

HOUSE BILL 1951

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 68, relative to programs to assist state employees to stop smoking.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 8-50-117.

(a) Within funds available to each department and agency of state government, the commissioner, chief of staff, director or other similarly situated individual may elect to provide a smoking cessation program for state employees under such person's supervision including the payment of the cost of medication, such as nicotine patches, for one (1) attempt per employee at smoking cessation.

(b) The commissioner of health shall provide uniform guidelines for use by each department and agency electing to participate in such smoking cessation program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.