

HOUSE BILL 1459

By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4; Title 12, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to use of state funds.

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 new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Professional sports organization" means any entity that hosts a sporting event for which one (1) or more athletes are compensated. The term does not include any public or private educational institution;

(2) "Professional sports team" means any entity that compensates an athlete for participation in an athletic event. The term does not include any public or private educational institution; and

(3) "State agency" means any state board, commission, committee, department, office, or other unit of state government.

(b) On or after the effective date of this act, the state or a state agency shall not contract with a professional sports team or professional sports organization for the purpose of providing any direct or indirect state funds or renew or exercise any option with respect to an existing state contract with such a team or organization for the purpose of providing any direct or indirect state funding.

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