

HOUSE BILL 1339

By Pearson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, relative to the department of human services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

**71-5-2901.**

Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this act, the department of human services shall actively seek and apply for federal grants and other available federal funds, and utilize available federal funds, for the purpose of alleviating childhood hunger.

**71-5-2902.**

The department shall report by February 1, 2024, and on or before February 1 of each subsequent year, to the chairs of the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives on funds the department applied for pursuant to § 71-5-2901. The report may be made in conjunction with other reports required by law.

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