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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1159

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting:

(1) Proceedings in which a child:

(A) Is alleged to be unruly, dependent and neglected, or to have committed a juvenile traffic offense as defined in § 37-1-146; and

(B) Is alleged to be delinquent, unless the child must be charged in criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-104, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c)

(1) The juvenile, circuit, and chancery courts have concurrent jurisdiction to terminate parental or guardian rights pursuant to the provisions of title 36, chapter 1, part 1; and

(2) The juvenile, criminal, and circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction in proceedings in which a child is alleged to be delinquent and the child must be charged in criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-134, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a)

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(A) If a child is alleged to have committed an offense or engaged in conduct that is designated a crime or public offense under the laws, including local ordinances, of this state, and the child meets one (1) or more of the criteria listed in subdivision (a)(1)(B), then a petition alleging delinquency must be filed in the appropriate criminal court of competent jurisdiction.

(B) Subdivision (a)(1)(A) applies if the child was:

(i) Less than fourteen (14) years of age at the time of the alleged conduct and charged with first degree murder or second degree murder or attempted first or second degree murder;

(ii) Fourteen (14) years of age or more but less than seventeen (17) years of age at the time of the alleged conduct and charged with the offense of first degree murder, second degree murder, rape, aggravated rape, rape of a child, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated sexual battery when the victim is less than thirteen (13) years of age, aggravated robbery, especially aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, especially aggravated burglary, kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, especially aggravated kidnapping, commission of an act of terrorism, carjacking, or an attempt to commit any such offense;

(iii) Sixteen (16) years of age or more at the time of the alleged conduct and charged with:

(a) The offense of robbery or attempt to commit robbery; or

(b) Any offense if a deadly weapon was used during the commission of the offense; or

(iv) Seventeen (17) years of age or more at the time of the alleged conduct.

(2)

(A) If a petition has been filed with the criminal court pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A), then the criminal court shall, before a hearing on the merits of the petition, conduct a hearing to determine whether the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court or if the petition should be transferred to the juvenile court for delinquency proceedings on the merits.

(B) A hearing pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(A) must be held in conformity with §§ 37-1-124, 37-1-126, and 37-1-127.

(C) The court shall provide reasonable notice in writing of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing to the child and the child's parents, guardian, or other custodian at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3), the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court if the criminal court finds probable cause to believe that:

(A) The child committed the delinquent act as alleged;

(B) The child is not committable to an institution for the developmentally disabled or mentally ill; and

(C) The interest of the community requires that the child be put under legal restraint or discipline.

(2) In making the determination required by this section, the criminal court shall consider, among other matters:

(A) Whether the offense was against a person or property, with greater weight in favor of a determination that the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court if the offense was against a person;

(B) Whether the offense was committed in an aggressive and premeditated manner;

(C) Whether the child's conduct would be a criminal gang offense, as defined in § 40-35-121, if committed by an adult; and

(D) Whether the child's history demonstrates the child is, or has been, a victim of human trafficking.

(3) The district attorney general shall not seek, nor shall any child tried in an adult criminal court receive, a mandatory sentence of death or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

(c)

(1) If the criminal court determines that the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court, then the court shall enter a written order detailing the court's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Following entry of the order, the child is subject to indictment, presentation, or information for the offense charged.

(2) If the criminal court determines that the child shall not be tried as an adult in criminal court, then the court shall enter a written order detailing the court's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the petition shall be transferred to the juvenile court for delinquency proceedings on the merits pursuant to § 37-1-131.

(d)

(1) If the criminal court determines that the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court, then the jurisdiction of the juvenile court with respect to any and all delinquent acts with which the child may then or thereafter be charged is terminated, and the child shall thereafter be dealt with as an adult as to all

pending and subsequent criminal charges except in the following circumstances, in which the juvenile court retains concurrent jurisdiction:

(A) The child is acquitted in criminal court on the charge or charges; or

(B) The charge or charges were dismissed by the criminal court.

(2) If a child is in the legal custody of the department at the time of the hearing, then custody terminates at the hearing, except that if the child is already committed to the department, the court may determine if it is in the best interest of the child to remain in the legal custody of the department until a conviction occurs. Legal custody by the department terminates upon a conviction in adult criminal court. If the child is acquitted of the charges or if no conviction occurs and the charge is dismissed, then the presiding judge shall notify the appropriate juvenile court of the dismissal or acquittal so that the juvenile court may, at its discretion, set a hearing to ascertain the status of the child as to the department's custody.

(e) If a person eighteen (18) years of age or older is charged with an offense that was alleged to have been committed prior to the person's eighteenth birthday, then the petition must be brought in the adult criminal court having jurisdiction at the time of the offense. The adult criminal court shall determine, pursuant to this section, whether the case should be adjudicated in the juvenile court under its continuing jurisdiction authority pursuant to § 37-1-102(b)(5)(B) and (C) or whether the matter should be tried in the adult criminal court.

(f) A child, either before or after reaching eighteen (18) years of age, shall not be prosecuted for an offense previously committed unless a hearing has been held pursuant to subsection (a).

(g)

(1) Statements made by the child at a hearing held pursuant to subsection (a) are not admissible against the child, over objection, in the criminal proceedings following the court's decision that the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court.

(2) A hearing held pursuant to subsection (a) shall be recorded using the procedure provided in title 40, chapter 14, part 3.

(h) If the criminal court determines that the child shall be tried as an adult in criminal court, then the judge who conducted the hearing pursuant to subsection (a) shall not, over objection of an interested party, preside at the criminal trial.

(i) After a child has been sentenced to an adult institution, the department of correction may file a petition requesting the committing court to allow the department to transfer the defendant to an institution for juvenile delinquents administered by the department of children's services. Upon the approval of the committing court, the defendant may be transferred by the department of correction to a child-caring institution to be held until the defendant's eighteenth birthday. At the defendant's eighteenth birthday, the defendant may be transferred to an adult institution if there is time remaining on the defendant's term. If the term expires prior to the defendant's eighteenth birthday, then the defendant must be released. A child sentenced by a committing court pursuant to this section shall, for the purposes of parole, be treated as if the child were an adult. The provisions of this section relative to housing juveniles who have obtained the age of eighteen (18) are not affected by subsections (j), (k), and (l).

(j) When a child being tried as an adult in criminal court pursuant to subsection (a) is detained, the adult criminal court may, in its discretion, order confinement in a local juvenile detention facility, or a juvenile detention facility with which the juvenile court contracts, or an adult detention facility separate and removed from adult detainees. If the adult criminal court orders detention in an adult detention facility separate and removed from adult detainees, then during the period while the child is detained

separately from adult detainees, the child shall otherwise abide by the same regulations and policies governing conditions of imprisonment that apply to adult detainees who are charged with similar offenses. Similar regulations and policies governing educational opportunities for adults shall be implemented for a child so detained, but such regulations and policies shall in no way affect or alter the manner in which a local education agency is required to provide educational services to a child under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, compiled in 20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.

(k) A child who was less than sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the offense and who is subsequently convicted in adult criminal court and committed, must be housed in a juvenile correctional facility until such person reaches sixteen (16) years of age, at which time the child may be transferred upon the order of the committing court to an adult facility. A child committed to an adult facility under this section must be housed separate and removed from adult inmates. In exercising the commissioner's discretion under § 41-1-403 to determine the institutional location of a person committed to the custody of the department, the commissioner of correction shall take into consideration the proximity of the institution to the child's home. However, during any period while the child is confined separately from adult inmates within the regional facility, the child shall otherwise abide by the same regulations and policies governing conditions of imprisonment that apply to adult inmates who are confined for similar offenses. Similar regulations and policies governing educational opportunities for adults must be implemented for a child so detained, but such regulations and policies do not affect or alter the manner in which a local education agency is required to provide educational services to a child under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, compiled in 20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.

(l) A child who was sixteen (16) years of age or older at the time of the offense and is subsequently convicted in adult criminal court and committed shall be housed in a juvenile correctional facility unless the committing court orders commitment to an adult

facility. A child committed to an adult facility under this section must be housed separate and removed from adult inmates. In exercising the commissioner's discretion under § 41-1-403 to determine the institutional location of a person committed to the custody of the department, the commissioner of correction shall take into consideration the proximity of the institution to the child's home. However, during any period while the child is confined separately from adult inmates within the regional facility, the child shall otherwise abide by the same regulations and policies governing conditions of imprisonment that apply to adult inmates who are confined for similar offenses. Similar regulations and policies governing educational opportunities for adults must be implemented for a child so detained, but the regulations and policies do not affect or alter the manner in which a local education agency is required to provide educational services to a child under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, compiled in 20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102(b)(5)(B)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "with the court having the option of retaining jurisdiction for adjudication and disposition or transferring the person to criminal court under § 37-1-134".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(5)(D).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-126(c)(4), is amended by deleting "a child who has been transferred or is awaiting a transfer hearing pursuant to § 37-1-134 or".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(2)(A) and subdivision (e)(2)(A).

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-135, is amended by deleting "to transfer a child under" and substituting "held pursuant to".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-137(d)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting:

This section does not prevent the child from being tried as an adult in criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-137(d)(2), is amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting:

This section does not prevent the child from being tried as an adult in criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153, is amended by deleting subdivision (f)(1)(A)(iii) and substituting:

(iii) Has never been convicted of a criminal offense as an adult, has never been convicted of a criminal offense as a juvenile tried in adult criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense, as defined in § 40-39-202, whether in juvenile court, in adult criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134, or as an adult;

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-154(a), is amended by deleting "Unless a charge of delinquency is transferred for criminal prosecution under" and substituting "Unless a child is tried as an adult in criminal court pursuant to".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-159(a), is amended by deleting ", except a proceeding pursuant to § 37-1-134,".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-159, is amended by deleting subsections (d) and (e).

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-159(f), is amended by deleting "pursuant to subsection (e)" and substituting "pursuant to § 37-1-134".

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-170(f), is amended by deleting "in a case that has been transferred to the criminal court pursuant to the provisions of § 37-1-134" and substituting "in which a child is tried as an adult in criminal court pursuant to § 37-1-134".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-103(4)(A)(ii)(c), is amended by deleting the language "with the court having the option of retaining jurisdiction for adjudication and disposition or transferring the person to criminal court under § 37-1-134".

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (4)(C).

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-106(b)(3)(A), is amended by deleting "a transfer of the juvenile to criminal court" and substituting "the juvenile being tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-106(b)(3)(B), is amended by deleting "juvenile was transferred to criminal court" and substituting "juvenile was tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-107(b)(3)(A), is amended by deleting "a transfer of the juvenile to criminal court" and substituting "the juvenile being tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-107(b)(3)(B), is amended by deleting "juvenile was transferred to criminal court" and substituting "juvenile was tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-108(b)(3)(A), is amended by deleting "a transfer of the juvenile to criminal court" and substituting "the juvenile being tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-108(b)(3)(B), is amended by deleting "juvenile was transferred to criminal court" and substituting "juvenile was tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-120(e)(3), is amended by deleting "a transfer of the juvenile to criminal court" and substituting "the juvenile being tried as an adult in criminal court".

SECTION 26. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.