



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1009

SENATE BILL NO. 1180

By Gresham, Summerville

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1507

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 49, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5024, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(c)(9), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-210, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

49-7-210.

(a) The Tennessee Higher Education Commission shall submit an annual report on the condition of Tennessee higher education to the governor and the general assembly.

(b) This report, which shall be known as the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book, shall use data from the board of regents system, the University of Tennessee system and their governing bodies and, to the extent possible, from the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association. The fact book shall also use available regional and national information to put Tennessee's data in context.

(c) The fact book shall address the topics of access, efficiency, productivity, and quality as indicated by the following performance categories and illustrative indicators:

(1) Student preparation, such as admission rates, freshman class profiles, and learning support placement and success rates, by subject area;

(2) Student participation, such as college-going rates, overall enrollment, and enrollment by critical student subpopulations;

(3) Student progression, such as end-of-term enrollment counts, freshman-to-sophomore retention rates, the number of students passing credit hour benchmarks under the higher education funding formula and lottery scholarship renewal rates;

(4) Student success and completion, such as student transfer activity and subsequent academic performance, graduation rates, time to degree, credentials awarded, and credentials awarded per one hundred (100) full-time equivalent enrolled students;

(5) Workforce participation, such as labor market supply and demand, employer satisfaction survey results, job placement rates, and licensure passage rates;

(6) Academic trends, such as student engagement survey results, changes to the academic program inventory, low-producing academic programs, the number and percentage of accredited programs, and the

percentage of lower division instructional courses taught by full-time faculty, part-time faculty and graduate assistants;

(7) Financing trends, such as state appropriation levels and net tuition revenues, state and total subsidies per student, and degree costs; and

(8) Affordability trends, such as in-state and out-of-state tuition rates, net costs of attendance, and need-based and merit-based student financial aid.

(d) The fact book shall be published prior to March 15 each year, or as soon as practicable upon receipt of necessary student data from the systems and other sources. The fact book shall be made available in Web-based and printable formats.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(i), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(c)(4)(E), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(E)(i) The commission shall establish a review committee to aid in development or revision of the higher education master plan and funding formula. The committee shall include the executive director of the Higher Education Commission, the chancellor of the board of regents, the president of the University of Tennessee, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the comptroller of the treasury, the chairs of the standing committees on Education and Finance, Ways and Means of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the director of the office of legislative budget analysis or their designees. The review committee shall meet at least annually.

(ii) As part of the commission's master planning and funding formula responsibilities, as outlined in this section, the committee shall regularly review the funding formula components, as well as identify needed revisions, additions or deletions to the formula. The committee shall also ensure that the funding formula is linked to the goals and objectives of the master plan.

(iii) The committee shall prepare an annual report on its recommendations and shall make that report to the governor and the members of the Education and Finance, Ways and Means Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by November 1 of each year.

(iv) Before any amendment or revision to the formula or guidelines for fair and equitable distribution and use of public funds among the state's institutions of higher education shall become effective, the amendment or revision shall be presented to the Education and Finance, Ways and Means Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives for review and recommendation.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-903(b), is amended by deleting the language "before the second Tuesday in January" and by substituting instead "by March 15".

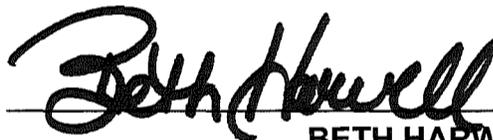
SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 26, 2012

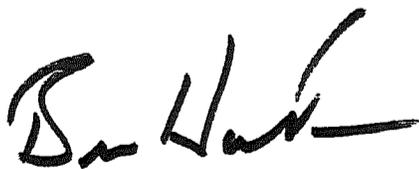


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APPROVED this 15th day of May 2012



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