

SENATE BILL 1748  
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5,  
relative to prevention of diseases.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The department of health shall, by March 1 of every year, report to the general  
assembly on the following, to the extent that the department has knowledge of such  
information and without violating any confidentiality imposed upon the department by law  
or otherwise:

(1) The number of Tennessee residents diagnosed as being positive for the  
human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

(2) The number of Tennessee residents diagnosed as having acquired  
immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(3) As part of the second annual report, and thereafter, the increase in the  
number of Tennessee residents with HIV and AIDS from the preceding reporting year to  
the current reporting year;

(4) Information concerning new medical research in the fields of HIV and AIDS,  
including new medications for persons so diagnosed and the effect such medications  
have on the quality of life and health of those persons. This information shall include the

number of persons who have been diagnosed as having AIDS but who have been able to return to work or whose lives have been substantially improved; and

(5) A comparison of the number of Tennessee residents with HIV and AIDS and the number of residents diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in other states.

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