

HOUSE BILL 3351

By Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
relative to rural economic stimulus initiatives.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 17, is amended by adding the following as a new part 5:

4-17-501. The commissioner of economic and community development shall undertake a survey of the economic resources available in rural counties in this state. The commissioner shall consult with local government leaders, the department of transportation, the department of labor and workforce development and the department of environment and conservation concerning potential opportunities for economic development in rural counties. The commissioner shall conduct this study on or before July 1, 2009 and shall update the study every three (3) years.

4-17-502. After conducting the study, the commissioner shall contact prospective employers and seek to match employers with opportunities identified by the study for economic development in rural counties.

4-17-503. The commissioner shall report to the general assembly on the results of the study and matching process required by Section 4-17-502 on or before January 15, 2010 and every three (3) years thereafter.

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