



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 185

SENATE BILL NO. 113

By Norris, Watson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 102

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 29, relative to the Access Tennessee Act of 2006.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 29, is amended by deleting the word "pool" wherever it appears, except in Section 56-7-2909(e)(4), and by substituting instead the word "program".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2902(6)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(6)(A) "Creditable Coverage" means, with respect to an individual, coverage of the individual that provides the minimum essential coverage required under 26 U.S.C. § 5000A.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2903(a), is amended by deleting the words "an insurance" and by substituting instead the word "a".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2904, is amended by deleting the word "pools" in subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the word "programs", and is further amended by inserting the words "Purchase or" in subdivision (5) before the word "Issue".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2908, is amended by deleting the language "pool's" wherever it appears in subsection (c) and by substituting instead the language "program's", and is further amended by deleting subdivisions (A), (D), and (F) from subdivision (e)(1) in their entirety and redesignating the remaining subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2909, is amended by deleting the words "through the division of insurance administration" in subdivision (a)(1), and is further amended by deleting the words "by the pool" in subdivision (e)(4).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2910, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The program shall offer at least one (1) form of coverage to each eligible person. Coverage may be modeled after one (1) of the healthcare options offered to state employees pursuant to § 8-27-201, or may combine a health savings account with a high deductible health plan. Coverage may also be obtained through the commercial market. The board may adopt other coverage options as appropriate.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2910, is further amended by deleting subsections (f) and (g) in their entirety and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2911, is amended by deleting the language "pool's" in subdivision (a)(1)(C) and by substituting instead the language "program's", and is further amended by deleting the language "pool's" in subdivision (a)(2)(B) and by substituting instead the language "program's", and is further amended by deleting the word "shall" in subsection (c) and by substituting instead the word "may".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2916, is amended by deleting the language "June 30, 2015" and by substituting instead the language "June 30, 2020".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2910, is further amended by adding the following new appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, no person shall be eligible for coverage through the program who is not already enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 9, 2015

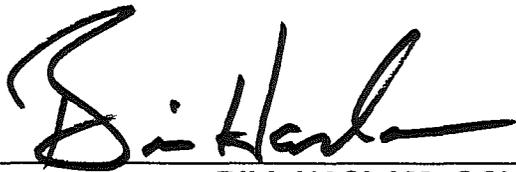


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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2015



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