

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 157**

**SENATE BILL NO. 268**

**By Haynes, Burks, Marrero, Black**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 222**

**By Moore, Sontany, Pruitt, Gilmore, Sherry Jones, Mike Turner, Hensley, Fitzhugh, Shepard, McDonald, Rowe, Harry Brooks, Campfield**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to reporting of certain infections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

68-11-266. (a) The committee established by the Department of Health in response to Chapter 323 of the Public Acts of 2005, known as the Infections Taskforce, shall continue to meet at least semi-annually to focus on strategies and recommendations for the prevention and control of antibiotic resistant infections including methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). The taskforce in collaboration with the division of communicable and environmental diseases of the Department of Health shall review aggregate data on incidence and trends for invasive MRSA in Tennessee as reported to the Department of Health in accordance with the provisions of Section 68-1-104 in formulating their reports and recommendations.

(b) The Department of Health and the Infections Taskforce shall collectively issue a progress report on MRSA to the general assembly each year for three (3) years beginning in 2008.

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

**PASSED: May 2, 2007**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR