



SENATE BILL 2286

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 56, Chapter 32, Part 1; Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 24; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to midwifery.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of health shall use existing resources to conduct a study of neighboring states to determine the level of independent practice provided to certified nurse midwives. The purpose of the study is to examine the varying levels of practice independence that may or may not be granted to certified nurse midwives in neighboring states. The commissioner shall compile the findings of the study and any recommendations the commissioner may have in a report and transmit the report no later than December 31, 2026, to the chief clerk of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian. Publication and transmission of the report may be accomplished by electronic means.

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

Amendment No. 1 to SB2286

Bailey
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2286*

House Bill No. 2598

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

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