

SENATE BILL 1671

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36
and Title 68, relative to newborn safety devices.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Department" means the department of children's services; and

(2) "Newborn safety device" has the same meaning as defined in § 68-11-255.

(b) By December 31, 2024, the department, in consultation with local officials in each county, shall identify a location to install a newborn safety device in each county of this state.

(c) By December 31, 2025, subject to specific appropriation of funds by the general assembly, the department shall issue funds to each county to pay for the installation of a newborn safety device. The funds issued to a county must only be used for installation and other costs associated with maintaining proper operation of the device.

(d) No later than December 31, 2024, and no later than each December 31 thereafter of a year for which the general assembly makes a specific appropriation of funds, the department shall submit a report to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the health and welfare committee of the senate, and the health committee of the house of representatives, on the status of each county's

newborn safety device. The report must include the status of construction, expended and available funds, and any other relevant information.

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