

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 346

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

By Representatives Rogers, Joe Carr, Womick, Butt, Dunn, Evans, Weaver, Dale Carr, Alexander, Forgety, Dennis, Powers, Floyd, Eldridge, Ragan, Marsh, Doss, Casada, Lundberg, Carter, McCormick, Dean, Lollar, Hall, Haynes, Pody

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1235

By Senators Henry, Bell, Bowling, Gardenshire, Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9 and Title 67, relative to limitations on appropriations.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The state funding board shall:

(1) Study the current constitutional provision commonly known as the "Copeland Cap" provided for in article II, § 24 of the Constitution of Tennessee;

(2) Study the current statutory method of estimating the rate of growth of the state's economy pursuant to title 9, chapter 4, part 52;

(3) Identify alternative methods of estimating the rate of growth of the state's economy;

(4) Identify practices as adopted through statutory or constitutional provisions in other states designed to limit or establish boundaries for state spending or to hold elected officials accountable for spending above defined limits or boundaries; and

(5) Recommend statutory revisions, constitutional revisions, combination of statutory and constitutional revisions, if any, to clarify, modify, reform or replace Tennessee's current spending limitations or boundaries and the accountability of its elected officials for actions that may exceed the limitations or boundaries.

(b) The attorney general and reporter shall furnish such assistance to the state funding board as shall be requested by the state funding board.

(c) The state funding board shall complete the duties described in subsection (a) and make its final report, including its findings and recommendations, to the speakers of the senate and house of representatives by February 1, 2014.

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

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PASSED: APRIL 17, 2013

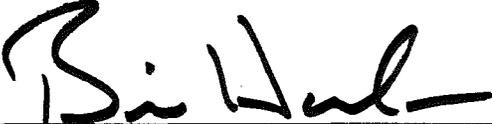


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR