



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1046**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 1979**

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 2088

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, relative to professions of the healing arts.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a scope of practice task force, hereafter referred to as the "task force", to make recommendations to the general assembly for the improvement of Tennessee residents' health by providing access to quality and cost effective care.

SECTION 2. (a) Subject to the selection of additional persons to serve as ex-officio members pursuant to subsection (c), the task force shall consist of nineteen (19) members as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two (2) members of the senate shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(2) The commissioner of health shall appoint one (1) representative of the department of health;

(3) Two (2) practicing physicians shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(4) Two (2) practicing physicians shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; provided, that one (1) physician is an anesthesiologist;

(5) Two (2) advance practice registered nurses, including one (1) certified nurse practitioner and one (1) certified nurse midwife, shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(6) Two (2) advance practice registered nurses, including one (1) certified nurse practitioner and one (1) certified registered nurse anesthetist, shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(7) One (1) representative of a doctor of nursing program shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(8) One (1) representative of a doctor of nursing program shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(9) One (1) representative of a school of medicine shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(10) One (1) representative of a school of medicine program shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(11) One (1) representative of county government shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate; and

(12) One (1) representative of municipal government shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) The task force shall elect two (2) co-chairpersons from their membership.

(c) Additional ex-officio task force members may be selected to represent public health clinics, community health centers, law enforcement, rural health providers, TennCare, and private health insurers as the task force determines its need for additional input or expertise.

(d) In making appointments to the task force, the appointing authorities shall strive to appoint members who are reflective of the geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of this state's population.

SECTION 3. (a) The task force shall:

(1) Develop a plan to educate the public and health care professionals about the advantages and methods for a transformative health care delivery system that addresses the need for accessible, equitable, and affordable care provided by the appropriate healthcare professional;

(2) Make recommendations on the implementation of a plan to allow healthcare providers to work to the full extent of their education, training, experience, and certification; and

(3) Identify:

(A) Barriers to the adoption of best practices, including, but not limited to, unnecessary regulation and lack of access to primary care providers; and

(B) Potential public policy options to address any barriers identified pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(A).

(b) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the task force upon request of one (1) of the co-chairs. Staff of the senate health and welfare committee shall provide staff assistance to the task force.

(c) The first meeting of the task force shall be convened by a senator who is appointed to serve on the task force.

(d) The task force members shall not be compensated for their service on the task force.

(e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred tenth general assembly no later than January 10, 2017, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR