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A BILL

To enact section 9.75 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a state agency from contracting with a 2
company that is boycotting Israel or 3
disinvesting from Israel. 4

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

Section 1. That section 9.75 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 9.75. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Company" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, 8
corporation, national association, societe anonyme, limited 9
liability company, limited partnership, limited liability 10
partnership, joint venture, or other business organization, 11
including their subsidiaries and affiliates, that operates to 12
earn a profit. 13

(2) "State agency" means an organized body, office, 14
agency, institution, or other entity established by the laws of 15
the state for the exercise of a function of state government. 16

(B) A state agency may not enter into or renew a contract 17
with a company for the acquisition or provision of supplies, 18
equipment, or services, or for construction services, unless the 19
contract declares that the company is not boycotting Israel or 20
disinvesting from Israel, and includes a term obligating the 21
company, for the duration of the contract, not to boycott Israel 22
or disinvest from Israel. A company is boycotting Israel if the 23
company refuses to engage in business or other commercial 24
activity with the government of Israel or with a company 25
operating in Israel or in territory controlled by Israel as an 26
expression of protest against the policies of the government of 27
Israel. A company is disinvesting from Israel if the company is 28
withdrawing invested funds from the government of Israel or from 29
a company operating in Israel or in territory controlled by 30
Israel as an expression of protest against the policies of the 31
government of Israel. 32