

HOUSE BILL 350

By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to payment for court-ordered mental health evaluations of juveniles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 37-1-150(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The cost of transporting a child who has been committed to a state correctional institution for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be paid by the state. The cost of transportation of a child to and from the nearest state mental hospital for mental examination or evaluation when such examination or evaluation has been ordered by the juvenile court judge for a child charged with commission of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult, and the actual cost of the examination or evaluation of such child at a state mental hospital or state-contracted mental health provider facility when the juvenile court judge has ordered such examination or evaluation for a child charged with the commission of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be paid by the state; otherwise, the city or county shall bear the cost.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.