

HOUSE BILL 1259

By Dixie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical
assistance.

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

SECTION 1. The bureau of TennCare shall submit to the federal Department of Health and Human Services a waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to establish an experimental, pilot, or demonstration project that would expand Medicaid eligibility to residents of this state who suffer from an opioid addiction and who earn less than one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty level. The eligibility provided under this section would last only for the duration of the person's involvement in a substance abuse treatment program approved by the bureau of TennCare.

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