

HOUSE BILL 1626

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9,
Chapter 4, Part 51, relative to budget procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-5101, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(e) No departmental budget shall contain proposed expenditures that create or extend the operation of any office or department that solely administers or performs programs mandated by congress. No proposed expenditure by any department authorized by the general assembly shall support administration or performance of any program mandated by congress unless such programs are regulations pertaining to state programs authorized by the general assembly in fulfillment of some power plainly authorized in the Constitution of Tennessee and the United States Constitution enumerates the power for congress to regulate the subject state activity.

(f) No departmental expenditure is authorized outside of proposed and approved departmental budgets. Activities performed outside of approved budgetary plans shall not have the force of law, unless the budget affected has been amended with the approval of the general assembly, with a particular specification of the constitutional authority for the activity as amended.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.