

SENATE BILL 221

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to reporting of certain
drug overdoses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-11-276. For any attending physician in a hospital emergency department when a case presents in the emergency department that involves an overdose from a controlled substance, the physician shall consult the controlled substances database maintained pursuant to title 53, chapter 10, part 3, to determine if the patient who has overdosed on a controlled substance had been prescribed a prescription for the same substance on which the patient overdosed. If the physician determines that the patient had been so prescribed the controlled substance, then the physician shall report the overdose to the prescriber of the controlled substance and to the board of medical examiners, and any other appropriate licensing board under title 63.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.