

SENATE BILL 1511

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36  
and Title 71, relative to child support obligations of  
custodial parents.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (n):

(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a parent who is awarded sole custody of a child shall not be obligated to provide future support for the child to the noncustodial parent while the custodial parent maintains sole custody of the child.

(2) If a parent is awarded sole custody of a child after a court has issued a child support order, the parent may petition the court for a modification of the support order to conform to subdivision (n)(1). If the court determines the petitioning parent has sole custody of the child, then the court shall modify the support order in accordance with this subsection (n).

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