



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 463**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 280**

**By Rose, Bowling**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 622

By Rudder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 26, relative to human resource agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-26-103, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) When a human resource agency (HRA) is created pursuant to § 13-26-102, a governing board is established for the HRA.

(b)(1) The membership of the governing board consists of:

(A) Each county mayor within the HRA's district;

(B) Three (3) or more municipal mayors within the HRA's district who serve on a rotating basis as determined by the bylaws of the HRA;

(C) A senate member who is selected by the senators whose districts are wholly or partially in the area served by the HRA; and

(D) A representative member who is selected by the representatives whose districts are wholly or partially in the HRA.

(2) An HRA may appoint additional persons to the governing board as required by state or federal guidelines.

(c) A member of the general assembly shall not receive any compensation for the member's service on a board.

(d) The board may appoint an executive committee to act for the board. The board shall determine the authority and composition of the committee.

(e) The governing board, executive committee, or advisory council may conduct special or regular meetings.

(f) The governing board shall appoint an advisory council composed of ex officio nonvoting members, to be invited to meet with the governing board at least once annually. The membership of the council is broadly based and equitably distributed between representatives of providers and consumers of human resource services and as established by law, and the council includes members of the governing board and municipal mayors in the service area of the human resource agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-26-104, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) A governing board may:

(1) Adopt bylaws;

- (2) Appoint an executive director, who would serve at the pleasure of the board;
- (3) Determine major personnel, fiscal, and program policies;
- (4) Approve overall program plans and priorities; and
- (5) Assure compliance with conditions of and approve proposals for financial assistance under this chapter.

(b) Each governing board shall:

- (1) Jointly adopt statewide uniform travel regulations, to be kept on file with the commissioner of finance and administration, and reimburse the governing board's officers and employees for official travel in conformance with the regulations;
- (2) Develop a system of competitive bidding on purchases of supplies and equipment, and other contracts, and submit the written procedures governing the system to the state procurement commission for approval; and
- (3) Develop written personnel procedures that are kept on file with the commissioner of finance and administration.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-26-108, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-26-111, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) For purposes of general oversight, and specifically for purposes of § 13-26-107, the human resource agencies created under this chapter are attached to the department of human services. Any reports required of human resource agencies by this chapter, or reports that may arise from activities undertaken in accordance with the authority granted under this chapter, are filed with the department of human services in addition to any other filing that may be required.

(b)(1) The commissioner shall consider the financial needs of human resource agencies, including the disbursement of matching funds as authorized under § 13-26-107, and, to the extent deemed appropriate, shall include such funds in the budget request of the department of human services submitted to the commissioner of finance and administration pursuant to § 9-4-5103.

(2) The department of human services shall provide planning assistance and oversight to the partner agencies with whom the department seeks to coordinate services.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 3, 2021

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR