

SENATE BILL 2019

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Title 71, relative to services for elderly
persons.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-104, is amended
by adding the following language, to be designated as a new subdivision (8):

(8) Submit a report by not later than March 1 of each year to the governor and to the speakers of the general assembly regarding the department's nursing home inspection and enforcement activities during the previous year. The report shall analyze trends in compliance with nursing home standards and residents' rights by nursing homes in the state. In preparing the report, the commissioner shall utilize quantitative data compiled by nursing homes pursuant to federal or state regulations. The report shall contain the commissioner's recommendations for changes in state law or policy that would improve the quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes. The commissioner shall ensure that the report is promptly made available to the public by dissemination via the world wide web, as well as in printed format.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-105, is amended by adding the following language, to be designated as a new subdivision (16):

(16) Submit a report by not later than February 1 of each year to the governor and to the speakers of the general assembly regarding the department's adult protection activities during the previous year. The report shall analyze trends in types of abuse and assistance provided including, but not limited to, incidents involving home and community-based long-term care services in the state. The department shall consult

with commission on aging and disability concerning this report. The report shall contain the commissioner's recommendations for changes in state law or policy that would improve the situation of persons facing adult abuse. The commissioner shall ensure that the report is promptly made available to the public by dissemination via the world wide web, as well as in printed format.

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