

Amendment No. 1 to SB0762

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 0762*

House Bill No. 1781

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section ____.

(a) There is hereby created an advisory committee on the accessibility and efficiency of emergency medical care in any county having a population in excess of eight hundred thousand (800,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census. The committee shall undertake a thorough study of the challenges surrounding ambulance services and their interaction with private and public hospital emergency care and provide solutions for the coordination of care in such county.

(b) The advisory committee shall consist of one (1) member of the house of representatives and one (1) member of the senate each appointed by the respective speakers; one (1) representative of the fire department of such county; one (1) representative of the fire department of the largest municipality located in such county; four (4) representatives from each of the major hospital providers in such county; one (1) representative of a private ambulance provider; one (1) representative of the municipal government of the largest municipality located in such county, appointed by the city mayor; one (1) representative of county government of such county, appointed by the county mayor, one (1) member representing the state emergency medical services board as appointed by the board's chairman, and one (1) member representing the state department of health as appointed by the commissioner of health.

(c) The advisory committee shall seek the input and participation of the state emergency medical services board; the state department of health; the state board of licensing healthcare facilities; the TennCare Bureau; and other appropriate state agencies.

(d) The advisory committee shall be called to order by the legislative member with the senior most service.

(e) The advisory committee shall issue recommendations and an action plan for the increased cooperation and efficiency of emergency care in such county to the mayors of the county the largest municipality located in such county by no later than December 15, 2007. The advisory committee shall dissolve once it has issued its recommendations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring

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