

SENATE BILL 2220

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 33; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to measures to prevent overdose deaths.

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

SECTION 1. The department of health, in cooperation with the department of mental health and substance abuse services, shall study the feasibility of establishing county-level overdose fatality review teams to promote cooperation and coordination among agencies involved in the investigation of drug overdose fatalities; develop an understanding of the causes of incidence of drug overdose fatalities in the jurisdiction; plan for and recommend changes within the agencies represented on the review team in order to prevent drug overdose fatalities; and advise local, regional, and state policymakers about potential changes to law, policy, funding, or practice to prevent drug overdoses. The department shall report its findings of the feasibility study and recommended legislative changes by the general assembly to the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives no later than December 15, 2022.

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