

SENATE BILL 1428

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to medical
assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The governor, acting through the commissioner of finance and administration, is directed to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing TennCare II waiver, or to submit a new waiver, in order to provide medical assistance to the TennCare II waiver population by means of a block grant in accordance with the provisions of this act no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act. The block grant authorized by this section must convert the federal share of all medical assistance funding for this state into an allotment that is tailored to meet the needs of this state and that is indexed for inflation and population growth.

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