



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 469

SENATE BILL NO. 927

By Lundberg, Jackson, Massey, Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1484

By Hulse, Todd, Alexander, Hardaway, Howell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 41 and Title 68, relative to inmates infected with bloodborne pathogens.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-115, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a) The county legislative bodies alone have the power, and it is their duty, to provide medical care for all prisoners confined in the jail in their respective counties, except for federally or state funded medication for HIV positive patients pursuant to subsection (h). The county legislative bodies shall allow the county jail physician such compensation, to be paid by their respective counties, as may be fixed by the county legislative body agreed upon in writing between the county and the attending jail physician or as may be fixed by the county legislative body.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-115, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (a), subject to the availability of federal or state funds and the satisfaction of requirements for use of such federal or state funds, the department of health may use federal or state funding for the payment of medication for inmates who are HIV positive.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2023




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR