

SENATE BILL 2303

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 7; Title 33; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to
public hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 57, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any county with a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of six hundred thousand (600,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, shall establish and maintain a public, safety net hospital that offers inpatient and outpatient services.

(b) No later than September 1 of each year, a county to which subsection (a) applies shall report to the health committee of the house of representatives and the senate health and welfare committee the amount of money received from the public hospital supplemental payment (PHSP) pool, the certified public expenditure (CPE) pool, and any other uncompensated care pool related to services provided by the county's public hospital for the previous fiscal year. The report shall include the total funds received by the county from each pool, and the total amount of such funds appropriated to the public hospital.

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