

HOUSE BILL 2542

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical  
assistance.

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 language as a new section:

(a) The commissioner of the department of finance and administration shall negotiate and submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver that includes a plan for health savings account options for recipients as determined by the department, imposes a cost sharing premium or co-pay initiative, and imposes reasonable work requirements upon able-bodied working age adult enrollees without dependent children under the age of six (6), and, if approved, the amendment shall be implemented.

(b)

(1) The work requirements shall not be less than twenty (20) hours per week, averaged monthly, and can be satisfied as determined by the department through volunteering, working, or participating in an approved work program or a combination of all three (3) options.

(2) The work requirements shall apply to all enrollees who are able-bodied adults over the age of nineteen (19) and under the age of sixty-five (65) without dependents under the age of six (6) unless the enrollee is exempted as determined by the department or federal law.

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