

SENATE BILL 193

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 5, relative to
documentation provided by illegal immigrants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 5, is amended by
inserting the following as a new section:

(a) It is an offense for any person to provide any public servant with
documentation knowing that the documentation is false for the purpose of receiving any
public benefit provided by the state to indigent persons, including but not limited to post-
secondary educational grants, scholarships, or other reductions of fees or tuition, public
health benefits provided by the department of health or provided through the bureau of
TennCare, food stamps and other financial benefits provided by the department of
human services, and public housing benefits.

(b) It is an offense for any person to provide any employer, whether the
employer is in the private or public sector of government, with documentation knowing
that the documentation is false for the purpose of obtaining employment.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.