### **HOUSE BILL 416**

# By Hemmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

#### 71-2-601.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Bureau" means the bureau of TennCare;
- (2) "Director" means the director of TennCare; and
- (3) "PACE program" means a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly that provides comprehensive, integrated acute and long-term care services for frail, elderly individuals who require the level of care provided in a nursing facility and who meet eligibility criteria established by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services.

## 71-2-602.

- (a) The bureau shall establish a statewide PACE program. The PACE program must have the capacity to accommodate, and the bureau shall seek to enroll, not less than:
  - (1) Two thousand (2,000) enrollees for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024;
  - (2) Three thousand (3,000) enrollees for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025; and

- (3) Five thousand (5,000) enrollees for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, and subsequent calendar years.
- (b) The director is authorized to seek and obtain any federal waiver that the director deems necessary to establish a statewide PACE program.

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

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