

Richard Cowart Comments on Proposed Health Reform Bill in the *Tennessean*

Sen. Brian Kelsey, R-Germantown, is proposing two bills to reform the state's health care infrastructure in the wake of Insure Tennessee's defeat. Under one bill, Kelsey is proposing to allow Tennesseans to buy insurance plans that are for sale on insurance exchanges in other states. The open border approach — which would require agreements between states, according to the bill — would widen the breadth of plans from which Tennesseans could choose, Kelsey said.

In this *Tennessean* article, Richard Cowart says a cross-border approach raises a bevy of questions and concerns.

"It's a whole different ballgame in terms of regulatory oversight. You're depending on a foreign commissioner to provide oversight," said Mr. Cowart.

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