

HOUSE BILL 1728

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to health care coverage for children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-150. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, as quickly as possible, but by no later than January 1, 2010, the commissioner of finance and administration shall implement the Express Lane option available under § 203 of Public Law 111-3, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(e), including the automatic enrollment option, for health coverage to children provided under chapter 3, part 11 of this title, and for medical assistance for children provided under this part, including assistance under any federal waiver received by the state that waives any or all of the provisions of Title XIX or pursuant to any other federal law as adopted by amendment to the required Title XIX state plan. The state shall seek to qualify for bonus payments under § 104 of the Public Law 111-3 and shall seek to otherwise maximize federal financial participation in implementing these options.

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