

SENATE BILL 2688

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 49 and Title 63, relative to incentivizing the
provision of mental health care.

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

SECTION 1. The department of mental health and substance abuse services shall utilize existing resources to conduct a study on the effectiveness of state programs incentivizing students to pursue careers in mental health care. The study must include, at a minimum, an analysis of similar programs that are in use or may have been used in contiguous states, and recommendations for the general assembly on creating a successful program in this state. All other state departments shall provide assistance to the department of mental health and substance abuse services in conducting the study, upon request for such assistance. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian on or before December 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.