



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 773

HOUSE BILL NO. 2053

By Representatives Staples, Whitson, Thompson, Jernigan, Kumar, Dunn, Clemmons, Hazlewood, Cameron Sexton, Boyd, Love, Byrd, Lynn, Powell, Sherrell, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2008

By Senators Massey, Crowe, Dickerson, Briggs, Bell, Watson, Yarbrow

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to Down syndrome.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

68-1-2601. This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Down Syndrome Information Act of 2018."

68-1-2602. As used in this part:

(1) "Department" means the department of health; and

(2) "Down syndrome" means a chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of chromosome 21.

68-1-2603.

(a) The department shall, within existing resources, make available up-to-date, evidence-based information about Down syndrome. The online information must include:

(1) Information regarding first-call programs;

(2) Links to organizations providing information and resources related to Down syndrome; and

(3) Other educational and support programs.

(b) The department may make available this information on the department's website.

(c) The intent of this section is to make information available to individuals who render prenatal care, postnatal care, or genetic counseling to any person who has received a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

68-1-2604.

(a) A healthcare provider who renders prenatal or postnatal care or a genetic counselor who renders genetic counseling may, upon receipt of a positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, provide the expectant or new parent with the information provided by the department under this part.

(b) Nothing in this section creates a duty of care or other legal obligation beyond the requirements set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 5, 2018

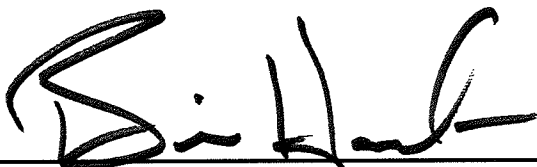


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR