

SENATE BILL 1803

By Oliver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 9 and Title 71, relative to financial assistance
for child care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding another law, a parent or guardian of a child is eligible for the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program if the parent's or guardian's income does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the state median income, as published by the bureau of the census. Payments of financial assistance made under this section for parents or guardians whose income is equal to or exceeds eighty-five percent (85%), but does not exceed one hundred percent (100%), of the state median income must be funded using one hundred percent (100%) state funds.

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