requesting to see the storage of any firearms or ammunition; provided, that the department shall not request that the foster parent or prospective foster parent open a secured storage compartment.

(c) This section does not apply to an investigation into an allegation of abuse or neglect within a foster home.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.