



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 869

HOUSE BILL NO. 1551

By Madam Speaker Harwell, Representatives Howell, Boyd, Ragan, Terry, Weaver, Zachary, Powers, Vaughan, Tillis, Gant, Jerry Sexton, Johnson, Reedy, Sherrell, Calfee, Dawn White, Moody, Daniel, Keisling

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1728

By Senators Roberts, Bell, Green, Stevens, Bowling, Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to imposing requirements on recipients of 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 new section to be appropriately designated:

An amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver shall be submitted to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) authorizing the bureau of TennCare to create reasonable work and community engagement requirements for able-bodied working age adult enrollees without dependent children under the age of six (6). The waiver shall be consistent with the most recent guidance to state medicaid directors provided by CMS concerning opportunities to promote work and community engagement in demonstration projects authorized under § 1115 of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 1315). The state shall seek the necessary approval from the United States department of health and human services to utilize funds from the temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) program under the Families First Act of 1996, compiled in chapter 3, part 1 of this title, for eligible expenditures related to the waiver. Implementation of the waiver shall be contingent upon the available use of TANF funds or other federal appropriations to meet the requirements of the waiver.

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

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PASSED: April 19, 2018



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALL
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR