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LEGISLATION FOR TENNESSEE TRAUMA SYSTEM HAS 23 SPONSORS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Twenty-three members of the Tennessee General Assembly have joined as sponsors for legislation that would establish a trauma center fund to provide funding to the state's trauma hospitals.

Three senators and 20 representatives have signed on as sponsors of the trauma center funding bill. Those sponsors are listed below:

Senate

- Tim Burchett (R) – Knoxville
- Rusty Crowe (R) - Johnson City
- Ron Ramsey (R) - Blountville

House

- Joe E. Armstrong (D) - Knoxville
- Chris Crider (R) - Milan
- Jim Cobb (R) - Spring City
- John J. DeBerry, Jr. (D) - Memphis
- Lois M. DeBerry (D) - Memphis
- Tom DuBois (R) - Columbia
- Jimmy A. Eldridge (R) - Jackson
- Joanne Favors (D) - Chattanooga
- Dennis Ferguson (D) - Harriman
- Joey Hensley (R) - Hohenwald
- Sherry Jones (D) - Nashville
- Debra Young Maggart (R) - Hendersonville
- Beverly Marrero (D) - Memphis
- Jason Mumpower (R) - Bristol
- Gary Odom (D) - Nashville

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- Doug Overbey (R) - Maryville
- David Shepard (D) - Dickson
- Mike Turner (D) - Old Hickory
- Nathan Vaughn (D) - Kingsport
- Kent Williams (R) - Elizabethton

“Our legislators recognize the financial plight of trauma hospitals and we are grateful for that recognition,” said Dr. Julie Dunn, head of the trauma center at Johnson City Medical Center and chair of the state Trauma Care Advisory Council. “I expect even more legislators to join their effort as the bill moves forward.”

For more information about the Tennessee Trauma Alliance, visit www.tntrauma.org.

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