



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 959**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 1850**

**By Bailey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2447

By Williams, Dunn, Littleton, Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to review of prescribers associated with overdoses of prescription opiates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section to be appropriately designated:

(a) Pursuant to § 68-1-104, the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee may obtain records maintained by any facility licensed under this title to facilitate investigations and inquiries concerning opioid drug abuse, opioid drug overdoses, and opioid overdose deaths. Such facilities shall provide records in the most efficient and expedient means possible. To determine these means, the department shall:

(1) Consult with stakeholders to develop data reporting elements and a short term mechanism for near real-time electronic access to these data elements by July 1, 2016;

(2) Implement the short-term reporting system by October 1, 2016; and

(3) Consult with stakeholders to develop a long-term electronic real-time data reporting plan utilizing electronic processes for opioid drug abuse, overdoses, and overdose deaths by January 1, 2017.

(b) Electronic access and reporting shall be limited to the minimum necessary to facilitate the commissioner's investigation or inquiry and may be communicated to licensed clinicians involved in the patient's care or their authorized representatives.

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

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PASSED: April 18, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR