

SENATE BILL 2269

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to food assistance.

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

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

(a) The department shall identify any federal regulations or state law or rules that it determines inhibit the department's ability to timely review and approve applications and deliver benefits for the food assistance program.

(b) The department shall identify any federal waivers it deems necessary to alleviate any federal regulatory limitations it identifies pursuant to subsection (a), and shall, no later than October 31, 2024, submit applications to the federal government for such waivers.

(c) On or before December 31, 2024, the department shall submit a report to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian that details its findings pursuant to subsection (a), describes any waiver applications it has submitted pursuant to subsection (b) and the status of such applications, and includes recommendations to the general assembly for any statutory changes the department deems necessary to facilitate efficient processing and approval of applications and delivery of benefits for the food assistance program.

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