STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 593

HOUSE BILL NO. 459

By Representatives McDonald, Maggart, Sherry Jones, Hardaway, Yokley, Winningham, Montgomery, Fitzhugh, Coley, Brown, Ferguson, Bone, Camper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 456

By Senators Black, Overbey, Burks, Jackson, Barnes, Beavers, Berke, Bunch, Burchett, Crowe, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Southerland, Stanley, Stewart, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to mental health examinations of juveniles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated section:

(a) The Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is authorized to establish and administer a program to reimburse counties for the costs associated with inpatient mental health evaluations and examinations conducted on juveniles charged with an offense which would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. Such a program is subject to available state funding and may include full or partial reimbursements to counties for the costs of inpatient mental health examinations or evaluations ordered by a juvenile court judge, as well as the costs of transportation of such child for a mental health examination or evaluation. The program may also include reimbursement to counties for costs of detention incurred pursuant to Section 37-1-116(f) for the purposes of obtaining an outpatient evaluation or examination at a detention facility located in another county.

(b) The council my adopt rules and regulations governing such a reimbursement program pursuant to Section 37-1-502.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 18, 2009

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of July 2009

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR