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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1428** **House Bill No. 1280***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

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

(a) The governor, acting through the commissioner of finance and administration, is directed to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver, or to submit a new waiver, in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population by means of a block grant in accordance with the provisions of this act no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act. The new TennCare II waiver request for funding in the form of a block grant, if approved by the federal government and the commissioner of finance and administration, does not take effect unless subsequently authorized by joint resolution of the general assembly.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, "block grant," as used in this section, means an allotment of federal funds for the purpose of providing medical assistance, and for which the state determines how to allocate and spend the allotted funds.

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