

HOUSE BILL 1848

By Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 24; Title 25 and Title 29, relative to certain
anticompetitive activities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 26, is amended by adding the following new part thereto:

29-26-301.

(a) There is created a twelve-member advisory council that shall study the potential impact of tort reform measures on anticompetitive activities engaged in by hospitals, insurance companies and health care professionals and whether or not such impact, if any, would increase or decrease the overall cost of healthcare in this state.

(b) The council shall consists of the following twelve (12) members:

- (1) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Bar Association;
- (2) The director of the administrative office of the courts, or the director's designee;
- (3) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Association for Justice;
- (4) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Medical Association;
- (5) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Hospital Association;
- (6) One (1) representative of the Tennessee municipal league;
- (7) Two (2) members appointed by the governor; and

(8) Four (4) members of the public familiar with tort reform jointly appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate.

(c) The council shall receive input from the judiciary, various associations representing attorneys, hospitals, health care professionals and health insurance companies.

29-26-302.

(a) No later than February 1, 2012, the working group shall submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations, at which time the working group shall no longer exist.

(b) The report described in subsection (a) shall be submitted to the governor, the judiciary committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate.

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