

SENATE BILL 1843

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 3 and Title 68, Chapter 1, relative to  
public health.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of health shall, in conjunction with the department of environment and conservation, investigate reports of the inordinate frequency of diagnoses of cancer, Parkinson's disease, and other significant health-related issues in this state and, if confirmed, any environmental factors that may be associated with such diagnoses.

(b) Subsection (a) applies in counties having a population of not less than forty-four thousand one hundred (44,100) nor more than forty-four thousand two hundred (44,200), and in counties having a population of not less than one hundred thousand nine hundred (100,900) nor more than one hundred one thousand (101,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(c) The department of health shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house of representatives, the energy, agriculture and natural resources committee of the senate, and the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives no later than July 1, 2025.

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