

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 724****SENATE BILL NO. 3359****By Kyle, Marrero, Ford, Overbey, Tate, Berke, Henry, Herron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2895

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Global Collaboration license.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)(1)(A) The general assembly finds that St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is unique as a research center hospital in this state and this nation for protocol-based therapy and treatment of children and adolescents with newly diagnosed untreated or suspected cancer; HIV infections; or certain hematologic, immunologic, or genetic diseases. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's experts are involved in research and treatment in the fields of hematology, oncology, bone marrow transplantation, immunology, genetic diseases and infectious diseases. The hospital's research involves both basic and clinical science and it is a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center. The general assembly finds that supporting research and treatment by qualified physicians and researchers at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by means of a special St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Global Collaboration license would substantially benefit the State of Tennessee, the practice of medicine and the health of persons benefitting from treatment or research conducted at the hospital.

(B) The board is authorized in its discretion to issue a special St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Global Collaboration license to physicians who have met all other qualifications for licensure contained in this chapter and the rules and regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter, with the exception of having completed the necessary residency or training programs required by subdivision (a)(1)(C) or (a)(2)(F). The board

is also authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this new special licensure category.

(2) These special St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Global Collaboration licenses will be governed by the following:

(A) Such license shall be issued only to physicians while employed by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital;

(B) No person holding a special St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Global Collaboration license is permitted to practice medicine outside of such person's duties and responsibilities as an employee of St. Jude Children's Hospital without being fully licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee. Termination of employment with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for any reason terminates the special license;

(C) It is the responsibility of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to submit the necessary information and applications on behalf of each applicant. It is also the responsibility of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to notify the board of the termination of the applicant's employment; and

(D) The board may impose fees to accompany each individual application for this special license.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, for purposes of rulemaking and shall take effect on July 1, 2010 for all other purposes, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 25, 2010**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 9th day of April 2010**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR