**HOUSE BILL 2028** 

By Holt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12 and Title 65, relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. The comptroller of the treasury shall prepare a report on how this state may ensure that all proven and acceptable piping materials be included in all bids for water and wastewater projects. The report shall, at a minimum, identify areas of deficiency in the current procurement procedures, including, but not limited to, lack of oversight in competitive bidding procedures. The report shall include: how the state may encourage competitive bidding, open and free competition, and increase the quality, sustainability, durability, and corrosion resistance when procuring piping material. The comptroller shall present the report to the state government committee of the house of representatives and the state and local committee of the senate on or before January 1, 2015.

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