SENATE BILL 1405 By Niceley

## **HOUSE BILL 1529**

By Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 14; Title 29; Title 36; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to exemptions from COVID-19 immunization requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department of health shall conduct a survey of exemptions provided by states contiguous to this state from COVID-19 immunization based on religious principles or rights of conscience. The department shall prepare a report based on the survey required by this section and submit the report to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by January 1, 2024.

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