

SENATE BILL 616

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 5, 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, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

The department shall provide juveniles who are in the department's custody and
housed at juvenile detention facilities approved, certified, or licensed by the department,
including youth development centers, with twenty-four-hour access, seven (7) days a
week, to psychological and behavioral health services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.