

SENATE BILL 1397

By Burks

AN ACT relative to the provision of community services.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee to study the sources of funding for, the functions of, and the services provided by community service agencies, development districts, human resource agencies, and all other organizations that provide community services statewide.

SECTION 2. The special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the house of representatives and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 3. In conducting its study, the special joint committee shall solicit input from the aforementioned agencies, service providers, and service recipients, with the goal of finding duplication and gaps in service.

SECTION 4. When making its final report, the special joint committee shall outline inefficiencies in the present delivery of services and make recommendations for a more efficient service delivery system.

SECTION 5. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 6. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 7. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 8. The special committee joint shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred seventh general assembly no later than February 1, 2012, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.