



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 364

HOUSE BILL NO. 515

By Representative Hill

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 522

By Senators Crowe, Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 59, relative to the Tennessee Trauma Center Funding Law of 2007.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-59-102(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Advisory council" means the Tennessee trauma care advisory council, formerly known as the trauma task force;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-59-102(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(6) "Trauma center" means any Level 1, Level II, Level III, or Level IV institution licensed by the department pursuant to chapter 11, part 2 of this title;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-59-102(9), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(9) "Trauma system" means:

(A) All designated Level I, II, III, IV trauma centers;

(B) All designated comprehensive regional pediatric centers; and

(C) All other acute care hospitals that provide levels of treatment for trauma patients that are at least as great as the lowest level provided by a designated trauma center; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-59-103, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as subsection (b):

(b) The advisory council shall evaluate and recommend criteria concerning the development of the state trauma system and trauma centers.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-59-105, is amended by deleting the language "funding to the trauma centers" and by substituting the language "funding to eligible hospitals within the trauma center system".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 18, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30 day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR