

HOUSE BILL 1523

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 12; Title 53 and Title 67, relative to public
contracts.

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

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

12-4-1__.

Prior to receiving tax credits or any form of state funding as part of an incentive to establishing operations in this state, a private entity shall provide defined benefit and health insurance plans to its employees. This section shall apply to all contracts entered into between the state and private entities, including, but not limited to, public contracts as set forth in this chapter, and economic development agreements and funding received pursuant to title 4, chapter 17, part 3. As used in this section, "defined-benefit plan" means a benefit plan set up to provide a predetermined retirement benefit to employees or their beneficiaries, either in the form of a certain dollar amount or a specific percentage of compensation.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to rescind, impair or affect any contracts in effect on June 30, 2011, and shall only apply to contracts entered into, or renewed, on or after July 1, 2011.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.