



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 869**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 2459**

**By Bailey, Bowling, Crowe, Gardenhire, Hatcher, Lowe, Southerland**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2206

By Sherrell, Towns, Butler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, 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 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The department of children's services shall not:

(1) Request information regarding the number or type of firearms or ammunition or identifying information about such firearms or ammunition that a foster parent or prospective foster parent owns or possesses; or

(2) Request a foster parent or prospective foster parent to display or provide access to a firearm or ammunition owned or possessed by the parent.

(b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit the department from:

(1) Inquiring whether firearms and ammunition are present in the foster parent or prospective foster parent's home and, if so, whether such firearms and ammunition are securely stored; and

(2) Requesting to see the storage of any firearms or ammunition; provided, that the department shall not request that the foster parent or prospective foster parent open a secured storage compartment.

(c) This section does not apply to an investigation into an allegation of abuse or neglect within a foster home.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2026

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR