

SENATE BILL 1995

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1; Title 5, Chapter 7; Title 6, Chapter 54; Title 7, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to the use of public funds for funding certain associations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

5-1-129.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no county may appropriate any public funds generated from taxpayers for any professional trade association or associated public interest group, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee county services association, Tennessee county highway officials association, county officials association of Tennessee, association of Tennessee valley governments, Tennessee county commissioners association or Tennessee sheriffs' association.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-7-116, is amended by deleting the language ", partnership or association" in its entirety and by substituting instead the language "or partnership".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

6-54-139.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no municipality may appropriate any public funds generated from taxpayers for any professional trade association or associated public interest group, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee municipal league.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-901, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d) No municipality may reimburse any expenses from a professional trade association or associated public interest group by the use of any public funds generated from taxpayers.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

7-3-106

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no county with a metropolitan form of government may appropriate any public funds generated from taxpayers for any professional trade association or associated public interest group, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee municipal league.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no local school board may appropriate any public funds generated from taxpayers for any professional trade association or associated public interest group, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee school board association or the Tennessee secondary school athletic association.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-2001, is amended by deleting subsections (c) and (d) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c) Membership dues and necessary traveling expenses of school board members and directors of schools incurred in attending meetings of the Tennessee

school boards association may not be paid by use of public funds generated from taxpayers.

(d) The Tennessee school boards association is authorized to receive funds in the form of dues from its members and contributions from individuals, organizations and agencies for the purposes of carrying on its program; provided, that no public funds generated from taxpayers may be appropriated to such organization.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it,