SENATE BILL 531

By Haile

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-132(a), is amended by deleting the language "an average, to be calculated at least monthly, of".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-602(a), is amended by adding

the following new subdivision:

() "Person residing in the child's home" includes, but is not limited to, a person

who resides in a residential setting with a child who is in the custody of the department;

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act takes effect January 1, 2026, the public welfare

requiring it. Section 2 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.