

SENATE BILL 2659

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to state support of certain organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 9-4-5117.

(a) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "covered organization" means:

(1) An organization that has been indicted for, or convicted of, a violation under any Federal or state law governing the financing of a campaign for election for public office or any law governing the administration of an election for public office, including a law relating to voter registration; or

(2) An organization that has filed a fraudulent form with any Federal or state regulatory agency.

(b) For the purposes of this section, covered organization specifically includes, but is not limited to, the following organizations: the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

(c) Beginning in fiscal year 2010-2011 and during any subsequent fiscal years, no state funds shall be appropriated to a covered organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 12-4-126. No state contract shall be awarded to a covered organization as that term is defined in § 9-4-5117.

SECTION 3. The comptroller of the treasury is requested to review Chapter 554 of the Public Acts of 2009 in order to determine if any state funds have been appropriated to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). The comptroller shall report any findings to the general assembly as soon as practicable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.