

SENATE BILL 2251

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 7; Title 10; Title 65; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to health information technology.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by inserting the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

§4-3-10__

(a) In any initiative or program by the state of Tennessee that seeks to use health information technology to create health information exchange networks, any such network shall be statewide in scope. All urban and rural areas of the state shall have access to such networks and all counties of the state shall be able to participate in the networks.

(b) The provision of subsection (a) shall apply to the eHealth program and any recommendations of the Governor's eHealth Advisory Council.

(c) On and after the effective date of this act, the state may not make any grant to any entity for the development of health information networks that does not provide access to such networks by rural counties of the state.

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