

HOUSE BILL 2237

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;  
Title 8; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to health  
insurance mandates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-2-111, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) As of January 1, 2017, upon the completion of all bill filing deadlines each year in both the house of representatives and senate of the general assembly, legislation containing a mandated health benefit that excludes the TennCare program or any state or local insurance program from the application of the mandate shall be referred to the department of commerce and insurance and the bureau of TennCare in order that the department and bureau may evaluate the following:

(A) Whether federal law prohibits applying the mandate to the TennCare program;

(B) The rational basis, if any, for requiring the mandated coverage in the private market while not requiring the mandate for managed care organizations' participation in the TennCare program and for insurance providers in state insurance programs;

(C) A recommendation as to whether the mandate is appropriate for managed care organizations in the TennCare program and for insurance providers in state insurance programs; and

(D) Any other information regarding the bill that the department or bureau believe will assist the standing committee when considering the bill.

(2) The department and the bureau, no later than April 1, shall report its findings to the standing committees. No action shall be taken on the bill by the standing committees until the department and bureau report to the standing committees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.