

HOUSE BILL 1678

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119; Section 68-11-1615 and Section 68-11-310, relative to data reported by healthcare facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by deleting the language "executive director of the health facilities commission" wherever it appears and substituting "commissioner of health".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by deleting the language "executive director" wherever it appears and substituting "commissioner of health".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by deleting the language "health facilities commission" wherever it appears and substituting "department of health".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119(a), is amended by deleting the language "Each licensed ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) and each licensed outpatient diagnostic center (ODC)" and substituting "Each licensed ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC), each licensed birthing center, and each licensed outpatient diagnostic center (ODC)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119(a), is amended by deleting the language "ASTCs and ODCs" wherever it appears and substituting "ASTCs, birthing centers, and ODCs".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119(a), is amended by deleting the language "An ASTC and an ODC" and substituting "The ASTCs, birthing centers, and ODCs".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by deleting the language "ASTC and ODC" wherever it appears and substituting "ASTC, birthing center, and ODC".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "If a hospital closes during the fiscal year, the owner of the hospital at the beginning of the fiscal year shall file a joint annual report with the department of health for the period of time that the hospital was owned or operated. The joint annual report shall be submitted within one hundred five (105) days after closure.".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(4) A hospital that submits a joint annual report to the department of health pursuant to this section shall also submit to the department a notarized statement from the hospital's chief financial officer stating that the financial data reported on the joint annual report is consistent with the audited financials for the hospital for that reporting year. The notarized statement must also be attested to by the chief executive officer of the hospital. This notarized statement validates that the hospital has submitted accurate and complete data such that the department of health is not required to independently audit the hospital's internal processes.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

All hospitals shall submit accurate and complete data. The department of health is not responsible for validating hospitals' internal data as reported in accordance with this section.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1615, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 12. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.