

SENATE BILL 114

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,
relative to the department of intellectual and
developmental disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-1-309(d), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (d)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) The methodology must include a phased increase of the hourly wage for direct care professionals employed at contracted agencies of DIDD for the home and community-based waiver programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, or any successor programs, such that on or before July 1, 2024, the hourly wage is at least fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. Each July 1 thereafter, the hourly wages must be increased by the larger of the increase:

(A) Given to public school teachers in the annual appropriations act passed by the general assembly;

(B) Given to state employees in the annual appropriations act passed by the general assembly; or

(C) In the most recently published medicare geographic practice cost index.

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