

Amendment No. 1 to HB1960

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2007

House Bill No. 1960*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Governmental entity" includes a county or municipal government;

(2) "Public hospital" means a hospital located in a county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and that is owned by a metropolitan hospital authority created under the Metropolitan Hospital Authority Act, compiled in title 7, chapter 57; and

(3) "State employee" includes a university employee and an employee under the state board of regents.

(b) Public hospitals have the authority, upon approval of the hospital's governing body, to establish a state employee and retiree healthcare incentive program that will allow for the waiver of applicable out-of-pocket expenses associated with medical, surgical, or mental health care at the public hospital, including deductibles, except those deductibles associated with a high deductible plan, copays, and co-insurance, for state employees and retirees and their covered dependents participating in the state group insurance plan under this part.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.