

HOUSE BILL 894

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,  
Chapter 5, relative to the family support council.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-5-209, is amended by deleting the language "and shall" from the first sentence and substituting instead the language "to".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-5-210, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The state family support council shall meet at least quarterly. The council shall participate in the development of program policies and procedures, coordinate activities with district and local councils established by the department, and perform other duties as are necessary for statewide implementation of the family support program, such as soliciting and evaluating service proposals, reviewing program data, and conducting agency reviews. All reimbursement for travel expenses shall be in conformity with the comprehensive state travel regulations as promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-5-211, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The department shall, with the consultation of the council, administer the family support services program and shall establish annual benefit levels per family served. Implementation of this part and the program and annual benefit levels, or any portion of the program or benefit levels, are contingent upon annual line-item appropriation of sufficient funding for the programs and benefits.

(b) The department shall not issue or amend any guidelines, policies, or procedures without prior approval of the council in accordance with the council's bylaws.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-5-212, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with policies and procedures developed and adopted by the council and the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities (DIDD), information gathered through the family support program on persons needing or receiving services shall be provided to DIDD on a quarterly basis.

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