

SENATE BILL 1595

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to statistics and data compiled and kept by entities of state government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

4-4-126.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no department, agency, commission, board or other state government entity, including a public institution of higher education, shall compile and keep statistics and data by race, sex, or ethnicity of state employees, vendors contracting with the state, or state advisory boards unless required by federal law or court order.

(b) Each department, agency, commission, board or other state government entity, including public institutions of higher education, shall identify all statutory or regulatory language that contravenes subsection (a) and shall prepare legislation, as necessary, to eliminate such language. Each such state government entity shall submit its proposed legislation to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives before January 14, 2015.

(c) For purposes of this section, "sex" means the determination of a person as either male or female as recorded on the person's birth certificate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.