

HOUSE BILL 1988

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to programs for nursing homes not participating in TennCare.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The commissioner, in consultation with the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA) and representatives of nursing homes not participating in TennCare, shall develop and implement a voluntary quality-based grant program for nursing homes licensed under this chapter and not participating in TennCare or a successor program. The grant program must be similar in structure to, and use similar metrics as, the QUILTSS program established by the bureau of TennCare on August 5, 2014.

(b) The department may promulgate rules establishing quality outcome measures and performance benchmarks pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, for the implementation of the grant program.

(c) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may serve as the program facilitator and manager of the grant program.

(d) Subject to appropriations by the general assembly in the annual appropriations act, the grant program may be funded with available state funds.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.