

CHAPTER NO. 27

SENATE BILL NO. 1047

By Fowler

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1383

By Overbey, Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to joint annual reports.

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


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, is amended by adding the following subsection (c):

(c) Hospitals that fail to file their joint annual report (as referenced in § 68-1-109) timely or that file a joint annual report that does not include all of the required data elements or includes data that does not pass the department's edits, shall receive a deficiency from the department. Within ten (10) calendar days, the hospital shall be required to return a plan of correction indicating: how the deficiency will be corrected; the date upon which each deficiency will be corrected; what measures or systemic changes will be put in place to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur; and how the corrective action will be monitored to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur. Either failure to submit a plan of correction in a timely manner or a finding by the department that the plan of correction is unacceptable shall subject the hospital's license to possible disciplinary action.

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

**PASSED: March 31, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR