

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 467

SENATE BILL NO. 705

By Tate, Marrero, Harper, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 50

By Gilmore, Cooper, Hardaway, Towns, Lois DeBerry, Camper, John Deberry,
Ulysses Jones, Armstrong, Favors, Brown, Miller, Kelsey, Shaw, Bone

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to HIV/AIDS in the
African American community.

WHEREAS, findings suggest that HIV/AIDS in the African American community
is a crisis separate and apart from the overall issue of HIV/AIDS in other communities;
and

WHEREAS, African Americans, especially women, are disproportionately the
most severely impacted by HIV/AIDS and the least likely to receive quality care; now,
therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The health equity commission created by § 3-15-401 is hereby
urged to study the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS has on the African American
community. The commission is urged to examine the need to develop, implement, and
maintain a comprehensive, culturally sensitive HIV prevention plan targeting
communities identified as high-risk in terms of the impact of the disease on African
Americans.

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

PASSED: June 2, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR