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SENATE BILL 1582

By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, 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 to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. On or before January 15, 2000, the commissioner of health is directed to submit to the general assembly a proposal for the use of vouchers to pay for skilled nursing facility beds and home- and community-based care services for the elderly and persons with disabilities in order to allow the voucher recipient to choose the service needed.

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