

SENATE BILL 1614

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 71, relative to refugee resettlement.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Refugee Resettlement Oversight Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The department of finance and administration shall negotiate with the federal office of refugee resettlement, or such other federal entities as appropriate, to reacquire state administration of the refugee resettlement program in a manner consistent with state administration of the program prior to 2008 and in compliance with the Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act, compiled in chapter 38 of this title. The department shall utilize existing resources and personnel for the purposes of negotiations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.