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HOUSE BILL 2587

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to neonatal abstinence syndrome.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department is urged to develop a standardized perinatal health curriculum for training community health workers in the provision of education and support services to women between the ages of fifteen (15) and forty-four (44). If such curriculum is developed, it must include basic educational information and materials concerning factors and behaviors that affect maternal and infant health and childbirth, including, but not limited to, alcohol and substance use during pregnancy and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).

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