

SENATE BILL 224

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 37; Title 39; Title 49; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to the care of children.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of human services shall conduct a study using existing resources of the impact of the availability of affordable child care on families with parents who work outside of the home. The purpose of the study is to identify the factors that influence the availability of affordable child care options for working families, the impacts of recent inflationary pressures and cost of living increases on the cost of child care for working families, and statutory or regulatory changes that may make child care options more readily available and affordable for working families in this state. The commissioner shall compile a report of study findings and deliver a copy of the report to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives, and the legislative librarian on or before December 31, 2023.

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