

SENATE BILL 1986

By Swann

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) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned land vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is maintained or operated for transportation upon the streets or highways in this state for persons who are sick, injured, wounded, otherwise incapacitated, helpless, or in need of medical care.

(b) The department of health shall investigate and report on the shortage of ambulances in this state, with the investigation to be conducted from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The investigation shall include a detailed analysis of the cause of such shortages and the effect on the health and safety of the citizens of this state.

(c) All appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the department of health upon request of the department.

(d) 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 June 30, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.