

SENATE BILL 1286

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to TennCare.

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 new section:

The bureau of TennCare shall establish a program that:

(1) Identifies child enrollees in TennCare who, by reason of a disability, are likely to be eligible for federal supplemental security income upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) In the year prior to each eligible child enrollee's eighteenth birthday, counsels the child and the child's parent or guardian on the benefits available from and enrollment requirements for the federal supplemental security income program; and

(3) Provides enrollment assistance to the child prior to the child's eighteenth birthday in a manner that the bureau determines is most likely to ensure that there will be no gap in TennCare eligibility or coverage due to the child reaching eighteen (18) years of age.

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