

SENATE BILL 3556

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 12 and Title 49, relative to public funds managed by public entities in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the financial changes that occurred in 2008 and 2009 impacted the capital financing markets for funding school buildings and equipment; correctional facilities and equipment; public utilities including water, sewer, electric and gas; governmental buildings; road, street, and highway improvements; and other essential projects to continue the economic development across the state; promote jobs growth, and enhance the quality of life in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, various Tennessee laws could be updated and adjusted to better enable public entities to access the capital markets and reduce the costs associated with capital financing; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The comptroller shall complete a review no later than January 1, 2011 of the various types of funding which are statutorily available to local governments and make a recommendation to the fiscal review committee and the state and local government and finance ways and means committees on which statutes should be amended to improve the credit ratings, reduce bond insurance costs, and improve the sale of securities by local governments. The comptroller's report shall be filed no later than March 1, 2011 with such committees.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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