



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 921

SENATE BILL NO. 2712

By Ketron, Kelsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2917

By Curtiss, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, relative to reducing correctional healthcare costs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

41-21-____.

(a) The department is directed to study how to reduce the state's correctional healthcare costs. The study shall include the following issues:

(1) Requiring hospitals and other medical service providers to bill Medicaid for eligible inmate inpatient hospital and professional services;

(2) Implementing improper payment detection, prevention and recovery solutions to reduce correctional healthcare costs by introducing prospective solutions to eliminate overpayments and retrospective solutions to recover those overpayments that have already occurred;

(3) Capping non-contract correctional healthcare reimbursement rates at one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Medicare reimbursement rate; and

(4) Embracing technologies to better manage correctional healthcare expenses.

(b) The Bureau of TennCare shall assist the department in its study of the issues listed in subsection (a) that may involve the bureau.

(c) The department shall complete its study and report all findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives and Senate State and Local Government Committees by February 1, 2013.

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

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PASSED: April 23, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR