

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 458

SENATE BILL NO. 416

By Watson, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1674

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Section 71-5-105, relative to filling vacant ICF/MR beds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-105(b)(2), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the existing language:

The division of mental retardation services shall do everything possible to provide referrals for these new beds. The division must demonstrate a commitment in assisting providers in locating referrals by obtaining a written statement from the conservator of every eligible service recipient indicating that they have been fully informed of the community ICF/MR facilities and the specialized services they provide.

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

PASSED: June 4, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR