

HOUSE BILL 214
By Arriola

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to long-term care services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 14, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section ___. The comptroller of the treasury shall provide appropriate monitoring, audits and evaluations of new waivers and proposed waivers for home and community-based services operating under authority of this part to the appropriate standing committees of the general assembly. The comptroller shall make such reports at least once per year. Topics addressed by such reports should include access issues; costs; quality evaluation; and analysis of demand for and utilization of institutional and home-based services as affected by the new waivers. Before the commissioner of health may submit a proposed waiver to the federal department of health and human services, the commissioner shall submit the proposed waiver to both the appropriate standing committees of the general assembly and to the comptroller of the treasury at least sixty (60) days in advance in order to provide an opportunity for comment. The standing committees may also seek comment on such waivers from the long-term care services advisory council.

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

