

HOUSE BILL 2004

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-104 and Section 71-2-105, relative to programs providing services to older Tennesseans and adults with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105(a), is amended by adding the following as an appropriately designated, new subdivision:

() Provide to the general assembly, no later than January 15 of each year, an updated report and analysis of the waiting list for the state options program;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105(b)(1), is amended by replacing the semicolon ";" at the end of the subdivision with a comma "," and adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

including rules necessary for the proper management and oversight of the home and community based options program;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105(b), is further amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (2) and renumbering the remaining subdivisions accordingly:

(2) Notwithstanding § 71-5-1419(c), promulgate rules and regulations allocating resources between urban and rural areas to program components that provide services to elderly and disabled individuals in need of assistance who do not qualify for long-term care services under the Medical Assistance Act of 1968, codified at Chapter 5, Part 1, of this title;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105(b), is further amended by inserting the following as a new appropriately designated, subdivision:

() Conduct, develop, and implement, alone or in coordination with other agencies, research, pilot projects, and programs designed to promote and encourage healthy aging.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.