

SENATE BILL 1349

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,
relative to the testing of inmates for certain
infectious diseases.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-107, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(5)(D) and substituting instead the following:

(D)

(i) The provisions of this subdivision (a)(5) only apply to inmates less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

(ii) Effective July 1, 2009, the provisions of this subdivision (a)(5) shall apply to all inmates and the testing shall include all blood borne pathogens as defined in subdivision (E):

(E)

(i) As used in this subdivision and subdivision (D)(ii), "blood borne pathogen" means the pathogenic microorganism that is present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

(ii) By July 1, 2010, all inmates in the Tennessee correction system shall be tested by the department for blood borne pathogens in accordance with the procedure set out in this section and rules and procedures established by the department.

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