

SENATE BILL 1429

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5,
Chapter 9; Title 9 and Title 46, relative to deaths
caused by COVID-19.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If a person dies from COVID-19 and the person's family is financially unable to pay for a proper burial or cremation of the person, this state and the county in which the person resided shall pay for the burial or cremation, up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000). This state and the county shall share in the cost equally. This state and the county may require proof of the family's inability to pay for the burial or cremation.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.