

SENATE BILL 107

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, relative to the Families First Act of 1996.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 71-3-105(f)(2):

(1) If the consumer price index annual percentage is at least equal to one percent (1%), then the department shall increase the families first temporary assistance payment payable to each recipient in receipt of a payment prior to the July 1 next following, by the consumer price index annual percentage;

(2) The department shall not grant an increase in a families first temporary assistance payment if the percentage increase in the consumer price index determined in accordance with this section is less than one percent (1%); and

(3) The department shall not approve a reduction that has the effect of reducing a families first temporary assistance payment below the amount payable to the recipient without regard to this section or as of July 1, 2020, whichever is greater.

(b) For purposes of this section, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index (all items — United States city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics. If the method of computing the consumer price index is revised by the bureau of labor statistics, then the department shall give effect to those revisions in an equitable manner.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-105(f)(2), is amended by deleting the language "Notwithstanding subdivision (f)(2)(B)" and substituting the language "Notwithstanding subdivision (f)(2)(B) or SECTION 1".

SECTION 3. The department of human services is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.