

SENATE BILL 459

By Watson

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.