

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a permanent disproportionate share hospital allotment to Tennessee for fiscal year 2026 and succeeding fiscal years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Delivering Support for
5 Hospitals in Tennessee Act” or the “DSH in Tennessee
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT TENNESSEE DSH ALLOTMENT FOR FIS-**
2 **CAL YEAR 2026 AND SUCCEEDING FISCAL**
3 **YEARS.**

4 Section 1923(f)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-
7 graphs (E) and (F)” and inserting “subparagraphs
8 (E), (F), and (G)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(G) TENNESSEE DSH RESTORATION.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
13 any other provision of this subsection, the
14 State of Tennessee shall receive a DSH al-
15 lotment under this paragraph beginning
16 with fiscal year 2026 and for each suc-
17 ceeding fiscal year.

18 “(ii) ALLOTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
19 2026.—Notwithstanding the table set forth
20 in paragraph (2) or the terms of the
21 TennCare Demonstration Project in effect
22 for the State, the DSH allotment for Ten-
23 nessee for fiscal year 2026, shall be equal
24 to the DSH allotment for Tennessee under
25 paragraph (6)(A)(vi) for fiscal year 2015,
26 increased in each succeeding fiscal year by

1 the percentage change in the consumer
2 price index for all urban consumers (all
3 items; U.S. city average).

4 “(iii) TREATMENT AS A LOW DSH
5 STATE.—For any fiscal year after fiscal
6 year 2026—

7 “(I) Tennessee shall be deemed
8 to be a State described in paragraph
9 (5)(B); and

10 “(II) the DSH allotment for Ten-
11 nessee shall be the DSH allotment for
12 the previous fiscal year increased in
13 the same manner as DSH allotments
14 for low DSH States are increased for
15 such fiscal year under clause (iii) of
16 such paragraph.”.