

HOUSE BILL 2908

By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,
Chapter 21, relative to the regulation and care of
inmates

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 41-21-244.

(a) All inmates shall be entitled to two (2) meals per day. When such meals are served and what they consist of shall be in the discretion of the department.

(b) If, in the opinion of a physician, it is medically necessary for the health of a particular inmate, the physician shall notify the chief administrative officer of the facility in which the inmate is housed that a particular inmate is required to have more than two (2) meals per day. The notification shall state the name of the inmate, the medical reason why more than two (2) daily meals are necessary, and the type of food necessary for the inmate's health.

SECTION 2. If implementation of the provisions of this act results in a savings to the department of correction for the cost and preparation of food, such savings shall be appropriated by the general assembly for educational purposes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.