



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 682

HOUSE BILL NO. 2251

By Representatives Matlock, Madam Speaker Harwell, Gant, Timothy Hill, Moody, Crawford, Byrd, Carr, Rogers, Keisling, Jerry Sexton, Boyd, Tillis, Zachary, Lynn, Eldridge, Rudd, Terry, Weaver, Whitson, Vaughan, Dawn White, Lamberth, Powers, Calfee, Goins, Alexander, Gravitt, Cameron Sexton, Travis, Sherrell, Dunn, Littleton, Matheny, Kumar, Holt, Johnson, Hulsey, Windle, Hicks, Kane, Howell, Ragan, Sanderson, Lollar, Doss, Coley, Halford, Van Huss, Matthew Hill, Forgety, Faison

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2148

By Senators Bell, Gardenhire, Bowling, Hensley, Haile, Bailey, Southerland, Jackson, Pody, Niceley, Yager, Ketrone, Stevens, Swann, Watson, Gresham, Crowe, Green, Johnson, Roberts, Lundberg, Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is the policy of the state to favor childbirth as integral to the health and welfare of the citizens of the state and therefore to favor family planning services that do not include elective abortions or the promotion of elective abortions within the continuum of care or services offered by the provider and to avoid the direct or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortions.

(b) In furtherance of this state policy, a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver that requires elective abortion providers be excluded from participation as providers in the TennCare program shall be submitted to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services for approval. The waiver amendment shall be implemented within ten (10) business days of approval.

(c) For purposes of this section, an "elective abortion provider" means any entity that performed, or operated or maintained a facility that performed, more than fifty (50) abortions in the previous year, or any affiliate of such an entity.

(d) This section does not affect compliance with § 9-4-5116.

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

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PASSED: March 29, 2018



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR