

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

By Representatives Smith, Terry, Rudd, Alexander, Parkinson, Hardaway, Moody, Calfee

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 145

By Senators Watson, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 9; Title 12, Chapter 4; Title 13; Title 41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 71, relative to federal funds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-1-124.

- (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner shall submit a report quarterly to the persons identified in subsection (c) detailing the department's access to and use of federal funds. The report may be submitted electronically.
- (b) The report must include information, in the aggregate and per program, regarding:
 - (1) The amount and source of federal funds available to be spent by the department in the current fiscal year;
 - (2) The amount of federal funds budgeted to be spent and expected to be actually spent in the current fiscal year;
 - (3) The amount and percentage of federal funds set aside as reserve, both cumulatively and in the current fiscal year;
 - (4) Whether there are restrictions or requirements under federal law on how federal funds can be spent, and what those restrictions or requirements are;
 - (5) Whether there are restrictions or requirements under state law on how federal funds can be spent, and what those restrictions or requirements are;
 - (6) Whether and how the restrictions or requirements described in subdivisions (b)(4)-(5) prevented the department's expenditure of federal funds; and
 - (7) Whether unspent federal funds available to the department carry over to the next fiscal year or are lost.
 - (c) Persons to whom the commissioner must submit the report include:
 - (1) The speakers of the house of representatives and the senate;
 - (2) The chief clerks of the house of representatives and the senate;
 - (3) The chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the house of representatives and the senate;
 - (4) The chairs of the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate:

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- (5) The executive director of the general assembly's fiscal review committee, for distribution to the members of the committee;
 - (6) The directors of the office of legislative budget analysis; and
 - (7) The legislative librarian.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "program" includes programs administered by the department for adult and family services, child support, and rehabilitation services, including:
 - (1) The child care benefits program;
 - (2) The temporary cash assistance program, through the state's temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) program;
 - (3) The supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP);
 - (4) The child support enforcement program;
 - (5) Rehabilitation services; and
 - (6) The disability determination program.

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

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PASSED:April 21, 2021
CAMERON SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
APPROVED this day of
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR