

SENATE BILL 2621

By Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6,
Chapter 54, relative to transition centers.

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

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

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a municipality may appropriate funds, which may be funds borrowed by the municipality under applicable law, for the purpose of making a loan, with reasonable interest assessed, or make a contribution to a transition center. A municipality may also agree, for a determinate period of time, pursuant to an interlocal agreement entered into under § 12-9-104 that relates to the joint development or operation of a transition center, to contribute to a transition center that is identified in the interlocal agreement as the entity responsible for the development or operation of the transition center an amount equal to the property taxes that the municipality receives with respect to the property, including personal property, located within the transition center.

(b) Any amounts contributed to the transition center pursuant to subsection (a) are revenues of the transition center that may be used for any lawful purpose of the transition center.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Municipality" means any county or incorporated city or town in this state; and

(2) "Transition center" means a facility that assists inmates' crossover from prison life to productive citizenship through the use of phases and a series

of programs and services designed to equip and empower inmates to make life changes.

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