

SENATE BILL 1178

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;  
Title 68 and Title 71, relative to access to prenatal  
care.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of health is directed to develop a plan to ensure that ninety percent (90%) of pregnant women in this state will have access to appropriate prenatal care during the first trimester of the pregnancy as soon as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall develop this plan and present it and any related legislative and budgetary recommendations to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee on or before February 1, 2012. In developing this plan the commissioner shall examine the availability of federal resources for attaining the goal of the plan and shall also consult with the bureau of the TennCare and the department of commerce and insurance.

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