

HOUSE BILL 1723

By Fitzhugh

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

71-5-151.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, medical assistance under this chapter and any federal waiver authorized by this chapter shall be extended to provide the full extent of the Medicaid eligibility expansion permitted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended, for which the enhanced federal financial assistance matching rate is one hundred percent (100%). The expansion mandated by this section shall continue in effect only so long as the federal financial assistance matching rate for the expansion population remains at one hundred percent (100%). When the enhanced matching rate ceases to be one hundred percent (100%), then the eligibility criteria for medical assistance shall return to the criteria in place on January 1, 2014.

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